

# SOMapY Camp



## Summer Times

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Hello everyone and welcome back to another edition of SOMapY Summer Times news. Session one went by so quickly and both campers and counselors are having a blast. Last Friday the campers and staff participated in Mr. Kevin's Wacky Sports Day and not even the rain could stop the fun.

### Weird Science Week Activities July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>

This week, the campers worked very hard on their wacky weird science experiments in preparation for Friday's big show where each group will show off their experiment to the rest of the camp groups. So we will be sure to give you the highlights in next week's newsletter.

### Travel Week 3

On July 14, the campers took a trip to the **Marine Sciences Consortium Ocean Studies program @ Sandy Hook, NJ**. The campers had a great time seining with nets and caught all kinds of little shrimp, crabs, and jellies. One group was even fortunate enough to catch a big horseshoe crab that they were all proud to show to the rest of the camp (of course all things caught were released back to the sea). The Consortium guides did a wonderful job explaining to the campers all the secrets of the salt marsh that they explored. The counselors were amazing at helping out in the water and keeping safety in mind at all times.



### Art-Ventures Week July 17<sup>th</sup>-July 23<sup>rd</sup>

The campers have been working very hard with Ms. B on their art projects and next week they will be able to celebrate all their work by displaying it for all the other campers to see, as well as friends and family. The Art-Ventures show will be taking place on **Friday July 23rd from 12pm to 12:35**. Come one come all to experience this wonderful time with all of our young artists. Bring your cameras. Parents and campers will take home any of their projects that are completed by that day.

### Travel Week 4

On Wednesday **July 21<sup>st</sup>**, the camp will be visiting **The USS Intrepid, Sea, Air, and Space Museum** in NYC.



#### TRIP REMINDERS:

1. **Campers must wear their camp T-shirts on this day. Campers have already been given their camp T-shirts on their first day at camp.**
2. **There will be no swimming that day so no need to pack a swim suit and towel.**
3. **Be sure to pack a regular lunch and drink. We will eat on the ship at their below deck picnic tables.**
4. **If we have enough time we will visit the ship gift shop so a small amount of spending money will be allowed.**
5. **We will be departing Maplecrest Park at 9:00am rain or shine and returning from the city at the regular drop off times at the end of the day. As always traffic delays are frequent coming from the city. If the bus is delayed more than 15 minutes you can call the Y office to see if a delay has been reported.**

## \*Camper Excellence Awards Winners- Week 2\*

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.**



### **Congratulations to:**

Group 1- Emmy	Group 6- Kurt
Group 2- Holden	Group 7- Tyanna
Group 3- Isheunesu	Group 8- Brianna
Group 4- Brian	Group 9- Benjamin
Group 5- Jordan	

## \*Heroes of Week 1 & 2\*

**We have great counselors being super role models for our campers. For our first two weeks we recognized 2 of our great Heroes: Miss Amanda and Miss Stephanie You get the Way to Go award!**

### **Important Information to Know**

Next week for week 4 a great camp tradition returns: CAMPER CA\$H! Read all about it next week or ask your camper on Monday.

Did you know the most common reason, after minor cuts and bumps, that campers come to 1<sup>st</sup> Aid 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 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 the JCC Lost and Found. Go to their security desk to check the items in their Lost & Found. We must leave items with no name on them at their Lost & Found because we do not want to take an item possibly belonging to a JCC camper.

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FOR CHOOSING THE  
SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA  
FOR YOUR CAMP NEEDS.**

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CHILD WILL HAVE A SAFE, FUN  
& MEMORABLE SUMMER! !**



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