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Participation in Costume Day Nears 100%



This week's "Hallopurim" Costume Day was a big success, as participation was nearly universal. Campers and staffers really thought of interesting get-ups... some of the costumes were funny, others scary, and others extremely original. Like any good bungalow colony, we had our share of medical professionals as well as super heroes and fairies. Most Original Costume (boys) was awarded to Philip Kohn for his depiction of a "Bug Catcher" — complete with bug bucket and fly swatter and (girls) to Batya Weiss for her expert portrayal of "Mendel", which was surprisingly accurate. Erica the Counselor put the most effort into her portrayal of Dorothy Gale of Kansas, even though she didn't get to wear the Red Cross. After the judging, all campers went on a costume parade. Great job, all.

Upcoming Events

- Campers will have gymnastics on Monday instead of Tuesday.
- Our first annual Groups 5 and 7 Ga-Ga tournament will take place on Tuesday. Campers are asked to bring in a plain white tee shirt to decorate on Monday.
- The trip to Bethel Farms in Jeffersonville will be Thursday. Campers are asked to bring a bagged lunch with them for a picnic. Please complete the permission slip you received on Friday.



Going Ga-Ga Over a New Game

This week, Scott taught the boys of Groups 5 and 7 a popular camp game called Ga-Ga. Ga-Ga, which has a funny name, is a type of fast-moving dodgeball (but muuuuch safer) where campers must attempt to keep the ball away from their feet and legs. Since the game progresses quickly, campers get to come back in the competition just minutes after being called out. There will be a competition next week. Watch out, Groups 5 and 7, because Jeffrey was very good at our initial practice this week...



Lots of pictures and videos have been uploaded to our Facebook page!

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Rain Stopping Us? Naaaahhhhhh!

It may have rained... and rained... on Thursday, but that didn't stop the campers from having a wonderful time with their friends and counselors. In the morning, some of the kids watched *Despicable Me* and others watched *Wreck It Ralph* on our new Casino movie screen. When not at the movies, campers made great projects in arts and crafts and played group games in the mostly-waterproof pavilion. After



lunch, our lifeguards earned their keep by running BINGO with most of the camp. The campers enjoyed winning prizes and the counselors enjoyed the peace and quiet (okay, not really, but they can wish!).

Story Time with our younger campers was another creative rainy day activity. At the end of the day, our older boys *did* finally get to play outside for a few minutes.

It's Science! It's MAD! It's MAD SCIENCE!



In a first-ever treat for Carpathian Homes Day Camp, a wonderful program called **Mad Science** visited our Casino on Friday morning. This was a kid-friendly, educational, funny, and zany experience for all campers in our program. Due to the small number of campers, almost all kids got to participate in the hands-on experiments run by "Professor" Erik Maldonado (surprise — it's a small world... I didn't know he was coming... we went to school together!).

The show, appropriately called *Fire and Ice*, centered on the very cold and the very hot! Campers played with dry ice, made seltzer, created low-lying haze, converted water from liquid to solid in seconds, exploded balloons, changed the color of water, saw what happens when you mix soap and bubbles... and even got to taste scientific experiments (don't try this at home please). The wacky scientist kept the attention of all our campers — even the nursery kids — the entire hour.

Many videos from today's Mad Science show can be found at our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/167137033306531/> — Carpathian Homes Day Camp.

Farm Trip Thursday

This coming Thursday, August 8, 2013, we will be taking a camp field trip to Bethel Farms in Jeffersonville. At this fun location, we will enjoy a petting zoo filled with your favorite barnyard "pets", get to feed the animals, collect fresh eggs, learn about the various jobs a farmer must complete in a day, and enjoy 54 beautiful acres while hiking on easy-to-walk trails.

At the farm, we will have a picnic, so please "brown bag" your child's lunch. Please do not send glass bottles for the picnic lunch. The camp is paying the admission fee and there is nothing available to purchase at the farm, so money is not necessary.

We will be taking a school bus to the farm. If your nursery-age child requires a car seat, please meet the bus at 9:00 A.M.; we are leaving *no later than 9:15*. Since we are having a picnic lunch together, there will be no lunch break on Thursday. If your nursery camper usually stays home after lunch, please pick him/her up at 1:30 P.M. Dismissal for full-day campers will be at the regular 4:00 P.M. time.

