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4-H CALENDAR

OCTOBER 4-10
NATIONAL 4H
WEEK

OCTOBER 9-11
OUT OF THIS
WORLD SCIENCE
CAMP
(AGES 9-13)

NOVEMBER 14-15
FALL CLOVERBUD
CAMP
(AGES 5-8)

DECEMBER 4-6
WINTER TEEN
WEEKEND

4-H Junior Camp Was Fun For All

Camp News participants highlight various aspects of camp life in several short articles.

Activities

By: Victoria Davis, Ariannah Kubli, Danielle Oldham, and Melina Pescara

There are many activities at camp. One of the activities was the Olympics held Monday evening. Many people at camp enjoyed the Olympics. Campers enjoyed the game Rock-Tree-Bridge. They also thought it was the most difficult. On the other hand, running with three spins was the easiest for the campers.



Over all the campers thoroughly enjoyed the Olympics.

Another activity at camp this week was the Ool Party. Many campers had fun at the Ool Party. They swam, danced, jumped off the diving board, and mingled with friends. The Ool party this year was extremely successful.

The dance at camp this year was on Wednesday. Some people liked the music selection, and some people didn't. Most people that attended the dance enjoyed it. The majority of the campers danced with friends. The dance was a fun event at camp this year.

Since we started writing about this on Thursday afternoon, we weren't able to write about the carnival. But we hope you enjoyed it!



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Cabin Conversation And Life in Lodges

by: Emily Jakob, Maggie North, Erika Powell, & Olivia Walther

This article is about campers' thoughts on cabins and lodges. We asked multiple campers about the conditions of the cabins, including privacy, cleanliness, & comfort.

Privacy: Privacy is very important to campers. Everyone deserves a right to their own privacy. Here is what some of the campers had to say about the privacy in the cabins and lodges.

"There is no privacy in the cabins," most of the campers complain. Being in the cabins, we agree with this complaint. However, some of the campers disagree. Others say, "I think we have enough privacy." Some say we should have changing rooms in the cabins & lodges. Due to the lack of changing rooms, some campers have complained about accidents happening to their clothes. We know most of you readers agree with us. We hope to have changing rooms next year.

Cleanliness: Aside from the privacy of the cabins and lodges, we also asked campers about the cleanliness of them. "The floors are always dirty and disgusting and turn your feet black," quotes some campers. Others think that the cleanliness is acceptable.

Comfort: There are many different opinions on the bunk beds. Some say they are comfy. Others say they are the most uncomfortable beds ever. Some campers complain about their cabin mates, while others say they are quite satisfied with theirs. It was suggested to put a "cabin buddie" on the sign-up sheet, and many of you did this.

No matter what others think, everyone is entitled to their own opinion. We agree that the cabins and lodges should be changed for the better to make them feel more like home.



Free Time Fun

By Madeleine L

For my interviews, I questioned on the topic of Free time.

The thing that popped up the most was the pool. It seems that the pool is the base of free time, EVERYONE I interviewed (which may I point out were only 2 people) said that the pool was there favorite thing to do during Free time. They both

said the thing that they disliked most was the buddy checks and the split times (this group then this group).

Another thing that kept popping up was the camp store. Everyone loves the idea of unlimited snacks, drinks, and little toys. The most popular snacks has been Snickers, vitamin water and pretzels. The most popular toys have been the little water yo-yo and a pack of cards, but I have also seen people with the water bottles.

"I really like the Snickers" my friend says," and I really love the new store set up."

Some people prefer staying in the cabin, eating and chatting about nothing in particular. When they do this, it is manly during free swim, after the store.

Siblings

By: Nina Ahrendt

The reason I picked this topic is because I have a brother at this camp. I wanted to relate to the people that had siblings here. I interviewed two people, and they had very different answers. The first person I interviewed was a girl in my cabin, she disliked the fact that her brother was here. She didn't think that her and her brother were closer in the camp than at home. She said that the good thing about having him here was then they could play with each other at the pool. She's ten and her brother is older than her.

The second person I interviewed was a girl that enjoyed her sibling (her sister) at the camp. She stated that at home they were close but the camp activities brought them closer. The fact that her sister is here makes her feel more comfortable. They are taking Marine Biology as one of their classes. They share that same interest in aquatic animals. This shows that there can be a good side and a bad side of having siblings at the same camp as you.

In my experience of having my brother here has been really fun. He's had 2 years of experience here and I've only had one year. We have Marine Science together and it's great. We were close before, but the camp brought us closer. It's been a great experience here with my brother because he makes me feel comfortable. If he weren't here, I wouldn't have came.



Counselors

By: Althea Allen

My first interview was with Broadway. Many things have changed since she was a camper. Now we have animal tribes, but then they had Indian tribes. Plus having NEW buildings with ceilings and AC. Also counselors have WAY more responsibilities. Having the ability to encourage little campers to put sunscreen on and make sure we have everyone. Some helpful tips for campers are to have fun and drink LOTS of water.



"The longest staff member to work here is me, Broadway. I have been here for 13 years! It took me 8 years to become a counselor, but it was worth it. My most favorite classes as a camper was performing arts and archery. Those were my favorite because I was shy and I could express myself by acting. I liked archery because I LOVED to shoot the bow and hear the sound of if it hitting the target." Everyone has a favorite counselor, so I asked her who her favorite one was when she was a camper. Twinke!!! That was her favorite counselor.

Then I interviewed a teen counselor. Carolyn. A few things have changed since she was a camper. Staff has changed. Dining plans have changed. For instance, instead of having everyone line up and get food at the same time we all sit down and pass food out that is at the table. The number of campers and friends have gone up. "I have more responsibilities now then when I was a camper is that instead of looking after myself I look after campers."

One of the most important tips she gave me was to never be scared just go for it." My favorite class was bath and body. I liked it for the great smells. I tried every year to get that class!" I asked for her favorite counselor. She has no favorite, she loved every counselor.

GUA-GUA

By: Andrew Suggs, Jeff Turner, and Malcolm Tremblay

Gua-gua, Jamestown 4-H center's #1 sport. Here is how you play, first you play in a sand area with a ball. But the ball cannot hit anywhere below your knees, no scooping the ball, no stepping out of pit, no throwing unless it bounces off the wall, and no double touching.

"The Winners' Circle"

Tuesday we interviewed Kamran because he won the newspaper round. He likes Gua-Gua and his favorite part about it is doing the moves and going crazy. It was an exciting match.

Wednesday we interviewed Mathilde because she also won the newspaper round. She first heard about Gua-Gua last year, and she really enjoys hitting people and getting them out. It was a shocking game.

Faces of Camp



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I pledge my heart to greater loyalty,
I pledge my hands to larger service,
I pledge my health to better living,
for my club, my community, my
country, and my world."*



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4-H Philosophy:

"Learn By Doing"

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