

CAMP YOMAWHA NEWSLETTER July 9, 2010



Catch Up on What is Happening at Camp Yomawha!
Week 2 Summer 2010

Announcements, Announcements, Announcements!

Letter from the leadership team: Shara, Asa, Nico and Laura
Camp this week was great! We had so many awesome field trips and our late nights were a great success! Time Traveling Week relays were a great success as well! Please remember that we still have space for the second half of camp. If you are interested in registering for these dates, please complete the form and send it in as soon as you possible. We would love to have more campers join us for the second half of the summer from July 26th until the end of camp!



What's happening next week?

Next week is Y Pride Week and we begin session 2 of camp!

Tuesday, July 13th the Tweens and Adventurers are headed out to Ring Homestead Ropes Course for the day. Please remember to wear your camp shirts!

Wednesday, July 14th we have Parent Visiting Day. Please send your child to camp as usual on your bus routes. Parents all take a bus from the Y to camp. The bus will be leaving from the Y at 9:15 am. Please try to arrive at 9 am to get us off to a good start! Please remember that you will be returning back by 2 pm. We will provide a light snack, but please bring your lunch if you would like to eat with your kids! Wednesday will also be Y Spirit Crazy Hat Day! Show your Y Spirit and decorate your hats!

Thursday, July 15th the Explorers are going to a Liberty Basketball Game! Please remember to wear your camp shirts!

Friday is our Fun Friday Y Pride Show! We look forward to seeing our kids on stage performing about why they love the Y!



Camp Happenings

What is happening with the Juniors led by Laura?

Team England

Counselors: Oscar and Kiara CIT: Nathaniel

The kids learned how to be patient with each other. The group also learned how to have more confidence with themselves in games and sports. Everyone is getting along with everyone else and is listening and paying attention to what the counselors say. We are a great team!

QUOTE: "Camp is always a celebration, it's fun." - Joseph

Team France

Counselors: Juliani and Samaris

Team France has been improving in swimming. We have gone up the rock wall and we are starting to become a closer group. We had a great time at the New York Hall of Science!

QUOTE: "My favorite thing to do is go swimming under water!" - Sundar

Team Italy

Counselors: Sean and Marla

This week Italy's mission was simple "STAY COOL!!" We had lots of fun in the pool and sang our hearts out on Fun Friday. We look forward to a lot more fun, and a cool front!

QUOTE: "It's been 400 degrees!" -Rose

Team Portugal

Counselors: Ramon and Beth CIT: Lilly

This week we got to climb the Rock Wall and make butterflies in Arts and Crafts with Jude. We learned how to play "cat and mouse" and played some 'ukelele for club. We also went fishing in Nature and caught two tadpoles. We cooled off from the heat by playing Drip, Drip, Drop, which is a form of Duck, Duck, Goose, but with water! We had a lot of fun, and we always look forward for swimming.

QUOTE: " I liked playing "cat and mouse" and playing in the pool." - Elias



Team Greece Counselors: Ramon B., Emilia, and Ashley
What our group has done during the past week allowing themselves to be more comfortable with each other and participating in activities. They love playing Duck, Duck, Goose because of the hot weather. Our group has been taking notice of daily procedures and know to prepare for the transitions and listen to their counselors.
QUOTE: "Camp is Awesome!" -Spencer

Team Spain Counselors: Riquelmy and Ryan
This week was Time Travel Week. We made up our own cheer about our team name and we climbed our new and improved Rock Wall. We learned exciting new things at our trip to the NY Hall of Science.
QUOTE: "I wish I had a Rock Wall to get from my room to my living room."- Mabel



Team Denmark Counselors: Kyle and Tony CIT: Brianna
This week Denmark learned how to play the 'ukelele and are all making progress during swim time. As for the group as a whole, they are getting along really well.
QUOTE: "My favorite thing about camp is swimming because it's really fun." -Naomi

Team Switzerland Counselors: Beata and Luis CIT: Lori
This week Switzerland was able to enjoy the three periods of free swim because of the hot weather. We went fishing in the lake and had a great time. We even put on our best dancing shoes while singing along to "Annie". The kids are having a great time and we hope the sun stays out.
QUOTE: "I love playing with my friends in the pool." - Abigail and Uysal

What is happening in Explorers led by Nico?

