

SOMapY Camp



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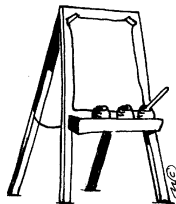
Exclusive Science Fair Recap

SOMapY News continues with a **recap** of last Fridays **Science Fair**. The campers were so eager and excited to present their experiments. The campers did an amazing job and counselors as always stepped up to the plate to help out with the event. **Mr. Fish**, our science specialist, did an excellent job preparing all the experiments for our campers! Thank you!



Campers raced water pebbles using straws as others create goo during our science experiment day.

Art-Ventures Week Activities July 20th – July 24th



This week, the campers have been working very hard on finishing and preparing their works of art, and on **Friday** July 24th they will have the opportunity to show off their work during our Art-Ventures show. Please read the Summer Times next week for an exclusive on how our **Art-Ventures Show** turned out.

Travel for Week 4

On July 21st, the campers went to The **USS Intrepid, Sea, Air, and Space Museum** in NYC. It was a marvelous experience and all the campers had a great time learning about the Intrepid, as well as all the aircraft that were displayed. Most campers were very impressed on how big the ship was. Campers also had a chance to go inside the USS Growler submarine and explore how difficult it is to walk through one, let alone work in one. The newest exhibit there, the Concorde, the world's fastest supersonic passenger airplane was also a big hit.

Since the aircraft carrier is so big, Mr. Fish, our science specialist, posed the question to campers during their science periods "how could such a huge heavy ship possibly float in the water?" All the campers proceeded to learn about water displacement by making aluminum foil boats and seeing how many pennies they could put in the hold of their ship before it sank. Campers from Group 5 actually built a boat that they were able to get 266 pennies in it before it sank! Wow!



Campers pose for a picture while on deck of the Intrepid.

Submarine fun with Group 8 while Group 9 (below) poses in front of a jet inside the Intrepid.



Carnival Week July 26th – July 30th

Next week's theme is dedicated to **Carnival**. Our YMCA will be hosting a 125th Anniversary Camp Carnival celebration on Wednesday, July 28th. All camps will be traveling to the Maplecrest Park where our Teen and Pre-Teen campers will be hosting this carnival as one of their community service projects. Each camper will be going home with a special gift and prizes on this day to ensure that they remember their part in our Y history.

The rain date for the Carnival will be for Friday, July 30th. The Campers and counselors are extremely excited and can't wait to see what the Teens and Pre-Teens campers have planned for us.

Camper Excellence Awards** **Winners- Week 3

Once again, all of our campers did a terrific job all week-long demonstrating our 4 core values making our camp a great place to be. We recognized these 7 campers because of their outstanding leadership of being **Caring, Honest, Respectful, and Responsible.**



Group 1- Declan H.
Group 2- Kye
Group 3- James
Group 4- Leo
Group 5- Tom

Group 6- Jay
Group 7- Declan W.
Group 8- William
Group 9- Catherine

What is Camper Ca\$h?

We feel it is important to help keep our campers focused on good behavior. To do this we are encouraging and rewarding campers who display the four core values of **Caring, Respect, Honesty, and Responsibility** while at camp. Counselors and specialists are giving out Camper Ca\$h dollars to campers to reinforce positive behavior. Each day at lunch time we tally up how each group has done. At the end of our Session II we'll see how much the whole camp has earned. The more Camper Ca\$h earned, the better the prize for the whole camp!



Important Information to Know

Did you know the most common reason that campers come to 1st Aid, after minor cuts and bumps, is to wash sunscreen out of burning eyes? So be careful when applying sunscreen. Be sure to keep it away from their eyes.

To get bus schedule info go to our SOMapY camp page on our website, you will find the camp pick up and drop off bus schedule for Session II. Please read it carefully. In addition, you will find a Daily Reminder Calendar that can easily be posted on your refrigerator to help you remember any special needs for each day.

Also at the SOMapY website, please be sure that you have read your Parent Information Guide prior to your camper's first day of camp. All of your answers to logistical questions about camp are contained in it. However, if you should have a question, give us a call at (973) 762-4145.

We have found that in the past these items listed below from the Parent Information Guide are things most often overlooked. Please make note of them.

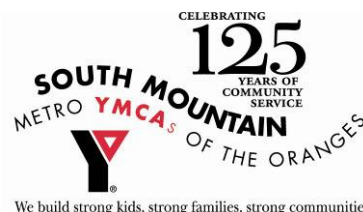
Helpful Reminders!

- **Please label ALL** of your camper's belongings with their full name.
- **Be sure to check your email or camper's backpack each day for possible camp notes.**
- **Do not put medications in your camper's backpacks.** Give medications directly to the bus counselor, morning care supervisor, or camp director. The Permission to Medicate form can be found on our web page.
- Please call (973)762-4145 X110 before **8:30am** for any and all absences.
- Please **do NOT allow** your campers to wear **Sandals or Crocs to camp**- they are potentially dangerous due to the wide variety of terrains at camp.
- Campers **are not allowed** to bring to camp **any electronic toys**, hand held video games, CD players, iPods, and also Yugioh or Pokemon type playing cards.
- **Lost and Found:** "Found" items that have campers' names are usually returned the same day or the next day. All items without a name on them will be looked over by all campers as they walk past the Lost/found items pile after our Morning Round Up. Every Friday, all items not claimed are taken to the Lost and Found box at the Program Center at the YMCA on Jefferson Ave. Additionally, items lost at the JCC pool may be in the JCC Lost and Found. Go to their security desk to check the items in their Lost & Found. We must leave items there with no name on them because we do not want to take an item possibly belonging to a JCC camper.

Summer plans changed?

There is still space available during all 3 weeks of our Session III starting August 9th.

**Thank you for choosing the
South Mountain YMCA
for your Child's Summer Camp experience.
We promise your child will have a safe, fun
and memorable summer!**



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