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GET IN THE MIX WITH WEEK 6!

Week Six at Camp has been a super sweet week for the campers. All the groups visiting Teva 2.0 competed in the Mascot Building Contest with Nature Mary. Groups were given some items from the Lost & Found, and then expected to find the rest of the items in our woods to build a mascot that represented what Camp means to them. Third place was a tie between Yehuda Girls with "Liz the Director" and Atid Boys with "Lumpy the Camper". Second place went to Negev 1 with "Boris the Counselor", and the first place honors went to Atid

Girls with "Bob the Fisherman".

Another challenge we will be presenting campers with soon: a longer Zip Line! Campers may have noticed that the zip line has been out of commission this week. Camp's maintenance staff and our adventure design company are working together to extend our Zip Line for an even better challenge than before!

Some of our camper groups started building a dam in a section of the



Atid Girls with their mascot "Bob the Fisherman"

creek to create an improved fishing hole. Grandpa Dave lead the initiative, providing the campers with logs to get the dam up.

Only two weeks of the summer at Centerland remain. We can't believe how time has flown by!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

In recent months, academic studies from the American Camp Association and privately funded projects from the Foundation for Jewish Camp have shown a Jewish camp experience provides positive identity formation, growth in self-esteem, and increased awareness of the Jewish community. Our commitment to *Limmud* (Learning) is as strong as ever as we teach Jewish values, Hebrew, and Israeli culture, to our very diverse camp community.

Limmud Specialist Jonah chose to focus on a different topic each week and develop fun programs and games to help make ancient practices or difficult topics accessible and understandable to campers. How does one teach young children about the atrocities of persecution against the Jewish people for over 2000 years? Musical chairs of course...

Jonah has taught about *Tikkun Olam* (Repairing the world), creating their own 10 Commandments for camp, and

learning about *Kashrut* (Kosher law) and the background and common practices of those Jewish people who keep kosher. He also created Hebrew "Madlibs" so the campers could apply the Hebrew words and phrases they have learned at flagpole each day.

This is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the ways we try to foster a Jewish value driven community that is also inclusive to campers of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and

Special Points:

☺ [You've got to see the great photos of our campers! Order candid Camp photos at izonproductions.com. Password: camp2011. Take a moment and check them out today!](http://www.izonproductions.com)

☺ Visit our website at www.campcenterland.org. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

Asthma can be aggravated from hot & humid weather. Minimize asthma symptoms by decreasing high-energy activities. Include more rhythmic, moderate activities on hot, humid days.

beliefs. This would not be possible without the leadership of our specialists, supervisors, and ground counselors who learn alongside the campers' everyday.

COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

Meet Alex K.

Position: Discovery
Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Years at Camp: 1st
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Photographic Memory
Favorite Midnight Snack: Cold Potato Soup
Place You'd Like to Visit: New Zealand
Favorite Color: Mustard Yellow
Favorite Sports Team: Panthers

Meet Tal

Position: Sr. Discovery
Hometown: Ein Harod, Israel
Years at Camp: 1st
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Flying
Favorite Midnight Snack: Stuffed Mushrooms
Place You'd Like to Visit: New Zealand
Favorite Movie: Butterfly Effect
Favorite Ice Cream: Chocolate Chip

Meet Justin

Position: Discovery
Hometown: Staten Island, NY
Years at Camp: 3rd
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Summoning Tight White Pants
Favorite Midnight Snack: Mustard Sandwiches
Place You'd Like to Visit: Tight White Pant Factory
Hidden Talent: Making Tight White Pants Look Good
Spirit Animal: Narwhal

Meet Alli

Position: Sharon
Hometown: Williamsville, NY
Years at Camp: 1st
Superhero Power You Wish You Had: Super Speed
Favorite Midnight Snack: Cookies and Peanut Butter
Place You'd Like to Travel To: Australia
Favorite Color: Green
What Form Would Your Spirit Animal Take: Giraffe

Meet Ben S.

Position: Sharon
Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Years at Camp: 1st
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Super Speed
Favorite Midnight Snack: Mug Brownies
Place You'd Like to Travel To: Japan
Favorite Sports Team: Cubs
What Form Would Your Spirit Animal Take: Orca



From left: Tal, Justin, Alex, Ben, Alli

A CARWASH FOR THE COMMUNITY BY CENTERLAND CORRESPONDANT BEN CHARLTON

So far this summer, our Discovery Campers have been spending time in the community taking part in various community service and volunteering opportunities. In conjunction with these days of service, this week our campers ran a charity carwash and lemonade stand at the Benderson JCC this past Tuesday. But it was not all hard work; we did have plenty of time to swim, enjoy our lemonade, and even

say hi to our friends at Kiddie Camp.

By day's end we raised \$100 and were faced with the age old decision: where should we donate the money? After much deliberation among campers, we were able to decide upon two worthy charities: Jewish Family Services of Buffalo and the SPCA of Western New York.

"I was glad we decided to donate

to the SPCA because I really how they help all kinds of animals" said Camper Romee F. Camper Matt M. added "I really enjoyed helping others at Heritage Center and Weinberg Campus, so when I heard about what Jewish Family Service does, I was very excited."

