



The Centerland Chronicle

WISH THEY ALL COULD BE AT CAMP CENTERLAND

A very big Week 1 welcome to campers and staff! This summer promises to be fantastic. We already have more than 300 campers enrolled, which is plenty of opportunity for us to make new friends.

This week was Mystery Week. Rabbi Netter visited on Friday to teach campers about the Mystery of Crea-



tion. Groups also participated in Mystery Activities all week long, including trying to solve some of the world's great mysteries. Groups

with the best answer got to win a mystery prize.

Chugim (Hobby groups) are back

in a big way this summer. Campers chose between Karaoke, a Bake Sale, Stomp, Mexican Train, and Gardening.

Centerland T-shirts are looking super-cool this summer, in bright rainbow tie-dye. Don't forget, to get your shirt we need your Centerland Gear order form... your first t-shirt is free!

Happy Camping!

Rabbi Netter talks to Yehuda about Day 1: God creates light and dark.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello and Welcome to Summer 2012. This week was Mystery Week at camp, an appropriate theme because the answers to many mysteries begin to reveal themselves during the first week of camp. We discovered that we are starting this season with more total campers than we ended with last summer. And we discovered that we have tremendous leadership

in place to make this one of the most successful and exciting summers in a very long time.

Thank you to the hardest working Assistant Director, Christine Dusher, who has dedicated hours upon hours of her personal time preparing for camp. Stacey Block, camp registrar, has helped to make us the most prepared we have ever been to open camp. Liz Reaves, our Program Director, has 8 full weeks of

Jewish and secular themes, visits from area rabbis, special visitors, plans for color war and many more mysteries yet to be revealed. Finally, we have three very loyal and capable long-term JCC staff acting in the role of supervisors of Discovery, Specialists & CITs, and Junior Units to keep camp organized and keeping with the fast pace environment. Thank you to Ben Charlton, Justin Gammella, and Laurelle Montagne for your dedication.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Visit our website at www.campcenterland.org. You can also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!
- ☺ Label EVERYTHING!
- ☺ Campers must wear sneakers to camp.
- ☺ Put on Sunscreen before coming to camp every day.

Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

Ouch! Sunscreen in the eyes can be painful (as several of our campers can tell you). The best approach to stop the burning & sensitivity? Rinse the eyes with cool water.

COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

Meet Peter

Group: Yehuda Boys

Nickname: Draco

School: University of Rochester

Fav. Sports Team: Barcelona Soccer

What would you buy if you won the lottery? New Shoes

Least Fav. Animal: Seagull

Favorite Ninja Turtle: Leonardo

Favorite Color: Blue



Peter with Yehuda Boys

Meet Sarah H.

Group: Sharon

School: University of Hawaii

Favorite Movie: Almost Famous

Least Favorite Animal: Mosquito

What would you buy if you won the lottery? Giant 40 scoop ice cream

Favorite Power Ranger: Red

Power Animal: Rabbit



Sarah H. with Sharon



Above: Atid Girls mystery Prize

Right: Yehuda Boys & Atid Girls: Water Balloon Toss

THE PICTURE PLACE



Left: Stomp: The Chug

Below: JRD on the Rock Wall



WEEKLY CALENDAR

FIND OUT ABOUT ALL THE UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMP CENTERLAND HERE!

Week 2: Ruach (Spirit) Week

Monday 7/2

- ◆ Survival Skills
- ◆ Wacky Hair Day

Tuesday 7/3

- ◆ Wear your Red, White, & Blue Day

Wednesday 7/4

- ◆ Happy American Independence Day!
- ◆ NO CAMP

Thursday 7/5

- ◆ Group Day—Each group will coordinate their outfits based on a group theme.

◆ Yehuda Over Night

Friday 7/6

- ◆ Slip N Slide Kickball
- ◆ Camp Centerland Shirt day

Looking Ahead...

Week Three is Israel Week

AQUATICS DIRECTOR DANIELLE PRESENTS: THE SWIMMING CORNER

We had an awesome first week at the Jordan and Goldman pools. All of the campers were swimming around like fishes. The nice weather made the pools toasty and campers did not hesitate to jump right in. The lifeguards would like to give a shout out to the Sharon girls and boys for their enthusiasm during both instructional and free swim. Atid also gets a special shout out for their amazing flip turns that have been perfected. We are looking forward



Sharon and Negev having group lessons at the Goldman Pool

to more fun in the sun at the pools and can't wait for next week. There will be special games held at both pools in celebration of the 4th of July.

