



Summer Stuff

Letter from the Director:

Dear Summer Stuff Families:

Rain, rain, go away seemed to be the theme of our first week of camp. We dealt with weather concerns all week, but of course we didn't let the inclement weather dampen our fun! The first week went very smoothly as our new campers and staff adjusted very quickly to life at Summer Stuff!

Believe it or not, next Sunday is 4th of July. That means next week will be our pa-

triotic week at camp. Each year we have a parade around the camp grounds, and each year the campers have a great time! We hope you can join us on Thursday!

Finally, I wanted to thank the great staff at Summer Stuff. We needed quite a bit of flexibility due to the weather, and all the staff maintained a positive attitude. I know it's going to be a great rest of the summer!

Kevin

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Upcoming Events

- Smile:) Next Tuesday is Picture Day. Please have your camper in their camp t-shirts!
- Thursday, July 1, is our 4th of July parade. Please join us at 12:30 for our parade and performance. It's a great time year after year.
- Every Thursday is our weekly cookout! Your camper may bring a hot-dog and we'll do the grilling! Please send it in a plastic bag labeled with your camper's name and group. Don't forget the bun!

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

Camper at the end of the day before dismissal:

Don't you just love camp!

Camper during our Thursday Hot Dog Cookout:

Jack is a great cook!

Camper working in the Construction Room during Summer Stuff PLUS:

Look at all this GREAT stuff! I can't wait to start building.

Summer Stuff PLUS Happenings

This week in Summer Stuff PLUS we had the creative juices flowing in the construction room. The campers created farms, zoos, and far-away lands with the thousands of materials here at camp. We look forward to next week as we build and construct more formations related to the 4th of July.

In art this week This week's artist focus was on Andy Warhol. He liked to create the same image over and over, but play with the background color. Campers created portrait accordions where they painted each of the 4 openings a different color or design and then used a Sharpie to draw their por-

trait the same way on each opening. We made Styro-foam prints as we tried to recreate our version of Warhol's famous Campbell's Soup can piece. I think some of our campers have a little bit of Warhol in them!

Next week we are looking forward to the arrival of Mad Science.

Reminders

- We have limited space to store lunches at camp. Summer Stuff prefers to have everything sent to camp in a disposable bag in order to conserve space. Thanks!
- Please LABEL everything that comes to camp. We don't want anything lost or misplaced.

Summer Stuff Daily Events

Design by Joe, Beth, & Adam

The theme this week at camp was Helping Hands, so we spent a lot of time getting to know one another. Whether it was playground, big group, or activity time we could see new friendships developing all over camp!

This week we also sang a lot of songs, some old and some new. Camp favorites like *Down by the Bay*, *Boom Chica Boom*, and *the Doughnut Song* had everyone in a good mood. Of course we could forget about *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* especially when we have so many Cubs and Sox fans at camp!

Next week is our 4th of July week, so be prepared to hear many patriotic songs!

Sports and Games by Adam

In honor of the World Cup we have been working on our soccer skills. We started off the week by practicing kicking and dribbling skills through relay races and drills. Then, we went over the basic rules of soccer and talked about the importance of good sportsmanship. On Thursday we got crazy and played soccer with 4 different goals. At Summer Stuff we're keeping an eye on our future soccer stars while cheering on the USA!

Story Drama by Kirsten

Campers kicked off the first week of drama by asking each other, "Do you want to be my friend?" as the mouse from Eric Carle's *Book* and responding "Yes!" in their best animal voices. You might have heard the lions roar all the way at home. In order to learn all of our new friend's names, we played a movement name game where everyone said their name and then made their favorite movement. We also practiced using our magic word "Freeze", by moving around the room in different rhythmic ways and Freezing when the magic word was said. All

of the counselors were amazed with how well the magic worked. No week would be complete without making a wish, which we all did by creating dandelion puffs with our bodies and letting each camper make a wish and blow them out. Campers did a great job acting out a puff seed and floating in the air until they gently fell to the ground.

Next Week

Next week's theme is "Red, White, and Woo Hoo" and we will be focusing on the 4th of July!

Art by Beth

Since this week was our Friendship week at camp we did a lot of creative getting-to-know-you activities in Art! We began by making collaborative handprint group posters that are hanging above the crates. We also used tissue paper to decorate our names with a water and glue mixture. Finally, we made All About Me Trading Cards. Each camper decorated a box for their cards and then made a set of trading cards to

put inside their box. Each card the campers made tells something about them. They used Sharpies and craypas to draw and color and then glazed each



Working on Art this week