THE LIFEGUARDS PRESENT: THE SWIMMING CORNER

Both the Jordan and Goldman Pools have been making great strides this week with all the groups during swim instruction. Both Negev and Sharon have been advancing swimmers through the levels rapidly (see below for an explanation of the levels). Senior Campers have begun learning Junior Lifeguarding techniques, include rescue skills such as jumping from the guards chair and assisting swimmers in trouble. The Discovery groups have also continued to improve their strokes through lap swimming during the instructional swimming mods.

Swimming Levels Explained:

BASIC SKILLS 1&2: Children who swim with the assistance of a noodle

or bubble.

LEVEL 1: Learn floating, gliding, early stroke development, and treading with teacher assistance and a floatation device.

LEVEL 2: Front crawl, backstroke, and treading continue to develop, as well as jumping in. Children must submerge head fully before entering this level.

LEVEL 3: Advanced swim techniques needed for strokes learned in Level 4 & above.

LEVEL 4: Introduction & development of breaststroke, butterfly, backstroke, front crawl, sidestroke & elementary backstroke.

LEVEL 5: Display aptitude in butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, front crawl, sidestroke, and elementary backstroke.



Senior Discovery have free swim at the Goldman Pool

OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

Week Six had two different days of night-time fun! First on Tuesday night, the Sharon groups were able to Stay Late at Camp. The theme of the night was "Pets", and campers had contests that had them eating like animals, playing like animals, and probably went home acting like animals!

On Thursday, the Yehuda group had the second overnight of the summer. The theme of the night was "Glow-in-the-Dark", and the counselors made it special with activities like

a techno dance party, glow in the dark splash painting,

Up next week will be another double-header week,

Overnight Schedule 2011

Week 6: Sharon Stay Late

Week 6: Yehuda

Week 7: Discovery

Week 8: Atid

with the Junior & Senior Discovery campers staying on Tuesday night. Discovery 1 & 2 groups will be staying on Thursday night after returning from the favorite Darien Lake field trip.



Sharon eats like animals at the StayLate!

DID YOU KNOW...

Camp Centerland will be holding a School Supplies drive to benefit children in the Jewish Family Services Resettlement Program during week 7. This service assists refugee families that are new to the Buffalo area. The children that will benefit from our school supply drive will be attending American schools for the first time. Your donations will help boys and girls of all ages become acclimated to the

Buffalo area. Please see the list of requested supplies on the right.

This is just a general wish list; any and all donations of new school supply items will be very appreciated.



Requested Donations:

Pens & Pencils

Folders

Notebooks

Scissors

Pencil Sharpeners

Glue & Glue Sticks

Pencil Cases

Backpacks

Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils

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LOST AND FOUND

Lost

(Items we have found at camp with no name on it...)

- Travel USA" Red, White & Blue Tie-Dye T-Shirt (YL)
- "Music is My Nature" Yellow, Orange & Blue Tie-Dye Graphic Tee (M)
- Red "Star Wars" Character Tee (S)
- Navy Blue "Cherokee" Tee (L)
- Royal Blue "OP" Tee (M)
- Black "Mossimo" Swim Shirt with Skull Graphic (8/10)

We don't like "Lost". Please label EVERYTHING with your child's name, so all missing items can be considered "Found"!

- Blue, Pink, Green & Purple Fish Towel
- Pink Popsicle Towel
- Blue Stripe Towel
- "Osh Gosh" Navy Blue Swim Trunks with Red & White Leg Stripes (8)
- Orange "Pirates of the Caribbean" Swim Trunks with name BEN on tag (S)
- Green Eagle Hat from the Lindsay Wildlife Museum
- Blue Metal Water Bottle with Palm Tree
- Green Metal Water Bottle with carabineer clip
- White Flip Flops with Pink Straps (6/7)
- Blue "Arctic Zone" Lunchbox
- with Race Car
- Black "California Innovations" Lunchbox
- Black & Orange Duracell Flashlight

For a more complete list of Lost and Found Items, please refer to previous issues of the Centerland Chronicle. If your child has misplaced any items, please let us know at camp & we can put it in the Chronicle for you!

THE SPECIALIST SPOT

THIS WEEK'S REPORT COMES FROM KATIE, THE AMANUT (ART) SPECIALIST

Hi Everyone! My name is Katie Duane and this is my first summer as Arts Specialist at Camp Centerland. I have been artist all of my life and nothing makes me happier than sharing my love for art with others. This summer at camp we have had the opportunity to experiment in a wide array of art media, from sculpture to collage-poetry to printmaking with bubble wrap and yarn. Each project is designed with the objective of being enjoyed, while also allowing that campers to learn something new, be it a specific art skill, a piece of information, or possibly even something about themselves or a fellow camper.

Some projects that we've done help us see things in a new way, such as something we did called "Finding Faces", where each camper made a

texture rubbing, and then within that rubbing, had to find as many "faces" hidden inside of all the bumps and shapes. Many campers were excited to realize they could find not only faces, but animals, trees, flowers, and other odd shapes. Campers have also had the opportunity to make their own stamps, draw blind portraits (that's drawing without looking at your paper), paint with tempera, watercolor and acrylic, make origami, and create monsters and other strange creatures. Most recently, we've been working in 3D. Junior and



Katie, the Amanut Specialist

Senior Campers have been making small sculptures using modeling foam, and Discovery Campers (and Atid Girls!) had the opportunity to try using the pottery wheels to make cups and bowls.

While I am a bit wistful that the summer has flown by so quickly, I am very much looking forward to the projects that remain in our final two weeks: clothing and shoe design, superheroes and creating colorful webs to help us map out our dreams!