

Camp White Meadow

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Director's Chair

Seven Down. Can you believe it SEVEN?

That only gives us one more week.

But week seven has been jam packed.

Can you believe the weather?

Wow, does that help the spirit. And we needed all of it for this exciting week at "The Meadow".

Starting late last week, we had all been looking to the skies for the start of Color Games 2006. Who knew when and how it would "break" this year? With all of the talk of The Games starting, it was strange to see a special appearance from Cake Girl instead of the regular Pie Girl. Fake Break. Then the actual Pie Girl took a shot of her own medicine. Ha Ha!! Fake Break.

Monday, while Teen Travel was at Hurricane Harbor, I actually got an opportunity to "get out the Dodge" and join the Cookie-Sitter-Onners on their trip to the Sussex County Fair. They dragged me on so many loopy rides, my stomach still has yet to settle down. OOOOhhhh. But it was worth it.

On Tuesday, with great trips to IMAX and Pt. Pleasant, the rest of us went through a full day of wonderful activities. Club had some interesting choices like "count the grass" and "cooking with liver and onions". Huh? Oh, Fake Break.

Then Wednesday morning it arrived. The Great Gum Debate. Which tastes better? Fire or Ice? The answer...to be determined during the 2006 Camp White Meadow Color Games. This is

going to be great. The songs, the skits, the laughs, the dips in the pool, the sports, the obstacle course, not to mention singing lunches. The leaders and counselors have all been working so hard to make these days special for the kids.

What has made these past three days special has been the spirit that our campers have brought to the games. We all must keep in mind that the goal of Color Games is to try your best and have fun. It is great to see our kids cheering on their own team and their friends on the other side of a field. Of course we are one camp and free swims, activity periods and songs are still done together as a group.

I know the campers are working well to put together their SING! For next week. It should be a brilliant show. I cannot wait to see it.

Keep up the great work.

I can't believe we only have one more week together. Next week a final wrap up of a wonderful summer. Thanks to Ali Koot who is leaving us to go to college.

Until then, be safe.

Take Care,
-Mark

A Message from the Director

Dear Parents,

As you know, next week will bring an end to another memorable summer at Camp White Meadow. I have said several times and firmly believe that it is due to the tireless effort of our enthusiastic staff, supervisors and counselors, that our program is so successful.

Please allow me to remind you that tipping our staff members is both encouraged and appreciated. Counselors will welcome any gesture of gratitude you believe is sufficient and appropriate for the quality of summer you child has enjoyed.

Thanks,
-Mark

Boating/ Nature

Week seven started in wild fashion over at Beach Three. The big braineaks showed up again and we pulled a few of them out of the water to take a look. We also caught five painter turtle during the week.

On the hiking front The Little Surfers and Beach Bums took a hike to Hedden Park for water fun. We searched for crayfish and swam in the stream. I even caught a small Bullfrog three different times.

-Bruce

For Art's Sake

We had so much fun with clay this week! We made pinch pots, various animals, and other mini sculptures with mini shells for decoration. The Devastating dessert continued working on weaving their raffia baskets. We're so excited that Color Games have officially started!

-Franna

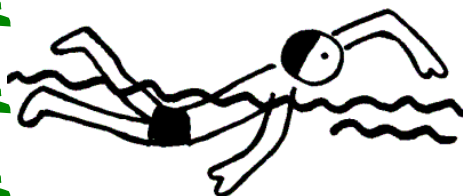
From the Pool

This week we did a lot of races using the side stroke and scored the campers on their technique. We also had a lot of fun doing cannonball contests and belly flop contests. The kids also had to use the skills they learned to win pool events in Color Games.

-Kat & Teigan

From the Fields

Color Games 2006!!! After the break on Wednesday morning, all of the camp divisions have been participating in some exciting competitions. The Little Surfers did a Popsicle stick hunt at Beach 3, where all of the campers had a great time. The Beach Bums played knockout, while the Aqua Ninjas played an incredible soccer game. Devastating Dessert, the CSO's and White Castle all had swim meets, where the campers displayed the vast improvements that they have made in the water this summer. Everyone is excited for the finale



that next week is sure to bring. Have a fun and safe weekend and rest up for week 8!

