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A Week Full of Sporting Competitions

Upcoming Events

- COLOR WAR is almost here! Make sure your child wears the appropriate color (blue or black) when we begin.
- COLOR WAR SING will be open to parents and friends... listen for announcements and come see the campers compete next week!
- Thursday will be the End-of-Year Formal Dance. Campers should wear nice "party clothes" to the DJ dance. Stay tuned for the exact time.
- Friday will be a camper show (the theme is "Proud to Be American"), followed by an awards ceremony.

This week's special events revolved around sports instruction and sports competitions. This August, Counselor John (of Group 3) has been working with Groups 3-7 in various athletic skills. The boys played this year's version of "John Games" — variations on popular outdoor activities that are fun and easy to play. The highlight of the week's athletic adventures was a series of competitions — boys' basketball and girls' newcomb. Additionally, the older boys played "real" handball with Scott and Ryan, and sportsmanship was high. This series of competitions was good practice for next week's Color War, which features intense but friendly rivalry for three days. And the results are...

Boys' Basketball Winning Team

Jeffrey, Alan, and Avi

Girls' Newcomb Winning Team

Batya, Hannah, and Lily

Some of the groups created tee shirts with their names, numbers, and teams. Check out our photos from the athletic series. As usual, more pictures can be found on our Facebook page.



Wacky Relays

Since we haven't been able to use the pool regularly in weeks due to this month's Arctic weather pattern, our afternoons have been very creative. While some groups are preparing for the talent show, others are engaged in athletic competitions (see above). Wednesday featured a full-camp series of Wacky Relays. In the first relay, campers had to shuttle a water bottle in a net around the cone; the second was the Sweatshirt Race... each camper had to put on a sweatshirt, run around the cone, and then put the sweatshirt on the next runner... congratulations to the "Middle Group" for winning both races!



Carpathian Homes



Day Camp



Rehearsing for the Camper Show

Tips About Tipping

As the end of the summer draws closer, many parents have asked me about tipping. Please note that tipping is traditional in day camping and it is absolutely appropriate and encouraged. Our counselors are all hard-working college students who make a very low salary — typically \$25 to \$30 per day — working with your children in many capacities. Tipping makes up a large percentage of their compensation for the summer.

Please remember, all tipping is at your discretion. It is expected that you will tip your child's main group counselor; if a particular staff member (i.e. specialist) made your child's summer a happy and productive one, you may want to consider tipping that individual even if he/she is not your child's regular counselor.

To assist you with tipping decisions, I am suggesting a tip of **\$60.00 per counselor** for the summer season. If you were here for only one week, a \$10.00 tip per counselor would be appropriate.

Some campers changed groups in the middle of the summer. You may want to split your tip money between two counselors if this is the scenario.

I understand that tips can add up and that there are families with multiple campers, but it is appropriate to give tips based on each child. Except for the nursery, most campers have approximately two counselors.

Below is our staff list for your convenience. *Please note that Groups 4 and 6 generally travel together and Groups 5 and 7 generally travel together.*

Staff List — 2013 Season

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| | Camp Director | Scott Eckers |
| | Waterfront Director | Melissa Lair (fills in for Group 3 when needed) |
| -Pool- | Swim Instructor & Lifeguard | Hannah Nadeau (fills in for Group 4 when needed) |
| | Lifeguard | Ryan Taylor |
| -Creative- | Arts and Crafts | Lauren Elliott |
| | Gymnastics & Karate | Pete Tweed |
| | Drama | Alyssa O'Keeffe |
| | Nursery (1&2) | Stacy Schechter (Director), Phelice Margolis, & Jennifer Margolis |
| | Group 3 Boys | John Kolarik & Eric Golden |
| | Group 4 Girls | Erica Olsen & Alyssa O'Keeffe |
| | Group 5 Boys | Millie Cohen (Part-time) & Ryan Taylor |
| Group 6 Girls | Alyssa O'Keeffe & Erica Olsen | |
| Group 7 Boys | Ryan Taylor | |

Please note that Hannah's last day is Friday, August 16th. We wish her good luck as she goes off to college!

Feel free to see me if you have any questions about tipping.

— Scott