

# Camp White Meadow

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## The Director's Chair

Week 4. What a great way to round out the first half of the summer.

Finally, we had a week where the weather cooperated a little better (at least during the camp day)!

Firstly, I must apologize for not recognizing the accomplishment of our Camp White Meadow softball team. The team has been playing very hard and often. Last week we had our first official home game, and we had solid camper support. The fans really helped because it resulted in our first win of the season. Congratulations to everyone who played and watched.

Family Fun Night really looked to be off to a great start. The tough heat of the previous two days started to subside and the grills were working. But then...(dramatic pause)...the rain came!! We had to end the night a little early. We hope you enjoyed your time on the A Field. We did send home a letter offering a refund to those of you who are interested. Thanks for your interest. We had a wonderful turnout. Better luck next year.

This week was also great because Alex hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Camper/Counselor Basketball Tournament. There were some exciting games played between the 16 teams. But in the end it was Michele Mikhno and Todd Toriello who took home the championship after a well played, over time game against Aly Berkowitz and some bald guy. The whole tournament displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship.

We feel like we never saw Teen Travel this week. They were out early and back late 3 days this week. This adventure included Great Adventure, Medieval Times, and Keansburg. The highlight must have been the trip to Hershey Park!! All that chocolate!! I told them I love Mr. Goodbar, but they bring me back any...Nooooooo!!!!

The week ended with one of my favorite camp activities, SING!! This year was especially impressive. The counselors AND campers began writing and practicing their songs early and it showed during the performances. Each group put on three full songs, not to mention the skits, scenery and costume. The groups showed such a wonderful sense of pride and enthusiasm. I mean no one would do all of that for Rita's Ices.

It was a great week.

I want to take this time to say good-bye to all of our 4-week campers. Thanks so much for joining us. We will miss and look forward to seeing you again next summer.

For the rest of us, we are only 1/2 done and there is more to look forward to. Medieval Day, Carnival, Color War, Trips, the Dance and Memory Day.

So, have a wonderful safe weekend.

Until then, take care!!  
-Mark

## From the Fields

Week three ended in exciting fashion, as everyone enjoyed our theme day, Aloha to Hawaii. All of the campers competed in the "Big Kahuna Kontests," where they did a water balloon toss, limbo contest, hula-hoop contest, and a freeze dance to Hawaiian music.

Week four kicked off our counselor-camper 2-on-2 Basketball Tournament. After a number of close, well-played games, the final two teams that remain are Mark Stern & Aly Berkowitz and Todd Toriello & Michelle Mikhno. Congratulations to both teams for reaching the finals, as well as all participants for playing with great spirit and sportsmanship.

All of the different grade levels have been working hard, learning and practicing a number of different sports and games. Color War is just around the corner, as week five begins!

Alex



## From the Pool

This week most of the groups began the free-style stroke. Third grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are still working on the breathing technique and practicing freestyle in the length of the pool. First and second grades are still trying to get the arm technique right and they are doing lots of relays. Pre-K/K are using kickboards to practice their kick and they are also attempting to float without the use of the bubble. We will continue to work on free-style until everyone is comfortable enough to move onto the next stroke.

