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SOMapY Camp



Summer Times

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Session II Comes to an End

Hard to believe that there are only three weeks left of camp. It has been an amazing two sessions and we are all looking forward to the excitement that is still left to come!

Our campers have been having great fun this week with the Science of Megamind theme. On Wednesday August 3rd, the campers had a great time at the NY Aquarium and visited many sea creatures and watched a sea lion perform for the crowd.



Camper Excellence Award Winners - Week 5



Mr. Fish's Science Day highlights to come in next weeks newsletter. Stay Tuned!

Here is a quick overview of what's coming up in Session 3.

Wizardry of Harry Potter Week August 8th – August 12th

Next Week is dedicated to the Harry Potter Series. Mr. Kevin, our Games Specialist, has an amazing morning planned for all campers and on **Friday, August 12th** when we have our Harry Potter and the Battle of the Houses Games. We would like all campers to wear a T-shirt color that is associated with one of our 4 core values colors and that color has been assigned to one of the 4 houses of Hogwarts. Please have your camper wear this color T-shirt that day:

Groups 1,2,3: House of Gryffindor- **Red**
Groups 4,5,6: House of Slytherin- **Green**
Groups 7,8: House of Hufflepuff- **Yellow**
Groups 9,10: House of Ravenclaw- **Blue**

Phineas and Ferb's Wet, Wild, and Wacky Week August 15th – August 19th

It's that time of year again. Oh yes I said it, it's time to bring out the wild and wackiness. Ms. B has been waiting all summer for this week and on **Friday Aug 19th** campers will play wacky and silly games all day as well as watch their counselors compete for the title of most spirited group as well as best team cooperation.

Movie Mania Week Aug 22nd – Aug 26th

This week, our final week of the summer, is dedicated to Entertainment as well as saying our goodbyes. While it might be a sad time, it is also a very exciting time because the campers are so eager to perform for family and friends. The campers have been working extremely hard with Coach Love and their counselors to make this a unforgettable day. **Our entertainment show will be on Wed August 24th.** Time will be announced in next week's letter. We ask for all family and friends to come by for the show.

Friday Aug 26th, our last day of camp is filled with wonderful activities as well.

The campers will participate in our annual capture the flag game, and enjoy a dance party with their friends. Feel free to come down to the park in the afternoon to say your goodbyes, as well as pick up any art work that was left behind.

Travel Spotlight

On **August 8th** or **August 10th,** our campers will be visiting the **Essex Environmental Center** in Roseland. Please note that this is a ½ day trip and that ½ our camp will be going on the 8th and the other ½ on the 10th.

On August 8th our campers in groups 1-5 will participate in the Center's Sensory Survival program. On August 10th groups 6-10 will participate in their Uncover & Discover program.

You can check out the program details on www.essexcountynj.org. Click on Departments, then click on Parks, and then on Environmental Center. Since this is a morning ½ day trip there **will be regular swimming** in the afternoon. Camp groups not going will remain at the park for regular camp day activities.

TRIP REMINDERS:

- 1. Campers must wear their Camp T-shirts on all trip days** (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 forecasted then pack raingear for your child.**
- 3. This is a 1/2 day trip so there will be swimming this day so pack a swimsuit and towel.**
- 4. Pack a regular lunch and drink.**

The additional highlights for Session 3 include: More details to follow...

- **Wed, Aug 17th,** the camp will be visited by the **Dinosaur's Rock Camp Enrichment Program.**

- **Wed, Aug 24th,** the campers will be performing in Coach Love's **Movie Mania Show.**

- **Thurs, Aug 25th,** the campers will be going to **7 Presidents Park** for a swim trip.

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

We did it! Campers earned over 7000 Camper Ca\$h dollars by being extra Caring, Honest, Respectful, and Responsible during Session 2 and earned a special pizza day treat on Friday the 5th.

During session III they will be participating in our Camp Values Baseball game and every day they are going to try to hit a home run by living by our 4 core values. They need to be careful though and not strike out by being uncaring, disrespectful, dishonest, or irresponsible. Special treats are in store for the campers on the last day of camp if they hit lots of home runs.

Did You Know??:

- Our Camp Staff returns 20-30 lost camper items a day? That's because those items have camper names on them. Are all your camper's things labeled?

- Please be sure your camper eats a good breakfast each morning! Too often those campers will little to no energy have had no breakfast!

Important Information to Know

The Session 3 Bus Stop times are NOW posted on the SOMapY Webpage. Please read it carefully. You will also find a calendar with reminders specific to each day. More details are always found here in the newsletters.

Also on the SOMapY web page you will find these Newsletters, Event/Theme schedules, Authorization to Medicate and Alternate Pick-Up forms. Directions to Maplecrest Park, our Rainy Day Site at Marshall Elementary and the pool at the JCC are also found on the website. Please be sure that you have read your Welcome to SOMapY Camp letter and the Parent Information Guide prior to the first day of camp. Share with your camper important details. **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.

Helpful Reminders!

- **Please label** ALL of your camper's belongings with their full name.
- **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** to report any and all absences. Leave a voice mail. **When you hear the recording – just press ext 110.**
- Be sure to check your email or camper's backpack each day for possible camp notes.
- 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.
- 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.

We are looking forward to seeing you at camp this summer!



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