Team Honduras Counselors: Rachel and Spencer
The highlight of the week was our trip to Liberty Science Center. The children loved it! Walking on the construction worker beam was their favorite. It was a great week at camp overall and the late night and dinner was the best!
QUOTE: "The beam was nerve wracking"- David

Team Chile Counselors: Carlos and Kisly
Everyone wanted to be in the pool. They also love Ga-Ga and are looking forward to having more time in the pit. We all had a great time on the late night! The food was really yummy!
QUOTE: "I want swimming every period!" -Santana and Andre

Team Argentina Counselors: Marge and Eddie
Argentina had a great time at the Liberty Science Center— especially because it was air conditioned! This was also the first week we had Ga-Ga and it was the best! Congratulations to Gus, the Ga-Ga champion of the day!
QUOTE: "You have got to be pulling my guts!" -Grayson



Team Paraguay Counselors: Elizabeth and Jason
Animals, skyscrapers, obstacle courses, a few of the many things the Liberty Science Center has to offer. This was our first trip and as its key word is science, which is a school subject. School was not a part of this trip because this kids had a lot of fun. This was fun and exciting in many ways to learn together and as a group we learned more about each other!
QUOTE: "The pool was cold last week, but this week it is so good and delicious!" -Cesar

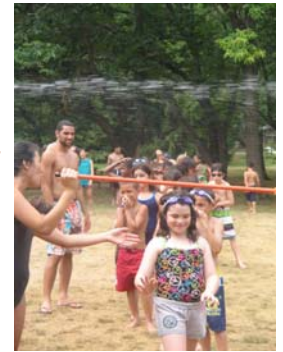
Team Brazil Counselors: Glen and Annie
We went on an awesome trip to the Liberty Science Center and did a lot of great hands on activities. The late night we great since we had three swims in one day. At camp last week our group won the most awards too!
QUOTE: "I love swimming. It makes me happy and can save your life." -Adonis

Team Mexico Counselors: Jose and Q
 We went to our first trip together as a group and it was a blast! We also went to the stream for the first time in Nature this week with Monica. Max caught a crawfish at the stream and it was sad because we had to put it back.
QUOTE: "Write that it was air conditioned!" - Rachel, when referring to the trip to Liberty Science Center



What is happening in Adventurers with Asa?

Team Cameroon Counselors: Rawle, Leany and Jovinsky
 The overnight was so much fun! We roasted marshmallows in the hideouts which was great! We learned how to start a fire and told some fun stories as we roasted marshmallows. We worked well together throughout the week and everyone is getting along. We have come together as one big family.
QUOTE: "Everyone in Cameroon is special in their own way." -Lorena



Team Nigeria Counselors: Yaw and Mariely
 This was a very hot week at camp! On Tuesday and Thursday we got extra free swims which was great to beat the heat. On the overnight, Julia and Nina were helpful with the campfire and Ian was a good storyteller!
QUOTE: "I can't wait to spend the overnight with group mates at camp!" - Stephanie

Team Algeria Counselors: Eddyner and Abigail
 This past week our group learned a new dance called "The hoe down throw down" by Miley Cyrus. We played kickball and basketball and softball. We also went down to the creek for Nature to go fishing. During the late night and overnight we got to learn how to make a fire in the hideouts!
QUOTE: "HIII!" -Jamie



Team Ghana Counselors: Mickey and Sam
 Our group did many activities, they enjoyed hiking, rock climbing, and swimming at Surprise Lake Camp. They also enjoyed playing ga-ga and basketball. We loved their breakfast, lunch and dinner! We had a great time at Surprise Lake Camp!
QUOTE: " I liked having a water balloon fight with the guys and I was with the CIT's" - Brent

Team South Africa Counselors: Jenn, Shakira and Stephanie
 Through heat and sweat the South African girls completed three extensive uphill hikes, The girls expressed their inner fashionistas by designing backpacks at arts and crafts and enjoyed the lakeside sunset fire and smores. **QUOTE:** " I really enjoyed watching the sunset from the top of the mountain" - Noelia

CIT's and Supervisor: Tatyana
 This week was an extremely fun week. After a week of being with their groups, the CIT's got a break from them and joined the tweens in their overnight for two nights. We had a blast! We hikes a lot, played sports, arts and crafts, climbed the "tower" rock wall and a whole lot more. We got to hang out as a group and closer as a group. We missed Liliana and Hi to them.

