

SOMapY Camp



Summer Times

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Week one ended with a bang! The campers revealed their group names to us all, and shared friendship bracelets with new friends. As always, the counselors also joined in the fun making it all the more enjoyable!

And now presenting the new groups 1-9:



The Lucky Liberty



The Raging Red Argentinas



The Crazy Yankees



Super Steelers



Jumping Jaguars



The Dizzy Devils



The Silly Celtics



The Dolphin Cavaliers



Lightning Lakers

Wacky Athlete Week Activities July 5th – July 9th

On July 6-8, **Mark Hair, the CEO of 12Comics**, visited us to help us celebrate our Wacky Athlete Week!

The campers were thrilled to see their characters come to life through the special computer program. With Mark's help everyone was able to design their perfect wacky athlete character. On the last day of camp everyone gets their very own comic book with their wacky athlete picture in it. If your camper is not signed up for the last week of camp then they are invited to come to our final camp day party on Friday August 27th in the morning to get it. If they can't make it that day it will be mailed to you.

On Friday the campers are participating in Mr. Kevin's Wacky Sports Events. Check back next week to hear all about it!

Weird Science Week July 12th – July 16th

We are eagerly waiting for our third week of camp for a wonderful weird science week led by Mr. Fish. Mr. Fish has many wonderful science projects planned for our campers. On **Friday July 16th** all the campers get to tour the camp and see a demonstration of what all the other groups were working on.

On July 14, our campers will be taking a trip to **Marine Sciences Consortium Ocean Studies @ Sandy Hook**. www.njmssc.org. Campers will spend a half day exploring the most productive ecosystem on earth - the salt marsh. They will go seining, sieving, shell collecting and hiking in this very special environment. ***Please note that there will be no swimming that day so there is no need to pack a swimsuit.***



SANDY HOOK TRIP REMINDERS:

- **Campers must wear their camp T-shirts** on this day (campers are given their camp T-shirts their first day at camp.)

- **This is a rain or shine trip** so if rain is forecasted then pack a raincoat for your child.
- This is a full day trip so there will be **no swimming this day** so there is no need to pack a swimsuit.
- Pack a regular lunch and drink.
- **Sneakers only.**
- **Bring a plastic bag for shell collection.**
- There is a gift shop there but we're not sure we will have time to visit it. If we can we will so if you want to send your child with a small amount of spending money then that's okay. If you want to check out their merchandise ahead of time you can visit their website listed above.

Camper Excellence Awards Winners- Week 1



Congratulations to:

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| Group 1- Piper | Group 6- Justina |
| Group 2- Penelope | Group 7- Noah |
| Group 3- Aaliyah | Group 8- Jakob |
| Group 4- Justin | Group 9- Lilly |
| Group 5 Jenna | |

New Friends



Important Information to Know

We have been doing many character building activities at camp teaching our campers to live by the four core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We will be recognizing outstanding camper conduct throughout the summer with camper of the week awards in each group.

We will be continuing the week with activities from our anti bullying program "Don't Laugh at Me". It is a program designed to raise children's awareness and teach social skills and compassion when dealing with conflict and diversity.

Other Notes

Please be sure your camper brings a **re-useable water bottle to camp every day**. Re-fills are always available at the camp director's table. Plus this teaches re-cycling.

To get bus schedule info, go to our SOMapY website where you will find the camp pick up and drop off bus schedule for **Session I**. Please read it carefully. In addition, you will find a 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 the items listed in the next column 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 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 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 reviewed by all campers as they are paraded 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 their Lost and Found. Go to their security desk to check there items. This is because if your camper's name is not on the item we do not want to take an item possibly belonging to another JCC user as it is not always possible to distinguish between our campers' and other JCC users' lost items.

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FOR YOUR CAMP NEEDS.
WE PROMISE THAT YOUR
CHILD WILL HAVE A
SAFE, FUN &
MEMORABLE SUMMER!!



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