



# Summer Stuff

## Letter from the Director:

Dear Summer Stuff Families:

Amazingly enough we're already half-way done with camp! Each year the summer seems to fly by, and this one is no exception. We've had a great first half of camp with all the campers and staff really enjoying themselves. I just took a look at the activities we have planned for the second half and I know it will be even more fun (if that's possible) than the first!

The end of week three also has a bit of a sad feeling to it, though. We are saying goodbye to many of our Interns at Summer Stuff. The internship program is designed to give

young people a chance to make a real contribution to younger children. Year in and year out I am always impressed with the quality of Interns that are committed to our program. I want to thank all those Interns that volunteered their time with us.

On a more positive note, though, saying goodbye to some Interns means saying hello to a new group starting on Monday. Please welcome our new Interns when you see them this week..

*Kevin*

## Summer Stuff Day Camps

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday is our weekly cookout! Your camper may bring a hotdog 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!
- On Tuesday, July 20, we are once again having a camp favorite... Halloween in July. Feel free to dust off your old costumes and get ready to dress up once again.

## Quotable Quotes

### Things overheard at camp:

Camper after big group:

*Camper: Do we have PLUS today?*

*Teacher: Of course.*

*Camper: YESSSSSSSS!!!!!!*

Camper during our Thursday Hot Dog Cookout:

*Hot dog cookout day is my favorite day because we get to eat outside.*

Camper during Rocket Races:

*I wish there were balloons we could use as big as the earth! That would be awesome!*

## Summer Stuff PLUS Happenings

In Music this week we traveled to South and Central America. We played many different instruments. There were two different Guiros (from Ecuador from Puerto Rico). There were Maracas from Mexico. And finally we sang a song called "Bongo was his Namu" and played the Bongos from Cuba.

This week in Mad Science we were Rocket Scientists. We traveled to the Moon with our space gear and collected moon rocks. We learned all about the planets.

In the construction room we traveled into the depths of outer space. The campers created space farms, new planets, rocket ships, and

moon cars.

We learned about Wassily Kandinsky and his love of shapes this week in art. We created a multiple circles piece with oil pastels and water colors. Campers also enjoyed making art with a grid background using straight lines and circles as an overlay.

## Reminders

- We have a small refrigerator for lunches. Try to send your child to camp with brown paper lunches to conserve space. Thanks!
- Sunny days are hot! Remember to put sunscreen on your child :)

# Summer Stuff Daily Events

## Design by Adam

This week our theme was "Out of This World". We explored the concepts of force and motion when we staged a rocket race to the moon! To do this, we taped straws to balloons and strung them up to fishing line. Then we blew up the balloons and counted, "5, 4, 3, 2, 1...BLAST OFF!!!!". The balloons soared and the campers roared! We also learned a song to help us remember all of the planets. We didn't want to leave Pluto out, so we included him in the song; however, we addressed the issue of why he is now considered a dwarf planet instead of a normal planet. Ask your camper to sing you the planet song as fast as they can (rocket speed)!

## Sports and Games by Beth

In Sports this week we began by reviewing some soccer drills. The following day the campers split into four groups and play two individual soccer games. Last, on Thursday we introduced volleyball to the campers! Instead of using a volleyball we used beach balls in a variety of sizes! The campers had a blast learning how to bump the ball to a partner and then over a low net! We will play more fun, volleyball-inspired games in the weeks to come!

## Story Drama by Kirsten and Joe

Astronauts, Aliens and robots....oh my! Campers started out their Out of this World week in drama by playing "Astronauts and Aliens!" The campers used their three acting tools, voice, body, and imagination to fly through outer space. They were astronauts trying to avoid being caught by the aliens...ah!!

We then turned ourselves into robots and let each camper create their own remote controls to move their robot

through space. Robots were dancing, making pizza, flying and turbo blasting through the galaxy. The week ended by taking a walk on the moon, mars and any planet the Astronauts wanted to visit. It was a fun trip through space, but we're glad to be back on Earth!

### Next Week

Next week's theme is "Extreme Senses" and we will be focusing our five senses.

## Art by Sue

The campers had a blast doing an extended art project that they added to each day. We started out the week by making astronaut puppets. The student made a space suit for their spaceman/woman to get ready to fly into space. On Wednesday, we created a space background with glitter and oil pastel stars and black water color. We finished up the week by creating a spaceship for our astronaut puppet. The

spaceship was made out of various construction paper shapes that was glued onto their outer space background. Campers and puppets are all set to blast off into space!



Multiple Circle Art Project