

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2015 – WEEK 5



MONDAY

We kicked off Week 5 with a splash, spray, and burst of color! The campers couldn't wait for Arts & Crafts because it was the much anticipated **Tie Dye Week** at Gate Hill! See page 2 for information on how to wash your tie died items. As new friends came to join us for the second half of the summer, we added thumbprints to our group rocks and started the week off with plenty of spirit!

TUESDAY

Tuesday with Tony was a huge success since we all learned the moves to the campers' favorite song of the summer, "Watch me" (also known as "Whip and Nae Nae"). The Villagers' special treat was with Michael from Preschool of Rock. He entertained us with songs on his guitar and *djembe* drum. The songs and stories were all about Gate Hill, togetherness, friendship, & fun!

WEDNESDAY

Everyone was kickin' up their feet on Wednesday to celebrate Silly Sock Day! It was the silliest year yet with every kind of sock imaginable. Superhero, mismatched, polka dotted, tall, short, and just plain silly! As always, the Wacky Wheel was spun and VG5A, G1A, B2A, G3B, B5A, & GXA won "Josh as Your Counselor" for an activity period this week!

THURSDAY

We had a fantastic day this Thursday, even though the weather left us Carnival-less! Kicking off with a Buddy Note Bonanza where tons of happy campers received recognition for their random acts of kindness. Way to go! Throughout the day, campers continued to search for Challenge Eggs. They earned more than the 8,000 needed points to turn Friday into an Ice Cream Truck PAJAMAVAL! Now we'll work towards prize #3!

FRIDAY

The celebratory Aquatics report, Josh's Joke Friday, and the announcement of the Gate Hill Challenge 2nd Prize had us literally jumping up and down at the morning gathering! Pajama day and Carnival rolled into one (Pajamaval!), with a visit by the ice cream truck made for an awesome Friday of Week 5. A water slide, a derby race, and our old favorites like the Friendship Booth, Tip-a-troll, and time with the Fortune Teller were only part of the fun!



WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

Here ye oh here ye,
Another Monday was here,
The excitement was building,
For the Monarch to appear.
The campers then shouted,
With lots of joy and glee,
What will the Monarch say?
What will the challenge be?
As usual the campers,
Waited with anticipation,
And the monarch was ready,
To give them the communication.
He sprung to his senses,

And gave a big fist pump,
The monarch wanted to see,
The camper with the highest jump!
Like children on pogo sticks,
And lots of kernels popping,
The kids jumped out of their shoes,
Not one of them was stopping.
The decision was tough,
But also quite clear.
Then the decision was made,

And at once, smiles from ear to ear.
Maya from G1C and Julia from G5A,
Proved to be the best jumpers,
On this most important day!
As every camper at camp jumped,
For joy and elation,
The camp all together
Joined in their celebration.

Congratulations Maya and Julia, you have the Mostest in Week 5!!!

Gate Hill Early Enrollment for the Summer of 2016 opens Friday, August 7th. Take advantage of the best pricing of the season, with further discounts available if you pay in full by November 10th!

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DIVISION WEEK

What a special Week 6 we have planned! Our Annual "Division Week" is designed to give each division a unique day, all of their own. On Monday, the Pioneers will get to cool off with their very own summer Snow Day! Sleigh riding, snow cones, and more! On Tuesday, the Mountaineers will get to relax and hang out with their friends for Gate CHILL Day! They'll have a designated "chill zone" with fun backyard games as well as some cool new electives. On Wednesday, The Villagers will roll, stack, count, and munch on Oreos, while the Explorers visit Medieval Times for a historic expedition! Thursday is a day for all divisions— a Wild & Wacky Game Show Challenge with Powerhouse Studios! Friday will finish out the week with bubbles in the air (and everywhere!) for Pathfinder Bubble Blast. Division Week is something to look forward to every year as we grow up at camp!

TIE DYE WASHING

The majority of groups received their gorgeous, one-of-a-kind tie dye item this Friday. Each shirt was "heat set" to stop the colors from bleeding. Although these items have been dried, we suggest washing and drying them again separately to ensure no color will transfer onto other clothes. We can't wait to see all of the beautiful colors on display Thursday of Week 8 for our annual Wear Tie Dye Day!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

- (in order of Birthday)
- Dani Gold 7/26
- Addison Russo 7/27
- Haley Janush 7/29
- Serena Buncher 7/29
- Beth Goodman 7/30
- Erin Boyle 7/31
- Tim Angier 7/31
- Mason Petcove 7/31
- James Sadler 8/1
- Vanessa Delva 8/1
- Ben Rosenfarm 8/1
- Farrah Slonim 8/1
- Brian Wolfson 8/2
- Zachary Levy 8/2
- Rodger Grant 8/2
- Lisa Goldstein 8/2

Woo Woo!!!!

THINK SWIM!

Did you know that after a camper completes Learn to Swim Level 5 there is still so much to do during instructional swim? Level 6 has three different sections: Fitness Swimmer, Fundamentals of Diving, and Personal Water Safety. Upon completion of all three parts, a camper is a Gate Hill Silver Surfer. Next up is Junior Lifesaving, followed by Trident, Master Swimmer, and finally Aquatics Associate. Each level has its own skills and curriculum that keeps the campers engaged and enthused to swim! Look for the 2015 swim pictures (like the one to the right) in the "Camp Wide" photo folder this week.



WEEK SIX AT THE HILL

- Monday** - Pioneers Snow Day & Sr. Mountaineers Trip
- Tuesday** - Gate Chill Day & Jr. Pioneer Trip
- Wednesday** - Villager Oreo Olympics & Explorer Expedition
- Thursday** - Wild & Wacky Challenge Show!
- Friday** - Pathfinder Bubble Blast



Today we sadly said "until next time!" to some of our Gate Hill friends who had their last day for 2015. Remember to stay connected on **Social Media** throughout the year! See you at Reunion!