-Alex

The Little Surfers

What has refreshing waterfalls, interesting rocks of all sizes, signs of wildlife everywhere, water shoes and sneakers filled with campers that were happily jumping through the water to land on the huge rocks or swim in the nature-made "pool"? Can you guess where we went? The Beach Bums and the Little Surfers had a delightful time on our hike with Bruce to Hedden Park. On Tuesday morning as we walked and explored we met frogs and tadpoles that made our adventure even more exciting as we hiked along the path.

We have been busy with Franna at Arts & Crafts as we created "cool" clay pots and we played a mean game of Newcomb on the sand. We started Color Games! It does not seem to matter if some of us are on the Red team or the White team at the end of the day, when we sing the "Friends Song" and we are singing together arm-n-arm!

Until next week.

-Amy, Molly, Lisa & Barb

The Beach Bums

We ended last week with Carnival-everyone had a super time. This week was all about "fake breaks" for Color Games. A letter was read on Tuesday during closing announcing that due to construction at the schools, school would start on Wednesday and camp would end. It took a long time to explain that it was a joke...some may only believe it when they return to camp on Wednesday. We also had quite a bit of nature in our week. We took our annual hike to Hedden Park where we climbed the river. We saw fish; a BIG Bullfrog and Jason caught a salamander. Then in the afternoon, we went to the beach where we saw, and the lifeguard caught, two old turtles: Mr. K, Ally, and one new turtle, which was named "Miss Nancy"? So if your our in the lake and you see a cute turtle with "Red" nail polish...say hello to

Miss Nancy...a very outgoing friendly turtle.

Until next week.

-Miss Nancy, Ali, Jason, Christina, Lindsay & Jackie

Aqua Ninjas

WOW! Camp is flying by. We are already at the end of week 7. Color Games has begun And team spirit is in the air. We are looking forward to the fantastic events that are in store for week 8.

-Lori

Weekly Dessert Specials

What a glorious week at camp. The sunny weather ws perfect for boating, kickball, soccer, basketball and swimming! Now we get to show off our skills during Color Games. We have to make the most of the time we have left together at camp!

-Liz

Cookie-Sitter Onners

Last week's carnival was a great success and I'm proud of the Cookie-Sitter Onners for their dedication, organization and creativity! Everyone had an awesome time at White Meadow Downs too! How about those candy grams?

On Monday, the group went out to the Sussex County Fair and had a great time! The Cookie-Sitter Onners went upside down too many times to count with special guest star, Mark.

Tuesday's trip to IMAX included a bonus shopping expedition at the Palisades Center Mall. We watched "Ant Bully," which was terrific to see in 3-D. Also the shopping was extraordinary!

Wednesday certainly threw us for a twist with the onset of the 2006 Color Games. What an eventful beginning! The CSO's combined with Teen Travel for a rousing softball game and an exhausting swim meet! Great sportsmanship everyone!

The counselors are working hard to help their Color Games' teams! Best of luck to all of them, along with the Cookie-Sitter Onners on

both Fire and Ice.

-James & Taryn

Hot off the Grill

This week we traveled to Hurricane Harbor on Monday where everyone enjoyed lounging around in the lazy river. On Tuesday we went down to Point Pleasant where the teens spent lots of time on the boardwalk. Their favorite prizes all seemed to be monkeys. Wednesday started with the thought of Mountain Creek on our minds, but instead Color Games broke! We had a blast playing softball, swimming at the swim lanes, and watching a volleyball game. On Thursday we played miniature golf as part of color games, and Friday we went bowling for color games. We would like to remind everyone that Mountain Creek and the Bronx Zoo trips have been moved to Wednesday and Thursday of week 8. Congratulations to the White team teen travel majors: Erica and Tom and the Red team teen travel majors: Coleen and Jori. We are looking forward to a wonderful week 8.

-Jon, Paige & Stacy





Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Friday August 18th-
Memory Day**

Dismissal will be from the Club House at 3 PM.

Teen Travel Trips:

Wed. Aug. 16th- Mountain Creek
Thurs. Aug. 17th- Bronx Zoo