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.

OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

The Camp Centerland overnights and stay lates are a great time! Each group will get to have the entire camp to themselves. The counselors plan a theme for the evening, and all the activities will fit that night's theme.

When staying at Camp Centerland, campers can expect to go swimming, cook dinner over a fire, play games & do projects, and explore areas of camp they might have never seen before!

Overnight Schedule 2012

Week 2: Yehuda

Week 3: Atid

Week 4: Discovery

Week 5: Negev

Week 6: Sharon Stay Late

Week 6: Yehuda

Week 7: Sr. Discovery

Week 7: Atis

Week 8: Discovery

To prepare for your upcoming overnight, plan to pack the following items:

Sleeping bag

Pillow

2 swimsuits & 2 towels

Toothbrush, toothpaste, and hair brush

Complete set of clothes

Bug Spray & Flashlight (optional)

A Thursday lunch & A Friday lunch (clearly labeled with name & day)

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE (TO HAVE A WATER BOTTLE)

Camp Centerland has water bottles for sale! Perfect to help campers keep cool on hot summer days (and we've had some of those already)! The Camp Centerland water bottle is made from lightweight bendable plastic, which makes it easy to store when empty. They come with a carabiner, so campers can attach the water bottle to their backpack

or belt loop for portability. And of course, every water bottle has the Camp Centerland logo so campers can show their Centerland pride everywhere they go!

Camp Centerland water bottles are only \$5 each. Order one today using the Centerland Gear Order form, available to print at www.jccbuffalo.org.



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LOST AND FOUND

Missing

(Items our campers are missing... have you seen it?)

White Towel (labeled with name)

Grey Target Shorts

Xhilaration Swim Suit Bottoms Black/Silver Girls M

Odds



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

Lost

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

Green Rubbermaid Water Bottle with Grey Speedo Swim Goggles attached
White Hang Ten Swim Trunks with Grey design (M)

Pink New Era Cap with "basketball" stitched on back

White Speedo Swim Cap

Walmart Bag Containing:

- ◆ Bright Green T-shirt (Youth S)
- ◆ Navy Blue Sonoma Shorts (M)
- ◆ Cars Fruit of the Loom Briefs (6)

Pair of Black OBX Water Shoes (9)

Single Black & Royal Blue Water Shoe (L)

Red Children's Place Mesh Shorts w/ White Piping (M)

White Children's Place Briefs (M)

BE TRUE TO YOUR SQUID

BY CENTERLAND CORRESPONDANT MIKE LOVERING

There are things in this world that need no explanation. This is not one of them.

As the Director of Performing Arts (Shirah Specialist) at Camp Centerland, I have had the privilege of using my abilities to inspire young folk to produce sounds that are pleasing to the ear, heart and soul. One morning this week, however; a shift occurred in my being that forced me to adopt a perspective that at first was frightening, then enlightening.

Before playing the popular musical sporting activity Musical Bean Bags I requested that child participants snatch a bean bagged object from the depths of the animal cracker bin. The young ones listened attentively and proceed to follow the directions once the command rained

down upon their ears like an auditory shower. No one knew to what degree that this act would alter the course of time.

Bean bag after bean bag was taken from the bin until it was spotted. "It" being a relative term. No one is sure if the idea in question can even be reduced to a mere noun or personal pronoun. What was drawn forth from the bin left the children stunned, silent. One witness said that it reminded her of a black hole of terror. Another explained that he



The "Squid in a Box"

had only seen one after looking into the center of an active volcano. It was a rubber, googly squid.

At first the plan of action was to let it consume us, but clearly this was due to the squid's mind control techniques. The group swiftly regained control of its own free will and managed to place the squid material in a medium sized brown paper box located just inches from the bean bag container. A collective sigh of relief could be heard all the way to the Mirpaah.

We initially pledged to never speak of this event to anyone. This tell-all is not meant to inform so much as it's meant to educate. Find the squid inside you, place it in a box and forget about it. It's the only path to inner tranquility.