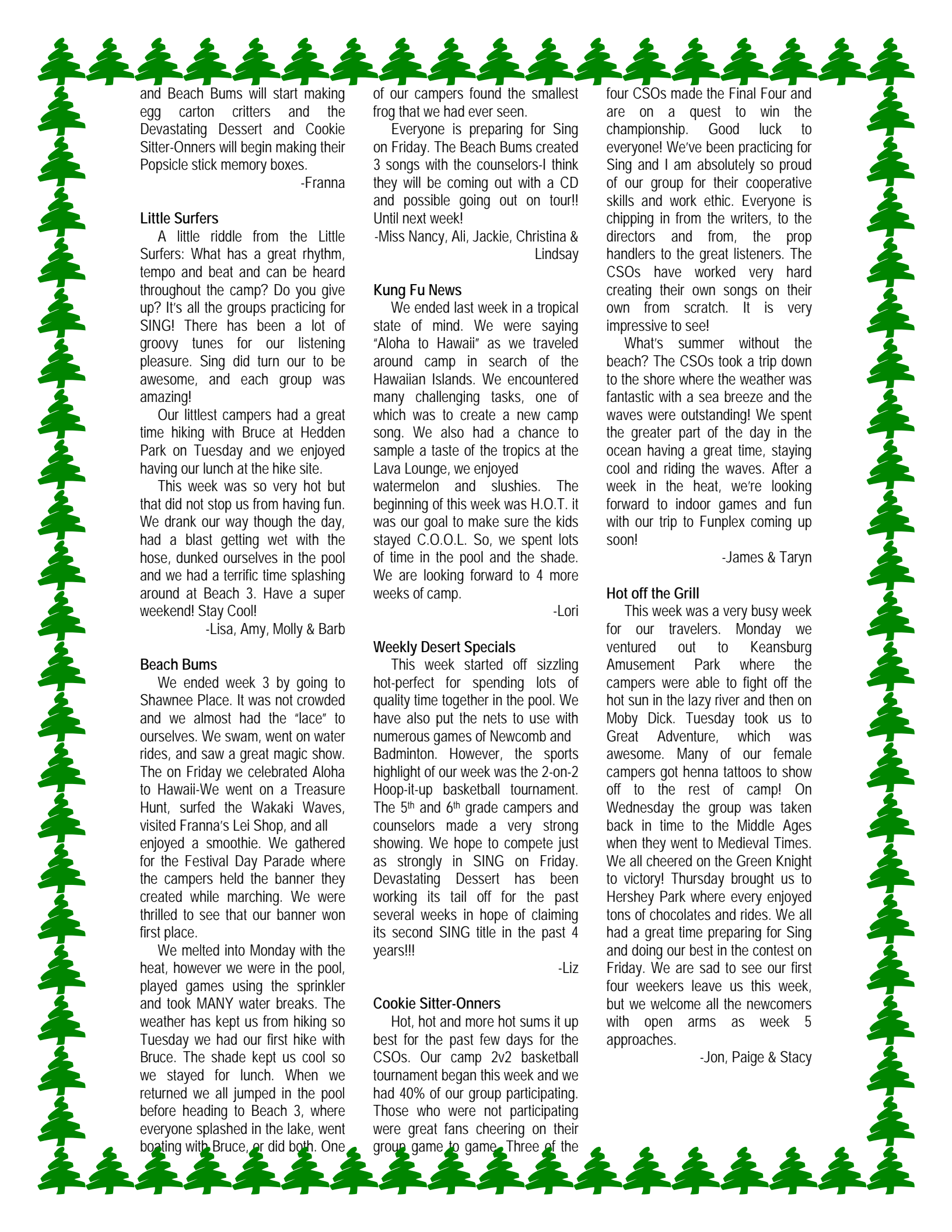
-Kat & Teigan

## For Art's Sake

Thursday the Aqua Ninjas and the Devastating Dessert sanded and painted wooden birdhouses. They look great and were a popular project amongst the campers and staff.

Monday, the Little Surfers and Beach Bums started/continued working on their (tissue paper and plastic bottles) collage containers. The Devastating Dessert continued working on their paper weavings and began making colored paper snowflakes to get into a mindset of "thinking cold" on such a hot day.

The Beach Bums continued working on their collage containers on Tuesday. The Aqua Ninjas started their Popsicle stick memory boxes. Wednesday the Little Surfers



and Beach Bums will start making egg carton critters and the Devastating Dessert and Cookie Sitter-Onners will begin making their Popsicle stick memory boxes.

-Franna

#### Little Surfers

A little riddle from the Little Surfers: What has a great rhythm, tempo and beat and can be heard throughout the camp? Do you give up? It's all the groups practicing for SING! There has been a lot of groovy tunes for our listening pleasure. Sing did turn out to be awesome, and each group was amazing!

Our littlest campers had a great time hiking with Bruce at Hedden Park on Tuesday and we enjoyed having our lunch at the hike site.

This week was so very hot but that did not stop us from having fun. We drank our way through the day, had a blast getting wet with the hose, dunked ourselves in the pool and we had a terrific time splashing around at Beach 3. Have a super weekend! Stay Cool!

