



# Summer Stuff

## Letter from the Executive Director:

Dear Summer Stuff Families:

In light of the two reported child abduction attempts in Winnetka and Wilmette I wanted to let you know what Summer Stuff is doing to keep our campers safe.

We have staff at every common entrance to each camp site.

We have spoken with school personnel to ensure that the buildings continue to be locked and guests buzzed in.

We will continue to check i.d's and refer to Pick Up Permission forms if

we do not recognize the adult picking up.

We have reviewed "safe behaviors" with our staff and what to do if they are approached by a stranger at camp or on their way to/home from camp.

We will not hesitate to report any suspicious activities to police.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a safe and fun last two weeks of camp!

*Ellen*

## 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?

- Next week is Totally Weird Week!

**Monday:** Backwards Day

**Tuesday:** Halloween

**Wednesday:** Who's in Charge?

**Thursday:** Crazy Hair Day

## Quotable Quotes—Intern Edition

### Things overheard at camp:

Intern about campers while playing at soccer:

*Do these campers ever run out of energy?*

Intern on his last day:

*I'm sad to be leaving such an awesome camp.*

Intern after leaving session one:

*Can I get paid next year?*

## Summer Stuff PLUS Happenings

In art this week we learned about Frida Kahlo and her love of self portraits. Campers drew self portraits with sharpie and then colored sections in with oil pastels. The effect for background was made with markers and water painted over. Campers then tried out a new medium, using glue to make self-portraits.

In construction we created lands and worlds where extreme senses took control. One camper created rooms that focused on particular senses. In each room, one of your senses would be "extra strong!" Another group of campers created a cave full of bats. The cave was VERY dark, so the bats had to use

their sense of smell to get around and find their food.

In Mad Science this week we learned about the science of toys. We learned about bubbles and magnets.

In Music this week we traveled all over the globe. We learned a song and musical game from New Zealand.

## 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

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## Design by Beth

This week in Design the campers kept cool by playing many games of Splish, Splish, Splash and singing lots of enthusiastic camp songs with Julie in Music. We also created a water well in a bucket with gravel, sand, and cardboard tubes. We discussed where water comes from and how we get it out of the ground so that we are able to use it. We demonstrated how a water well works so that the campers could visualize how the ground soaks up the rainwater and then gives back to the people what it doesn't need. The kids were amazed by this "real science" activity!

## Sports and Games by Adam

Our focus this week in Sports and Games was volleyball. Early in the week we learned the skills of setting and bumping. We practiced these skills with a partner using miniature beach balls. Later in the week we played beach ball volleyball with a net and a regular sized beach ball. The campers worked hard to see how many hits they could get collectively before the ball hit the ground. The campers showed great teamwork and reached a hit count of 39!

## Story Drama by Kirsten and Sue

The campers did not need to dig deep in their memory banks in order to remember the smell of their favorite candy or the taste of ice cream. Each camper acted out a short scene called "Candy Vendor", where they acted out being children in a village square hurrying to buy their favorite candy. Each camper bought, unwrapped, smelled and pretended to eat their candy very realistically (I wonder why)!

We also spent a day at the beach, show casing our best swim strokes and dives as well as conducting a beach orchestra.

On Thursday we played a cooling game of Splish, Splish, Splash! All the campers needed a little cool water by that point of this hot week!

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### Next Week

Next week's theme is "Camp Crazy" and we will have "crazy" daily themes. Check the first page for our themes.

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## Art by Joe

This week we created art projects that relied on our senses. On Monday, we listened to music as we painted. The campers wiggled in their seats and used fast brush strokes to capture how fast music affected their emotions. Many of the campers swayed to the soft melody and slowly ran their brush across the canvas during slow music. On Tuesday, we used our sense of touch. The campers reached their hands into paper bags without looking. With chalk, they drew what they thought might be inside their bag. Through their drawings, they had to interpret shape, tex-

ture, and color from only their sense of touch. On Wednesday and Thursday we completed partner portraits. They used their sense of sight to observe their partner closely. They were given the opportunity to sketch before starting their final product. I was amazed by the campers' close observations. One camper, for example, sketched his partner with no accessories. He realized after his sketch, however, that his partner was wearing a hat! He helped show the whole camp how sketches, practice, and close observation can improve the process of art!