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# SOMapY Camp



## Summer Times

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We hope you all enjoyed your 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend as much as our campers and counselors are enjoying camp!!

### WEEK 1-Recap

The campers revealed their Movie Magic themed group names to us all, and shared their friendship bracelets with new friends.



**Fantastic Furious 5**



**Super 6 Strikes Back**



**The Racing Potter Kids**



**The Kung Fu Kids**



**The Mighty Minions**



**SOMapY Lightyears**



**Night Fury's**



**The Wizardly Shreks**



**The Jumping Lion Kings**



**Camper In Black**

## Bruce Fagan Returns!



Last Thursday **DJ Bruce Fagan** provided the campers with an array of great music, getting the campers *and* counselors up on their feet and expressing great & loud excitement for our **Camp Spirit Day**.

Speaking of camp spirit, let's congratulate group 3, led by senior counselor **Mr. Lance** and junior counselor **Ms. Victoria**, whose group won SOMapY's first Spirit Trophy of the summer. This award is given every week to the group that demonstrates the most spirit throughout the week. The group gets to proudly display the trophy all week long. Congratulations Wizardly Shreks!

## Campers Excellence Award winners- Week 1



## **WEEK 2** **Star Wars Games** **July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>**

This week, Gecko Kids Traveling Computer Studio visited our camp. The campers were thrilled to use laptops and bring their favorite (or least favorite) celebrity to life using the Crazy Talk or SuperGoo animation programs!! They created their own movie clip with music and added a dramatic twist to their clip.

In a couple of weeks, they will be able to go to the Gecko Kids website and view their clip. [www.geckokids.com](http://www.geckokids.com). We'll let you know when it's ready.

\*Other activities in camp this week have focused on our Star Wars movie theme. Updates on Friday's Mr. Shaun's Star Wars Activities will be posted in next week's newsletter\*

## **WEEK 3** **The Perfect Game: Sports Challenge** **July 11<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>**

On **July 13**, our campers have an exciting day and will be taking in a professional women's basketball game with a trip to **"The Rock"** in Newark for a **NY Liberty** Basketball Experience. After the game the kids will be up and jumping around as they will participate in the physical fitness activity "Leaps and Bounds" (time permitting).



### **TRIP REMINDERS:**

1. **Campers must wear their Camp T-shirts on this day** (campers are given their camp T-shirts their first day at camp. Be sure to check at the end of that day that they got it)
2. **This is a rain or shine trip so if rain is in the forecast please pack a raincoat for your child.**
3. **This is a full day trip so there will be no swimming this day so there is no need to pack a swimsuit.**
4. **Pack a regular lunch and drink.**

**Week 3's other special days:** On Tuesday **July 12<sup>th</sup>** the camp will have a **wear "your favorite team's hat" day**, and on Thursday **July 14<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a **wear your favorite Sport Jersey/Shirt Day** – so be sure your camper wears those items on those days.

**To conclude Week 3**, on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Sports Specialist Coach Fred will lead our camp in an exciting **"The Perfect Game"** Sports Challenge event.

## Helpful Reminders!

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

- **Please label ALL** of your camper's belongings that are brought to camp with their full name.
- **Lost and Found:** Found items with names labeled on them, are usually returned the same day or the next day. We see a great many lost personal items with no name on them.

FYI, After Morning Round Up we have all the campers walk past the found items display to look to see if something there belongs to them.

Every Friday, all items that are 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 box. 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 camper.

- **Bathing caps** or tied back hair is required at the JCC pool for campers whose hair is below their shoulders.
- **Do not put medications** in your camper's backpacks. Give all medications directly to the bus counselor or camp director.
- **Be sure to check your email or camper's backpack each day** for camp notes or Ouch Reports.
- **If your child will be absent from camp**, please be sure to call the camp office prior to 8:30AM. Call 973-762-4145 X110 to report the absence.

- **Please do not allow campers to wear sandals.** They are potentially dangerous due to the wide variety of terrains at camp.

- **Campers are not allowed to bring electronic devices** (i.e. cell phones, iPods, Game Boys, etc.) to camp and any Yugioh or Pokemon type playing cards.

- Please be sure to keep our office informed if any of your contact information changes over the summer. This also includes changes to persons authorized to pick up and medication changes.



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