



# Grasshoppers

## Letter from the Director:

Dear Grasshopper Families:

As I sit here at the end of week 5, I'm shocked to realize we only have one week left of camp. This is my seventh year with the program, and I'm positive that each summer has flown by faster than the previous one. With one week left in the summer I felt it was a good time for some reflections about the summer.

Traditions have always been a big part of Grasshoppers, and this year was no exception. We had a great time each week with Ms. Julie in music, During week 2 we marched in a parade throughout the playground. Another tradition that again was a big hit was

our Pirate Week. The camper loved collecting "treasure" and meeting a real pirate! Our final tradition each summer is the Ice Cream Social and Sing-A-Long. This will be on Wednesday, July 28, at 10:30 or 2 (depending on your program). I hope everyone can make it as it is a great way to finish the summer.

As this is our last newsletter for the summer, I wanted to say thanks to all the parents and campers for another fantastic summer. I hope to see everyone back next summer!

*Kevin*

## Quotable Quotes

### Things overheard at camp:

Talking to a counselor:

Playing with the sea shells:

Camper, when asked how he knew so much about pirates:

*You're 17?! That's how old my Dad is!!*

*How'd they get the ocean in here?*

*I watch a lot of Caribbeans!*

## Reminders

- Due to a hectic week 6, this is our last newsletter of the summer.
- Look for our camp photo to come home next week.
- Speaking of pictures, check out the community section of our website for pictures from throughout the summer.
- Remember, registration for our programs begins December 1. Check the website for updates and information about Summer 2011.

## Summer Stuff Day Camps

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## Upcoming Events

- Our Ice Cream Social and Sing-A-Long are Wednesday, July 28th at 10:30 (AM program) and 2:00 (PM program). Feel free to bring fresh cut fruit as toppings for our ice cream.
- Sadly, the last day of camp is Thursday, July 29th.

### Next Week

Next week's theme is "Grasshopper and Bear Say Goodbye to Camp"

# Grasshoppers Daily Events

## Design by Stacy

Ahoy thar matey! This week our friends grasshopper and bear traveled to Pirate Island. On this magical island they had a treasure hunt and met a nice pirate named Kevin. He even passed out some beautiful shiny treasures!

Some of the books we read this week were *How I Became a Pirate*, *Pirates Don't Change Diapers*, *Pirate's treasure* and *Pirate Potty*.

Miss Julie came and sang some fun songs about pirates, the sea and a rockin' and a rollin' pirate ship. The campers had fun catching diamond bubbles in the grass!

On Wednesday, the grasshoppers had fun cooling off in the pools and sprinkler. They enjoyed splashing and jumping into the pools. They even played limbo with the water!

The week was capped off by our visit from the "real pirate." Each camper went home with a treasure map, an eye patch, and a pirate tattoo.

A special thanks to Grace, Logan and Shalini for bringing pop-sicles on these hot summer days!

## Interest by Breanna

Arrgh! Pirate Week brought lots of fun to the water table, play-doh table and sandbox. The campers had a great time burying jewels and sea shells in the play-doh. The Grasshoppers also loved the sandbox this week. They looked for buried treasures, built sandcastles, and made rivers with the hose. Finally, the water ta-

ble was very popular this week. Campers really enjoyed playing with the big pirate ship in the blue water. The colorful sea shells and golden glitter in the water really made them feel like they were on Pirate Island! Campers are now ready to set sail for the last week of camp.

## Art by Devin

Walk the plank! This week in art we created all the necessary pirate equipment in anticipation of our big Treasure Hunt. Monday it was pirate hats (because apparel is of the utmost importance when becoming a pirate!). Tuesday we decorated our pirate flags with oil pastels and water color. Every good pirate needs a box to keep their treasure safe. On Wednesday we prepared our boxes with foam stickers and paint. Finally, on Thursday, the

campers created telescopes by rolling all of those collected toilet paper and paper towels rolls in paint and glitter (the messier the better!) to look far across the ocean in search for new land to explore.



A visit from the pirate