QUOTE: "Who's your bar-Luis



became Nora. Big ber?" -

Update from our Specialists:

Art with Jude

This week in Arts and Crafts campers explored their inner creativity with free drawing sessions. Some of the fantastic images created were but not limited to super sonic jets, majestic landscapes, treasure maps, beautiful botanical displays and self portraits. Campers also used craft sticks and construction paper to create one of the largest most beautiful butterfly swarms Camp Yomawha has seen in years!

Nature with Monica

This week at the Garden we saw our eggplants and tomatoes start to sprout. Groups have been really helpful in Club watering the vegetables and adding more plants to our flourishing vegetable garden. The cucumber flowers are blooming and we are looking forward to seeing them grow! Down at the stream, we have been getting our feet wet and cup fishing. Many groups have caught crawfish!

Theater and Movement with Sarah

In honor of "Time Travel Week," Theater/ Movement kids learned about capoeira culture and history through simple songs in Portuguese. We sang about the tides in the song, "*Maré*," and talked about the African influence in Brazilian culture and capoeira with the song, "*Tim tim tim aruandê*." Groups also played a variety of improv games, like "statues" and "*ce n'est pas une pipe*," in which (like Charades) participants act out new identities and uses for existing objects.

Dance with Tina

This week we learned the "Hoedown Throw Down" which is line dancing mixed with Hip Hop. We also did the "Time Warp" in honor of time travel week from the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Our musicals for the week were "Annie" and "Bye Bye Birdie". Noelia from South Africa told me, "I started taking dance lessons because of the dance you taught us in camp!"

Sports with Dave and Katie

Since this week was so hot at camp, we tried to stay cool! In Upper Sports we played jump rope, double dutch and duck, duck, splash in the shade. In Lower Sports, we played water relays and Honduras got soaked the most! We had a special visit from Rodger from the Y and we were started using our batting machines for softball too! We are learning to hit better at camp and played softball during the late night.

Low Ropes with Angela

In the new challenge for this week campers went "island hopping". Groups had to get from a starting island to the next island to the last rescue/pick up island with only two boards to make bridges. The islands are "surrounded by toxic waste and other gooey things." The groups worked really well together to accomplish these goals!

High Ropes and Rock Wall with Richard, Kate, and Carlos

This week at the high ropes every group was able to climb. We had the giant net set up in the beginning of the week and the second half of the week we worked on the vertical playground for the first time ever! Campers made it up the playground with no fear and great teamwork. They are starting to look like experts already!



'Ukelele Music with Jason, The 'Uke Dude

The 'ukulele music class had another great week! (And thankfully, the trees gave us a little bit of shade!) The younger campers were busy working on keeping time while strumming and singing their favorite songs. And the older campers were making their way through chord progressions and seeing how songs are put together. There are some great musicians at camp this summer--and it's a blast to be able to share the experience of music with them! Strum On!

Jewish Culture with Cyndi

We has another great week at camp! This week's focus was the message of the Jewish holiday of Purim and the importance of being a good, caring and sincere friend/family member. We learned about the custom of 'mishloach manot' and we even made our very own 'hamantaschen'! Thanks to all the counselors for their valiant mixing efforts and a big 'yasher koach' (good job) to Felix and Toby for their very mathematical approach in trying to create the world's largest HAMANTASCHEN! We'll get 'em next year! Shalom, and see you next week for some more delicious Jewish Culture!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SESSION 2! WE WILL MISS OUR CAMPERS THAT ARE NOT JOINING US FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER! PLEASE REMEMBER WE HAVE SPACE FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SUMMER AND SIGN UP TODAY ONLINE!

