

Camp Chatter



Field Trip to Old Navy - July 28, 2010

From the Director's Desk



Whew! Starting the seventh week of camp all ready! This summer is really moving! The first several weeks of camp went very smoothly, and we have managed to beat the heat!

Just a reminder for those hot, sticky days to please make sure your child wears sunscreen. We recommend putting it on them before you

bring them in the morning, and sending some for an afternoon application. Although we have a water fountain in our building, we strongly recommend sending a water bottle with your child daily.

Our daily schedule has been working out well. With us having two separate periods outside, we can miss one due to rain (or extreme heat) and still have the possibility to get outside! Our campers did get a little wet one day on the way back from the playground (man did that rain come down!!) but we always watch for severe weather and would never chance an outing if it was a possibility.

Campers have been on five field trips so far, and we are going roller skating this week. For our field trips, it helps us to have permission slips and money ahead of time for organizational purposes.

As always, we are striving to improve all the time. If you ever have a comment, question, or suggestion, we welcome it! Word of mouth is our best source of advertising, so your recommendation of our program to your family and friends would be greatly appreciated!

-Miss Nancy

Tricky Trivia

Courtney Duggan:

Why did the horse cross the street?

So he could see the NEIGHbors.

Miss Kelly:

Knock knock

Who's there?

Boo

Boo who?

It's just a joke you don't have to cry about it.

Courtney Duggan:

What did the teddy bear say after dinner?

I'm stuffed!

Matthew Dils:

Why was six afraid of seven?

Because seven eight nine.

Colleen Duggan:

What did the banana say when he was sick?

I'm not peeling well!

Matthew Dils:

Why did the platypus cross the road?

To prove he wasn't a chicken

Mathew Dils:

What kind of dog does a scientist have?

A Lab!

This is my second year working summer camp and have noticed how much kids enjoy it. They are all well behaved and have a lot of fun. I believe that they all enjoy field trips the most.

From: Sean Hogan

Miss Kelsey's



Chronicles

After the campers have eaten their lunches and enjoyed some personal time in the front game room, Mr. Travis, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Marc, Miss Julia, Miss Alyssa, Mr. Jon and I try to spend our outside time as a group. Typically, we let the kids decide what group activity they would like to do. Soccer, Capture the



Summer Camp is well underway and everyone can agree that it is going great. With daily art room, gym and game room activities it is hard not to have a fun time.

The art room has been buzzing with all of the fun crafts we have made. So far we have made some fun things such as pop can koozies, mini water squirters, beach scene diagrams, Hawaiian leis, Hawaiian mobiles and much more. Most of the girls in the art room can agree that their favorite craft to make is friendship bracelets. Girls such as Kayla Myers, Melanie & Alyssa Mingle, Madison & Trinity Tartaro, Casey Odrzywolski and Niyla Baumgartner could spend all day making bracelets for themselves or other campers. Their bracelet request list can get pretty long! If making friendship bracelets isn't your thing many campers enjoy boondoggle instead. Girls like Caitlyn & Lyndsey Cyrek and Emily & Kelly Bement enjoy boondoggle over friendship bracelets any day and are often seen with the colorful strings in hand.

The front game room is a room enjoyed by all summer campers. Daily pool tournaments keep kids like Chris Rowe, Steven Kulikowsky,

Flag, Kick Ball, and Sharks and Minnows are the most commonly requested games. After some fun ice skating on July 29th, we played a game of Staff vs Campers Kick Ball. The Staff must still have been frozen from the ice rink because we lost to the campers by quite a few runs.

Our giant game of Sharks and Minnows then followed. Several kids wanted to be sharks (the ones that tag). Jewel LaBuz, Cristion Gray, Pat Shanks, Garrett Sabad, Jordan Rusin, Zach Caber, Jacob Doherty and several others tried to defeat the minnows by tagging them before they reached the other side of the field. Caitlyn Cyrek, Jared Omerhodzic, and Kasey Comstock were notably quick on their feet and long-lasting in this giant game of tag.

When we're not playing mass games in the afternoon, kids are often seen play-

Mya Rowe, Cristion Gray and Garrett Sabad yelling "I call winner!". Ping Pong is another popular game here at the club. Colden Braun and Kailee Fallon-Smolinski can often be seen playing a friendly game of Ping Pong together. Mancala, a game newly introduced to many campers is a huge hit. Most mornings you can catch me playing with Kayla Myers and Niyla Baumgartner. The card game Spit was introduced to many campers by Alicia Wattie and is another game enjoyed by many campers. My personal favorite game is Connect Four. This game seems to always be out of the box and being played. I take pride in being the reigning champ of Connect Four, but this summer I have met my match. Pat Shanks is now the new Boys & Girls Club of Orchard Park Connect Four Champion. I have been working on my skills and I will become champ again by the end of the summer. Foosball is a game that has gained so much popularity this summer that we actually got a second table. Campers such as Caitlyn & Lyndsey Cyrek run to the table as soon as they walk in the door in the morning!

This summer is the summer of field trips or so it seems. Our first field trip to the Orchard Park Lanes was great with kids such as Matthew Dils and Skylar Doyle getting their first strike ever! Many campers can agree that Pages Paradise Island was the most fun field trip yet! Campers got to rock climb, mini-golf, and of course, swim. The short field trip down the road to Abbott Ice Cream was great because campers had a

refreshing treat on a hot summer day! Although the Bisons lost, our annual trip to Coca Cola Field to see our Buffalo Bisons play a afternoon game against Rochester was a lot of fun. Leisure Rinks was also a great field trip. Many kids who thought that they could not skate got the courage to try and with the help of the support pushers they did great!

Our Third Annual field trip to Old Navy for their Camp Old Navy program is no doubt the favorite field trip of the year for our summer camp girls. Upon arriving at Old Navy we were greeted by the wonderful staff and were given a tour of the store. The girls then got to go into the break room to have breakfast and watched a video that explained what camp Old Navy was all about. After breakfast the girls were split up into two groups and were shown what it was like to work at Old Navy. The girls learned how to work the register, answer the phones, process returns and even dressed the mannequins. At the end of the morning, everyone received a pair of flip flops. It is no doubt that the remaining field trips we will have here at summer camp will be a success.

It seems that this summer is flying by. Every year I cannot wait for summer camp to begin and now you can see why. Summer camp is full of fun activities that are not only enjoyed by campers but the staff as well. Everyone LOVES the Boys & Girls Club Summer Camp!

"All of the kids know what a PHENOMINAL singing voice I have."