

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2014— WEEK 6



MONDAY

The Mountaineers were the first to shine in Division Week with their very own Gate CHILL Day! Josh was behind the BBQ grilling lunch, while the campers enjoyed music and chilled on yoga mats. They got crafty with lanyard and with giant drawing easels, they played frisbee, kan-jam, and even tug-o-war! The day couldn't be beat for our happy and relaxed Mountaineer campers!

TUESDAY

Being a Villager is just duckie! Splashing in the pool with lots of silly duckies, they couldn't be cuter! The Explorers traveled to Bear Mountain's nature trail and zoo, where they learned all about the Appalachian trail and the injured animals who are cared for at the zoo. They even met travelers who have been hiking the trail since March and plan to finish in October!

WEDNESDAY

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! What a cool day it was for the Pioneers. Frozen karaoke, snowman building, ice cube sledding, yummy snow cone treats, and playing Snowball Swap in the GaGa rinks quickly turned Gate Hill into a glistening winter wonderland. The mountaineers had a ball at the Rockland Boulders game, and Bounce Bonanza was won for Wacky Wheel!

THURSDAY

What a spectacularly fun and playful Carnival Day at camp! Activity booths were spread out across the main field, while counselors and specialists played with the campers at each of them! Some of the favorites that were especially popular today were the friendship booth, train ride, batting practice, alien pinball, face paint, tattoos, splash park, and of course the much sought after counselor dunk tank!

FRIDAY

What an action packed day we had this Friday! Here's the low down....League champs were Pioneer Lake Siders & Mountaineer Green Sox— Congrats! Pathfinders were poppin' all day with a foam party and bubbles galore! In other exciting news, Gate Hill campers earned the 3rd and final Challenge prize! As is tradition, it's something to take home... a pillow case to ensure sweet camp dreams all year long. And of course, '14 Olympics broke out! (see page 2)



I've got the mostest highest jump in Week 6!



WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

In usual fashion,
The monarch was pumped
He didn't walk to Gathering,
But instead he jumped!
His cape was waving,
So high in the air,
For the challenge he had,
He couldn't wait to share!
The campers were anxious,
And all were excited to win,
They listened very intently,
So much you heard the drop of a pin.

"This challenge will test you!
And you will not detest,
I am looking for a jump,
The one that is the most highest!"
The next thing that was seen,
Were jumps that were high,
The campers jumped so well,
Some were stuck in the sky.
But the highest jump,
That the Monarch did see,

Came from a springy young camper,
It was **Warren** from **B5B!**
Only two weeks left,
Which is so sad to say,
But that also means,
There are **TWO** more Mostest Mondays!

**Congratulations Warren,
you have the Mostest in Week 6!!!**

Early Enrollment starts next week! For any family that would like to receive the best pricing for 2015, please consider taking advantage of our early enrollment options. The Early Pay Plan is a pay in full plan which enables you to save up to \$800 on your 2015 enrollment! Stay tuned soon for the online application.

**Save the Date!
Fall Festival is on
September 27,
2014.**

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DISNEY OLYMPICS 2014!!!

With much anticipation and guessing of the theme, Gate Hill's 2014 Disney Olympics was announced today just before dismissal. The Friday afternoon assembly started as usual as Nico read some sweet Buddy Notes and picked two enthusiastic counselors for the weekly staff participation raffle. Meanwhile, the campers waited with sweaty palms, knowing that this was the time and place when we would find out the theme and our teams for the Week 7 Olympics! Pathfinders paraded across the field surrounded by bubbles and were followed by an even BIGGER parade— a DISNEY parade!!! Counselors were decked out in all four colors, and the characters waved and blew kisses to campers On the field!

RED– Mickey **BLUE**– Donald **White** – Minnie **GREEN**– Goofy

WELCOME TO THE GATE HILL DISNEY OLYMPICS 2014!!!

OLYMPIC CORE VALUES

Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Effort, Spirit! These are the 4 core Olympic values and are worth more than the points accrued at any of the Olympic games. Our staff work hard to instill these values throughout the event! Teams will be recognized with the **Josh Male Awards** for Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Effort, and Spirit at the 2014 Olympic Closing Ceremonies on Wednesday of Week seven. Let the games begin!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

(in order of Birthday)

- Julie Ellis
- Miriam Kurnit Katz
- Ines Daguillard
- Daniella Solomon
- Ytamar Solomon
- Harlan Diamond
- Joey Schragenheim
- Ivy Zhao
- Zoe Harbart
- Yazmine Thomas

Woo Woo!!!!



WEEK SEVEN AT THE HILL

- Monday** - Opening Olympic Ceremony
- Tuesday** - Day 2, GHDC Olympics!
- Wednesday** - Closing Olympic Ceremonies & Group Rock and Roll
- Thursday**– Message in a Bottle, Villagers On Stage, & Sr. Mountaineer Overnight Trip
- Friday** - School Spirit Day

OLYMPIC CLOTHING

Each camper is encouraged to dress in their team colors for the Olympics. Some wear t-shirts and shorts, while others add face paint and accessories. Here are the team colors for your reference:

- Blue** – Donald **Green** – Goofy
- Red** – Mickey **White** – Minnie

Today we sadly said “until next time!” to some of our Gate Hill friends who had their last day for 2014. Remember to stay connected on **Social Media** throughout the year! See you at Reunion!