



The Centerland Chronicle

WEEK 5 WAS ALIVE WITH COLOR WAR!

What an exciting week we had! Week 5 at Camp Centerland was a little bit cooler than week 4, very much to the delight of almost everyone.

Discovery and Jr. Discovery held a car wash on Tuesday here at the JCC, raising \$256.25 to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Thursday night brought us a Staylate for some of our Junior Camp campers, with the theme of Princesses and Pirates! They had such a great time playing Pin the Crown on the Princess and Pin the Eyepatch on the Pirate, and making all sorts of Pirate and Princess related crafts.

But the main highlight this week was Color War, or in Hebrew, Maccabiah. Our theme was Superheroes trying to defeat Catwoman. Superman, Spiderman, Batman, Wolverine, the Ninja Turtles, and



Above: A Princess and a Pirate from the Junior Camp Staylate

Below: Thank you to JCC Staff who took the to judge our Color War! And below that, Color War Captains!



more were all represented by different colored teams, and everybody had a great time participating in the different activities.

The final results were very close, with less than 300 points separating 4th place from 1st. But the most important part was that our main goal was accomplished, Catwoman will not demolish Camp Centerland and turn the wetlands into a castle! Way to go Camp Centerland Color War 2013!

Final Results:

1st Place: **Blue**

2nd Place: **Green**

3rd Place: **Red**

4th Place: **Yellow**



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Above: Catwoman is the villain trying to build a castle on the wetlands of Camp Centerland! Will the campers stop her by competing in Color War?

Left: Jewish Federation and JCC employee Dan Cohen helped us lead Shabbat on Friday, and told us a wonderful story to put us in the mood for Friday's Color War! Thank you Dan!

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Some 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!!!



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The spirit of competition can be felt everywhere around camp this week. From the spectacular "break" of Maccabiah (color war) with the captains flying down from the top of the zip line, to cheers being shouted at the top of little lungs, to the quietest "silent" lunch you have never heard, I have been overwhelmed by the level of enthusiasm by our staff and campers. Camp is a unique place to practice healthy competition. Competition and the desire to earn points and be a contributing team member can motivate children to go just beyond

his/her comfort level and try and accomplish something for the first time. It is a time to be part of something bigger; sacrificing what might be good for the individual for the good of the team. And so many lessons are learned on good sportsmanship. Everyone at camp will win or lose with his/her team, never alone.

Camp is a safe place to explore interests and test new skills as well as meet campers of all ages and really bond. Maccabiah week is always special and memorable (just ask any counselor who went to camp). We hope we created some new memories for your camper.

EVERYONE REALLY GOT INTO THE SPIRIT WITH THEIR TEAM COLORS!



Left: One of each of the 1st place and 4th place captains shake hands in a show of good sportsmanship

WEEKLY CALENDAR LOOKING AHEAD TO WEEK 6!

- Week 6 Theme is "Tikvah v Chalom" Hopes and Dreams
- Tuesday, July 30th—Discovery Camp—Field Trip—Adventure Landing
- Tuesday, July 30th—Jr. Discovery Overnight
- Wednesday, July 31st—Wear your Camp T-Shirt Day
- Thursday, August 1st—Discovery Camp—Field Trip—Heritage School
- Thursday, August 1st—Senior Camp Overnight (yellow, lt. green, & green)
- Friday, August 2nd—Wear your pajamas to camp day!



COLOR WAR EVENTS!



Top: How exactly do you toss a balloon? The judge showed us a not-yet popped one.



Left: The Discovery Campers played life-sized scrabble



Right: Senior Camp played the best sock game Centerland has ever seen!



All the teams made banners to support and earn points for their teams!



The Blue Team Plaque will be proudly displayed for all to see for years to come!



Sofia does the bear-crawl to earn points for the Yellow team

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SWIM STROKES FROM THE SWIM FOLKS

The Color War is nigh. Red vs. Yellow, Blue, vs. Green, and everything in between. The competition is heating up and even the pool isn't cooling it down. On Thursday we had our preliminary competitions. Our campers went head-to-head with a clothing relay and pick-a-penny. All Discovery Campers swam the length of the pool wearing t-shirts, sweatpants, and sunglasses and then scoured the bottom of the pool for 500 pennies. Our Senior Campers raced the width of the pool wearing a t-shirt and sunglasses followed by a successful (and very crowded) quest for pennies in the shallow end of the pool. The Junior Campers flew across the width of the stair area sporting hats and sunglasses and then went into a penny-finding frenzy on the stairs. The winning team earned 200 points toward their team's final score with a bonus of 20 points for being the fastest team to change back into their clothes. The victors were as follows:

Discovery Camp:

Clothes Relay—**Blue** Team

Pick-a-Penny—**Yellow** Team

Changing—**Green** Team

Senior Camp:

Clothes Relay—**Red** Team

Pick-a-Penny—**Yellow** Team

Changing—**Green** Team

Junior Camp:

Clothes Relay—**Green** Team

Pick-a-Penny—**Green** Team

Changing—**Green** Team

Friday's Camp-Wide Apache Relay was just as riveting. Two brave Junior Campers bobbed and submerged themselves 5 times before tagging their next teammate. As the last Junior Camper completed their task, the two valiant Senior Campers, one followed by another, raced down the length of the pool, balancing their need for speed with maintaining a hold on their pool noodle. Once both swam, the Senior Campers tagged off the Discovery Campers, who showing off their recently-learned junior lifeguarding skills, leapt into the pool with a stride or compact jump and sped down to the other side of the pool to tag their next teammate to begin their swim. As the last Discovery Camper neared the end, a courageous counselor, quicker and more determined than all the rest, proudly represented their team and finished the race. The air was charged, the race was long, and all teams were mighty, but one team emerged as the Water Apache Relay Victors—the **Green Team**, for 400 points! The race was hard won because they were very closely followed by the Blue, Yellow, and Red Teams, each earning 300, 200, and 100 points for their teams respectively. Congrats to all of our campers on all of our teams on putting forth a great effort with some great feats of swimming skill! We will catch everyone next week for an exciting Week 6!



WHAT'S GOING ON AT COUNTDOWN WITH KAREN & LAURA?

Friendship—Week 4: This week we focused on being a good friend through our ocean unit! We discussed how fun it is that we are all different, just like the animals in the ocean are different. The campers shared a special fact about themselves such their favorite animal, hobby or food! We discussed how using nice words, sharing and taking turns are all great ways to be a good friend.

Some activities to further this behavior at home would include:

Friendship recipes: In this activity, kids would write down recipes for "how to make a friend", "what makes a good friend", or "how to keep a friend".

The Five Senses—Week 5: This week we focused on the five senses. We made Mr. Potato Head and also made texture sticks using all different types of textures. Each camper had to count the number of items to put on the matching sticks.

Karen and Laura have also been leading discussions with a variety of groups during lunch. The topics include respect, anti-bullying, and self-esteem.

