

THE GATE HILL NEWS

SUMMER 2015 – WEEK 7



MONDAY

Starting as one united camp at the Olympic Opening Ceremony, the four teams followed their colored flags off to the first team meeting of 2015! The colorful games began with Pathfinder & Mountaineer Track Meets and the Pioneer Swim Meet. Campers also had fun with silly games of giant Twister, Wiffleball, Capture the Flag, and 10 Pin Knockdown. Lets go **colors!!!!**

TUESDAY

Mother Nature asked us to take a quick break from Olympics so that we could finally try out the fun Rainy Day activities! Pioneers and Mountaineers played basketball, football, and more, in the awesome Kirkbride Hall Gym for part of the day. On grounds, some of the favorite activities included: Build-It, where campers made sculptures using Strawbees, and Laser Maze Madness!

WEDNESDAY

Day two of Olympics certainly had everyone full of energy! We rocked out to our team songs, played Drum Baseball, hockey, GaGa, Castleball, and more! Silent Lunch ended in a big cheer off from all teams. Mountaineers had their swim meet where we saw sincere sportsmanship and effort. The day ended with counselor tug-o-war, an annual camp favorite!

THURSDAY

Bittersweet feelings often come about on the day of Olympic Closing Ceremonies. Campers await the results of their hard work throughout the Olympic games, but it can also be sad since it means camp is coming to an end! Campers and staff were happy to come back together on Thursday and finish their group rocks, so they can go into the 2015 rock garden. Villagers *wowed* the audience with an adorable performance at the Villager show and the Sr. Mountaineers joined the Trailblazers for the overnight trip!

FRIDAY

It wouldn't be a successful Friday without Josh's Joke Friday. Here's one from Week 7- Where did the sheep go on vacation? The Baaahamas! It's great to end the week being silly, and that's just what we did on Mustache Day. Some funny t-shirts read, "I mustache you a question.... but I'll shave it for later!" Definitely check out the pictures online of everyone dressed up. We also sailed our favorite memories of 2015 across the pond with Message in a Bottle Day. Friends and counselors, we won't forget you!



Hear ye, O hear ye!
 Week 7 of the camp year,
 Is the one that is competitive
 And the one when campers cheer!
 Olympics this season,
 Was GH Family Game Night,
 The campers were floating with excitement,
 Some were ready to take flight!
 From castleball to hoops,
 And the crazy track meet,
 Don't forget swimming and soccer,
 For all four teams to compete!

WHO HAS THE MOSTEST???

With the beginning of the games,
 The Monarch stood in his place,
 He had a great challenge this week,
"Who has the best game face?"
 The stoic looks and non-smiles,
 Were seen by every athlete,
 They had the look of a winner,
 Not one of them would retreat
 It was not an easy decision,
 By the Monarch on this day,

But he found **Sutton K. from G1B**
 And **Alexandra M. from G6A!**
 Their friends were all happy,
 And respected their game face,
 They cheered and clapped,
 They were all ready to take first place
 The Monarch then reminded,
 That we still have Week 8
 And the last challenge of the summer
 Will undoubtedly be great!
Congratulations Alexandra and Sutton,
you have the Mostest in Week 7!!!

Early Enrollment information has been sent out and ends on October 3rd. For any family that would like to receive the best pricing for 2016, 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 2016 enrollment! Lock in the Early Enrollment rates with a fully refundable deposit!

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THINK SWIM!

Did you know... that each level of Learn to Swim includes safety lessons? Younger campers learn to identify lifeguards as people who can help them when they are at the pool. Lifeguards are stationed around the pools to help keep them safe and to help if something is wrong. Older campers start to learn some basic lifesaving techniques like throwing a towel or guard tube to a distressed swimmer and helping pull them to safety. No matter the age of the camper, we want them to be safe in and around the water.

WAYBACK WEDNESDAY

Do you have fun on social media with Throwback Thursday? Well, we're going to have the same fun but *in person* here at camp on Wednesday of Week 8! On this new dress up day, campers and staff are encouraged to wear retro Gate Hill gear or a past decade outfit. Have camp shirts with the original logo? Perfect! Still fit into the end of summer shirt from a few years ago? Yes! Do you have a hippie or disco dancer Halloween costume? Those are all great options! Before we start thinking about 2016, let's go back in time on Wednesday!

WEEK EIGHT AT THE HILL

Monday - Sundae on Monday & Junior Mountaineer Trip

Tuesday - Island Day

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

Thursday - Wear Tie Dye Day & Senior Pioneer Trip

Friday - Farewell Dance Party, Memory Boxes, and Burning of the Year!

FINAL RESULTS GHDC OLYMPICS

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

4th place: BLUE
3rd place: GREEN
2nd place: RED
1st place: WHITE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

(in order of birthday)
Sebastian deLuque 8/10
Alex Jaeger 8/10
Jenna Miller 8/11
Teequan Lewis 8/11
Kathryn Thamsen 8/11
Scarlett Gold 8/13
Heather Moore 8/15
Melody Henry 8/16
Robert Ferrara 8/16
Kaya Weinstein 8/16

Woo Woo!!!!

GATE HILL PLAYERS VARIETY SHOW

Meet Chris! His mom doesn't want him to waste his summer watching television, but when a strange new TV takes on a life of its own, how will he ever manage to look away? It's a wild and wacky ride through a world of animated antics, superhero sketches, sci-fi scenes, sitcom silliness, giggly game shows, and more... all told with a glorious Gate Hill twist. This celebration of comedy and song features sketches conceived and performed by an outstanding company of campers. Join us for GHHD - CHANNEL 51! Please arrive promptly at 6:15PM for a 6:30 show. See you at the theatre!

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 October 3rd (12-3pm) !