

Week of July 7-11th

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the first session is over! Time certainly flies when you're having fun! We're sad to say goodbye to those campers who are leaving us and can't wait to welcome them back next summer!

This past week has been packed full of amazing activities. We had great trips and great chugim (activities) planned by our counselors and specialists. We were amazed by our Wild Card the juggler, Mike V. from the Juggling Institute, and even learned some tricks of the trade. We got to enjoy celebrating the Jewish Holiday of Purim in July (this holiday typically occurs in March). Our campers experienced this amazing holiday by dressing up in costumes, hearing the story of the holiday, enjoying a carnival celebration, and tasting Hamentashens (special cookies for Purim that are shaped as Hamen's hat). Please ask your campers about this great celebration! This week in Sports we were also introduced to the Ach Katan (little brother in Hebrew) of the Yoffie chicken, his name is Gus. We are learning some great Hebrew words at camp and having a great time!

Keep in mind that Monday is the first day of the new session. Please be patient with the pick up line as there will be some parents who need to catch up to speed!!!

Shabbat Shalom,
Malinda Herstig and the Day Camp Staff
Day Camp Director

COMING UP...
Wild Card Wednesday
Lego Lady
Israel Day-please wear blue and white.
Friday, July 18th
All Camp Cookout
No Lunch Needed

Pioneers
Tuesday, July 15th
Hollywood Park
Sports Camp
Thursday, July 17th
Hollywood Park
Voyagers
Thursday July 17th
Hollywood Park
Tweens
Tuesday, July 15th
63rd Street Beach
Thursday, July 17th
Brookfield Zoo

REMINDERS
Please make sure your camper brings a swimsuit everyday to camp including field trip days.

ALSO LABEL ALL CAMP ITEMS!!!!

The only Valuable your camper needs to bring to camp is themselves. NO PHONE, iPods Gaming devices...we are not responsible for lost items.
Post Camp
August 11 – 15
Kindergarten – 6th Grade
Hold on to summer for one more incredible week of fun! JCC Post Camp includes daily swimming, sports, art, music, a field trip and more. Before/after care is available. Please call the camp office for more information.

Pathfinders

This week, the Pathfinder groups had a blast with Purim. All the counselors and campers looked great in their fun costumes and had so much fun at the carnival. We had face painting, a photo shoot station, played Bozo buckets and read fun Purim stories. Friday the campers smiled pretty for the camera so we could get memorable group pictures!

-Melissa Dunigan, Pathfinders Unit Head

Pioneers

Purim week was an excellent week for the Pioneers. We had an amazing field trip to Brookfield Zoo! While we were there we saw monkeys, camels, lions, bears, elephants, and tons of other animals. For Purim Day, we dressed up in our fabulous outfits and enjoyed a fun filled carnival. We had face painting, bozo buckets, photo booth, lollipop tree, goldfish toss, dunk tank, and we listened to Purim stories while eating homotashin cookies. To top this week off we also had an extra half hour of swim time! We can't wait to meet our new four week campers!

-Lauren Brinkely, Pioneer Unit Head

Voyagers

Week four was another fun filled week at camp. We simply cannot find enough time to pack in all the fabulous activities that we have. Purim in July was exciting for the campers. They all looked so cute in their costumes and had a fantastic time at the carnival. There's nothing like a pie eating contest, dunk tank and a masquerade ball to get the kids excited. The Dunes were great and so was the weather! We had a wonderful time with our 4-week campers and will miss them dearly. For those that will be staying, we look forward to an exciting second half.

-Mitch Stein, Voyager Unit Head

Sports Camp

Camp this week was exciting. Sports Camp had a great time with humid day. Our competitive team sports play is peaking right now. All of our campers are trying to do their best to have fun and win "the right way." The field trip this week involved a voyage to the Indiana Dunes. Once we arrived, we ate on the beach, swam in the lake and built sand castles. Everyone had a great time! We will continue to focus on having fun building positive relationships, and role-modeling what it means to compete amongst peers displaying respect, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Have a wonderful weekend. See you all next week!

-Kenyea Beach, Sports Camp Unit Head

Tweens

The Tweens had a fabulous week! On Tuesday our campers were adventurous and rode horses at Forest View Farms! Our overnighter trip at the brand new JCC in Lake Zurich was fantastic. In the new setting the Tweens enjoyed some camp favorites such as swimming, capture the flag, and basketball! Thursday was another fun-filled day at Whirlyball in downtown Chicago! It's been such a great first half of the summer and we're so excited for the second half.

-Jenna Wiza and Gary Ritter, Tweens Unit Heads

Voyagers at the pie eating contest!



Pathfinders showing off their artistic talent!



Check out the photo booth!



Value/Theme of the Week

This week we celebrated Purim in July and stressed the importance of the Jewish Value Gemilut Chasidim-Acts of Loving Kindness. Please ask your camper about the story of Purim that they learned about this week.

Lost & Found

If your camper lost it, let's hope we found it. Check out the lost 'n found by the pool office for your camper's belongings. Those items not claimed this week will be donated to a local shelter.