-Lisa, Amy, Molly & Barb

#### Beach Bums

We ended week 3 by going to Shawnee Place. It was not crowded and we almost had the "lace" to ourselves. We swam, went on water rides, and saw a great magic show. The on Friday we celebrated Aloha to Hawaii-We went on a Treasure Hunt, surfed the Wakaki Waves, visited Franna's Lei Shop, and all enjoyed a smoothie. We gathered for the Festival Day Parade where the campers held the banner they created while marching. We were thrilled to see that our banner won first place.

We melted into Monday with the heat, however we were in the pool, played games using the sprinkler and took MANY water breaks. The weather has kept us from hiking so Tuesday we had our first hike with Bruce. The shade kept us cool so we stayed for lunch. When we returned we all jumped in the pool before heading to Beach 3, where everyone splashed in the lake, went boating with Bruce, or did both. One

of our campers found the smallest frog that we had ever seen.

Everyone is preparing for Sing on Friday. The Beach Bums created 3 songs with the counselors-I think they will be coming out with a CD and possible going out on tour!! Until next week!

-Miss Nancy, Ali, Jackie, Christina & Lindsay

#### Kung Fu News

We ended last week in a tropical state of mind. We were saying "Aloha to Hawaii" as we traveled around camp in search of the Hawaiian Islands. We encountered many challenging tasks, one of which was to create a new camp song. We also had a chance to sample a taste of the tropics at the Lava Lounge, we enjoyed watermelon and slushies. The beginning of this week was H.O.T. it was our goal to make sure the kids stayed C.O.O.L. So, we spent lots of time in the pool and the shade. We are looking forward to 4 more weeks of camp.

-Lori

#### Weekly Desert Specials

This week started off sizzling hot-perfect for spending lots of quality time together in the pool. We have also put the nets to use with numerous games of Newcomb and Badminton. However, the sports highlight of our week was the 2-on-2 Hoop-it-up basketball tournament. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade campers and counselors made a very strong showing. We hope to compete just as strongly in SING on Friday. Devastating Dessert has been working its tail off for the past several weeks in hope of claiming its second SING title in the past 4 years!!!

-Liz

#### Cookie Sitter-Onners

Hot, hot and more hot sums it up best for the past few days for the CSOs. Our camp 2v2 basketball tournament began this week and we had 40% of our group participating. Those who were not participating were great fans cheering on their group game to game. Three of the

four CSOs made the Final Four and are on a quest to win the championship. Good luck to everyone! We've been practicing for Sing and I am absolutely so proud of our group for their cooperative skills and work ethic. Everyone is chipping in from the writers, to the directors and from, the prop handlers to the great listeners. The CSOs have worked very hard creating their own songs on their own from scratch. It is very impressive to see!

