

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2014 – WEEK 7



MONDAY

"Over the next two and a half days, Gate Hill will enjoy a great tradition at camp. The Gate Hill Olympics," Josh proudly proclaimed during the Disney Olympic Opening Ceremonies. He continued, "We start every Olympics with each of the four colored flags together to remind us that we are one camp." Then as tradition goes, the flags were separated and the games began!

TUESDAY

Today's events were loaded with opportunities for campers to put the four Olympic values into action! Swim Meets, Capture the Flag, Noodleball, Hockey, Gaga, Drum Baseball, Basketball, and Trivia, were just some of the ways that campers rocked their colors! Of course music and waving arms filled the air too, as teams practiced their Olympic songs!

WEDNESDAY

Mother Nature asked us to take a break from Olympics for the day, so we finally played all of the cool Rainy Day activities that camp has! One of the biggest hits was "Double Dare" which had our campers moving fast with silly physical challenges, and thinking on their feet with quick fire trivia! "Arcade Games" was also a favorite, with foosball, air hockey, and ping pong!

THURSDAY

What a busy Thursday at camp! A quick GH Gathering and one last song practice, and then we began the suspenseful and memorable Olympic Closing Ceremonies. Songs were sung, plaques were revealed, and teams showed their spirit by cheering on each other and themselves. After spending two days competing with our camp friends, the Ceremony reminds us what the Olympics is all about! Coming together with friends new and old to work as a team and have fun! (Continued Pg. 2)

FRIDAY

Today's School Spirit Day started off with a spectacularly spirited dance routine by Clarkstown North High School North's dance troupe! Counselors Molly and Zandra were part of the team, and totally wowed all of us with their high Rockette style kicks. The Friday Gathering wouldn't be complete without Josh cracking us up with some howlers from his joke book. You could of course buy the book on Amazon (haha!), but seriously, here's one joke from today- "Why was the broom late? It over swept!"



I've got the Mostest Bestest victory pose in Week 7!

WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

Olympic week this year,
Had many winners each day,
The monarch used that knowledge,
For the challenge he would say.
The monarch looked excited,
And had a challenge up his sleeve,
He wanted the campers to remember,
All of the winning they did achieve.
"You all were so great,"
The monarch shouted with a grin,
"I was especially impressed,
With how you looked when you did win!"

The campers all smiled,
And to their feet they arose,
So the monarch could see,
the Mostest Bestest victory pose!
The poses were iconic,
And great for all to see,
The monarch looked to G2A
And chose the winner Lucy!
The Sr. Pathfinders,
Were so proud of their girl,

The cheered, clapped and jumped,
Some did a victory twirl!
The monarch, however,
Looked kind of gloom,
For he knew it was Week 7
And the summer would end soon.
The campers then reminded him,
That he should not be so sad,
Because that last week of camp
Will be the greatest ever had!!
**Congratulations Lucy
you have the Mostest in Week 7!!!**

Early Enrollment information has been sent out and ends on September 30th. 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! Lock in the Early Enrollment rates with a fully refundable deposit!

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THURSDAY (CONTINUED FROM PG. 1)

At the end of Olympics the four team flags were brought back together, and Josh reminded us that, "Win or lose the most important thing is that we practiced the values of Spirit, Teamwork, Effort and Sportsmanship!" A special thanks to our incredibly energetic Sports and Aquatics staff for leading the Olympic games, and to the talented Arts Staff for creating the best ever connected Olympic plaques. See it to believe it— check out the photo on the right! Congratulations to all four teams and the staff for an awesome job with the Disney Olympics!

SPOTLIGHT ON...JOSH MALE!

On Tuesday, August 12, 2014 I had the chance to interview Camp Director Josh Male. The following is what I learned about him and Gate Hill Day Camp. Josh's favorite thing at camp is The Gate Hill Gathering and his favorite event is Carnival. Since starting as Director, Josh changed or added Super Soccer, Lake Side, and he moved the Tower from the Tree House Playground to where it is now. Josh explained that over 100 former campers have become counselors over the years and 3 former campers (Garry, Alexa, and Marlene) have become members of the leadership team. Finally, Josh shared that he is not taking anything away from this year, but he is adding something new next summer! Josh said it is a secret, so got to come back next summer to find out! -Ellis Krusch B4C

FINAL RESULTS GHDC OLYMPICS

White: Effort
Blue: Teamwork
Green: Spirit
Red: Sportsmanship

4th place: Green Goofy
3rd place: Red Mickey
2nd place: White Minnie
1st place: Blue Donald



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

(in order of Birthday)

- Alex Jaeger
- Hannah Gelfand
- Kathryn Thamsen
- Scarlett Gold
- Alex Lee
- Mary White
- Luke DiCola
- Robert Ferrara
- Colleen Rode

Woo Woo!!!!

WEEK EIGHT AT THE HILL

Monday - Wear Tie Dye Day, and Mountaineer & Explorer Trip

Tuesday - Island Day & Pathfinder Trip

Wednesday - Crazy Hat Day & GH Players Variety Show (see to the right for more info)

Thursday - Moving Up Day & Pioneer Trip

Friday - Farewell Dance Party & Memory Boxes

GATE HILL PLAYERS VARIETY SHOW

The Gate Hill Players will have you shouting "Hooray for Hollywood!" when you join us for our LIVE feature presentation...*Summer Blockbuster: A Night at the Movies!* It's an evening of song, dance, comedy, and more, as we honor your all-time favorite motion pictures. It's a thrilling variety show that has something for everybody. Hum along to your favorite film themes, beautifully played by our own camp band. Celebrate that one-of-a-kind movie magic with our phenomenally talented cast. **Lights! Camera! Action!** Please arrive promptly at 6:30PM for a 6:45 show.

To all campers leaving us at the end of Week 7— we will miss you! We can't wait to see you at the Fall Festival on September 27th (12-3pm) and the Reunion on November 23rd (11am-1pm)!