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IF IT'S ENTERTAINMENT YOU SEEK, READ HERE ABOUT THE FIFTH WEEK

The Fifth Week of the summer at Camp Centerland started out with a bang... or maybe it was more of a boom... with thunder and lightning beginning right as our morning flag-pole ceremonies came to an end. Campers spent their morning with their groups underneath shelter, playing games, making crafts, and enjoying a relaxed morning with friends as we waited for the rain to pass us by. Fortunately, we were able to get out exploring the grounds

by the time lunch was over, the sun came back and even the pools were able to open up for a little bit of free swim before the day came to an end.

Wednesday was our first ever Bring Your Family



Campers Play a Mega Soccer Game with 6 Goals during Shabbat on Friday

to Camp Day. We had a great turn out as parents, siblings, grandparents, and other relatives came to spend the afternoon with the Centerlanders and experience a true camp day. Families were able to swim, take a walk to the Dairy Bar, try out the zip line, and participate in all the regular mod activities with the groups. The campers just loved being able to show off their favorite places at our beautiful Camp!

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Visit our website at www.campcenterland.org. You can also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!
- ☺ Order candid Camp photos at izonproductions.com. Password: camp2011
- ☺ Label EVERYTHING!
- ☺ Campers must wear sneakers to camp.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

As we pass the half way point of the summer, it is a good time to reflect on a major challenge we face in this community. We share bus rides, activities, overnights, field trips, lunches, and long days together, and sometimes it can be difficult to get along with everyone all the time.

We train our staff to recognize signs of bullying, but experts agree it is also im-

portant to teach children and adults what bullying is not. "Bullying is recurring and deliberate abuse of power ... It is not easy for kids (and grownups sometimes too) to understand the difference between deliberate acts and accidentals ones, so the perception of an act of conflict, done without intention to harm, can easily become a bigger conflict."

As unpleasant as it may be, there are some incidents that are NOT considered bullying including:

1. Everyone is not going to like everyone else. "Verbal and non-verbal messages of this are not acts of bullying."
2. Accidentally bumping into someone. This happens often at camp as we change, swim, and play sports all day long.
3. Making other kids play things a certain way or being "bossy". Kids wanting things done his/her way is very natural, but we can try and teach kids that flexibility.
4. Expression of unpleasant thoughts or feelings regarding others can be hurtful but is a natural way to communicate thoughts and feelings.
5. "Isolated acts of harass-

ment, aggressive behavior, intimidation or meanness. The definition of bullying states there is a repetition of the behavior. Therefore, anything that happens once or twice is not an act of bullying." This last point is really important when talking to kids about incidents and whether they are happening more than once.

Camp Centerland is a very special place where campers should feel safe, cared for, and encouraged to be the best person possible. We continue to keep that our goal...for Centerland to be "the best place to be a kid".

COUNSELOR ENCOUNTERS WITH LIZ

Meet Sam

Hometown: Williamsville, NY
Position: Negev
Years at Camp: 3rd
Place You'd Like to Travel: Italy
Favorite Movie: The Breakfast Club
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Elastic Girl
Favorite Midnight Snack: Whipped Cream from the Can
Form Your Spirit Animal Would Take: Cheetah
Favorite Ice Cream : Cookie Dough

Meet Victoria

Hometown: Madrid, Spain
Position: Negev
Years at Camp: 1st
Place You'd Like to Travel: Vietnam
Favorite Color: Blue
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Teleportation
Favorite Midnight Snack: Oreos with Peanut Butter
Form Your Spirit Animal Would Take: Fish
Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chocolate Chip

Meet Aaron R.

Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Position: Yehuda
Years at Camp: 2nd
Place You'd Like to Travel: India
Favorite Movie: Star Trek
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Flying
Favorite Midnight Snack: Pizza Bagel
Form Your Spirit Animal Would Take: Triceratops
Favorite Ice Cream: Cherry Garcia

Meet Zach

Hometown: Buffalo, NY
Position: Yehuda
Years at Camp: 1st
Place You'd Like to Travel: Israel
Favorite Movie: Toy Story 3
Superhero Power You'd Like to Have: Flying
Favorite Midnight Snack: Brownies
Form Your Spirit Animal Would Take: Lion
Favorite Ice Cream: Cookie Dough

Correction:
Week 3, there was a misspelling in the Counselor Encounters. The correct spelling is "Rachael".

Pictured From left: Zach, Aaron, Victoria, and Sam



Nurse Doug's Tip of the Week

Food allergies may be more common than we realize. Studies show around 6 million children are currently affected with food allergies. For more information, visit www.foodallergy.org

DID YOU KNOW...