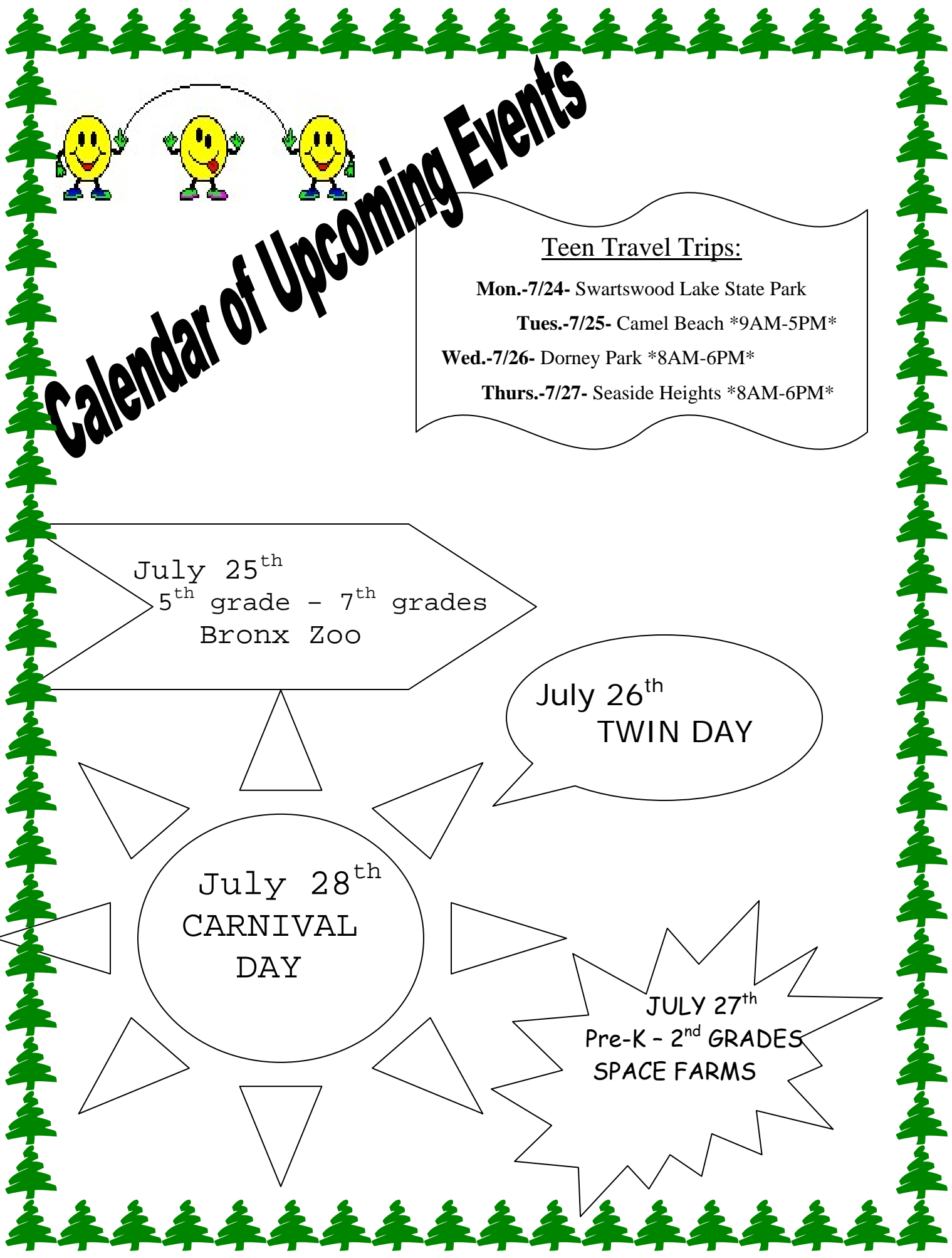
What's summer without the beach? The CSOs took a trip down to the shore where the weather was fantastic with a sea breeze and the waves were outstanding! We spent the greater part of the day in the ocean having a great time, staying cool and riding the waves. After a week in the heat, we're looking forward to indoor games and fun with our trip to Funplex coming up soon!

-James & Taryn

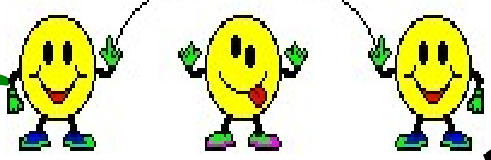
#### Hot off the Grill

This week was a very busy week for our travelers. Monday we ventured out to Keansburg Amusement Park where the campers were able to fight off the hot sun in the lazy river and then on Moby Dick. Tuesday took us to Great Adventure, which was awesome. Many of our female campers got henna tattoos to show off to the rest of camp! On Wednesday the group was taken back in time to the Middle Ages when they went to Medieval Times. We all cheered on the Green Knight to victory! Thursday brought us to Hershey Park where every enjoyed tons of chocolates and rides. We all had a great time preparing for Sing and doing our best in the contest on Friday. We are sad to see our first four weekers leave us this week, but we welcome all the newcomers with open arms as week 5 approaches.

-Jon, Paige & Stacy



# Calendar of Upcoming Events



## Teen Travel Trips:

**Mon.-7/24-** Swartswood Lake State Park

**Tues.-7/25-** Camel Beach \*9AM-5PM\*

**Wed.-7/26-** Dorney Park \*8AM-6PM\*

**Thurs.-7/27-** Seaside Heights \*8AM-6PM\*

July 25<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> grade - 7<sup>th</sup> grades  
Bronx Zoo

July 26<sup>th</sup>  
TWIN DAY

July 28<sup>th</sup>  
CARNIVAL  
DAY

JULY 27<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADES  
SPACE FARMS