Camp Centerland plays host to a number of other youth organizations that are looking for an overnight camping experience. This summer, our Camp will be hosting visitors from the Syracuse JCC, the Cleveland JCC, and the Erie County Sheriff's Group.

One of the most fun parts of these visitors stays are that we get to explore other areas of camp in new and unusual ways. For example, our overnights might be moved to a different area of camp, so campers get to see an area of camp in a completely new light... that is to say, moonlight!

Also, we might switch the night of the overnight from the traditional night of Thursday. The Atid group is one example of this change. Week 8, our Atid campers will stay over on Wednesday night, to enjoy their experience before the next group comes in.

THE LIFEGUARDS PRESENT: THE SWIMMING CORNER

Week 5 was another great week out at camp, though it started with thunderstorms that shut down our fun at the pool for a morning, but the campers got plenty of time with the life-guards at their shelters. As more and more people join the groups, the singing from the locker rooms gets louder and louder, which makes the life-guards happy to let people into the pool. Buddy checks have been getting better and more enthusiastic with each number trying



Yehuda Girls in the Goldman Pool

to be louder than the previous. Wednesday was Family Day, where we saw lots of parents around the pool, but not too many in it. Our honored guest this week was Joel's brother Max who decided that even though it was parents day, he would come too and enjoy the pool. We are seeing lots of progress in everyone's swimming and are watching as campers move up in their groups in instructional

swim. This week we had a special 2-minute treading challenge for Sharon, where if one of the members in the 5 person lesson group could tread for 2 minutes, the whole group would get free swim. The campers decided instead of one person completing it, they would rather have three, with Will, Sarah, and Jonathan all reaching the two minute mark, allowing the rest of their group free swim. Now that we are halfway through the summer, it is crunch time for our campers and we hope to push them hard while improving their swimming, as well as making the pool more and more fun until the last day of camp.

THE PICTURE PLACE



From Left: Atid at Sport, Holland Bus about to Leave, Yehuda Play 4-Square, and Sharon 2 sing along at Shirah

OVERNIGHT EXCITEMENT

Negev has the overnight honor this week, and they're keeping it fun and fantastic with a Beachy theme. Everything about the night was beach inspired, from the treats that looked like a beach, to the surfboard crafts they made, to the musical beach towel games.

Next week we'll have a double-whammy, with Sharon's Pet-Themed

Overnight Schedule 2011

Week 5: Negev

Week 6: Sharon Stay Late

Week 6: Yehuda

Week 7: Discovery

Week 8: Atid (Wednesday)

Stay Late on Tuesday, and then Yehuda's Glow-In-The-Dark theme overnight on Thursday. Should be another great week for playing under the stars!

Negev start the overnight with pool fun!



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LOST AND FOUND

For a complete list of "Lost" Items at Camp, please refer to previous issues of the Chronicle (or give us a call or email!)

Missing

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

All Reported Items have been returned this week!

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

Lost

New This Week

(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)

"My Court, My Game" White Tee (L)

Blue, Oink, Green & Purple Fish Towel

Pink Popsicle Towel

Blue Stripe Towel

"Osh Gosh" Navy Blue Swim Trunks with Red & White Leg Stripes

Green Eagle Hat from the Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Black Plastic Squirt Top Water Bottle

Blue Metal Water Bottle with Palm Tree

White Flip Flops with Pink Straps (6/7)

Blue "Arctic Zone" Lunchbox with Race Car

Blue & Black "Playmate" Lunchbox with shoulder strap

Red & White Hard "MiniMate by Igloo" Small Cooler

THE SPECIALIST SPOT

This year for sports, Geoffrey Hurley is taking over for his second consecutive year. "I was really excited to be back again. I just enjoy the hard work and enthusiasm these campers bring to sports every time they come see me." For Camp Centerland sports, I enjoy competitiveness, but more importantly teach the campers sportspersonship and setting goals.

A lot of the campers that come to sports sometimes have never kicked a soccer ball or thrown a football. However, when they leave at the end of the week, they have gained or

broadened sports skills that they did not have before. These skills could consist of running, throwing, passing, catching, skipping, hopping and jumping.

I feel some of the most favorite games at camp are handball, knockout, four square, gaga and hockey. Along with the traditional games such as basketball and football, I also love to play non-traditional games.

These games consist of teamwork and developing communication skills.

THIS WEEK'S REPORT COMES FROM GEOFF, THE SPORT SPECIALIST



Geoff, the Sport Specialist

I am very happy to be here and teach the campers new skills and sports. I am always entertained and excited to see the campers play the games. It has been a terrific camp year so far and I hope to continue the great times in sports for the rest of the

summer.