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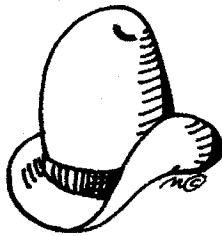
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With Gusto !!

By: Emily Maggio

Everyone had a lot of fun at the all-camp Square Dance social. At lunch and dinner, yoo-hoos could be heard throughout the meal from excited campers and counselors looking for dates. We all dressed up in plaid clothes and headed over to Boys Court to meet our dates. For the social, squares of eight were formed in order to dos-i-do and promenade. The hosts for the night were the legendary Cliff and Senta. We were all overjoyed seeing that the pair was back for another year of fun. They led us in dancing along to some popular tunes such as the Cotton Eyed Joe, YMCA, Cha Cha Slide, and Montego Bay. At the end of the night, there was a special request for Cliff and the Square One band to play the Watitoh favorite "Lay Around the Shack". Despite the heat, everyone had fun promenading the night away and we are already excited for next year!



BRITISH EMPIRE DAY 2011

By: Claire Kivelowitz

British Empire Day this year was really fun! The games started with an opening ceremony in the morning where the captains were introduced. Sam Adessky was the captain for Canada, Emily Poehlein was the captain for Britain, and Arielle Shiri led Australia. Every age group played three sports-soccer, hockey, and basketball. In the afternoon there was also a swim meet and a track meet. In the end, Canada won, but all of the girls on the teams played their hardest.

Pan Am Day 2011

By: Sam Hoch

While the girls competed in British Empire Day, the boys had their Pan Am games. There were three teams fighting against each other in hockey, soccer, football, and basketball-Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Before lunch, the teams made cheers to perform while walking down the Oval for a score update. After a short rest hour, the competition started back up again. At the end of the night, the final score was announced. The score was close, but Chile came out on top. The captains-Alex Parkinson, Sam Willens, and Harry Kohn- did a great job with leading their teams, making cheers, and helping the kids to have fun.

Gladiators

By: La'Nya Johnson

On Wednesday night, most of the girls camp staff dressed up as scary creatures from the dark side to challenge the campers in our annual evening activity Gladiators. The campers were divided into two teams, the Green Laundry Bags and the Blue Islanders, and were led by Rachel Simkovitz and Leticia Montesinos. All of the campers took on the Gladiators in five events, including the Tug-of-Death, a tug-of-war complete with shaving cream, and the pillow sumo wrestling. After an intense night of competition between the two teams and the Gladiators, the Blue Islanders came out victorious.

SPORTS-A-RAMA SWIM MEETS

By: Alison Zarider

A big event for Sports-A-Rama was Sunday's Track Meet. All the Sports-A-Rama teams competed, including the Cornell Boilermakers, the Essex Bombers, the Manchester Lions, and the Ohio State Buckeyes. Cheers could be heard long before the teams even reached the waterfront, and the enthusiasm continued throughout the meet as all of the individual participants were encouraged by their team. All of the campers tried their hardest in all of their events, even though some had multiple races to swim. The final event, the all-camp relay, got everyone up on their feet and cheering for their team to swim to victory. After both the boys' and girls' meets, everyone was satisfied with their performances and are looking forward to next week's Sports-A-Rama event, the track meet.

Hunt the Counselor!

By: Sam Hoch

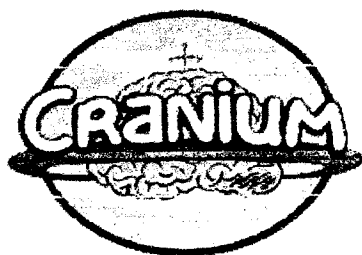
Hunt the Counselor was a fun experience for the boys. The counselors had ten minutes to hide around camp before the campers were allowed to run off in search of them. The goal for the counselors was to get their hat back into the middle of Boys' Court before time ran out. The campers, who went around with their bunks and two waiters, tried to find the counselors and get their hats. All of the hats were worth points, but the points were random, so a counselor could be worth a lot or even negative points. There were some small injuries and some campers had to go deep into the woods to search, but overall everyone had fun. In the end, the bunk of Cherokee won.

Crazy Costumes!

By: Alison Zarider

Costume Social this year was a blasty blast! Everyone worked so hard to come up with and make interesting and creative costumes. For example, there was a juice box, a group of various Aders, the Sesame Street gang, Harajuku girls, and multiple representations of people on camp. We all danced to some of the fun songs of the summer like 'Party Rock Anthem' and 'Hey Baby'. Everyone had fun showing off their

costumes and seeing what ideas everyone else came up with. The night was a great success. We can't wait until next summer's costume social.



By: Maxine Pearlman

This year's Cranium was so much fun. We played the board game Cranium like a live game show. For each round, a boys and a girls bunk of the same age would be called up to compete in four different categories. They would either have to act like a person, unscramble a word puzzle, sculpt a figure, or make sense of different clues. The boys and girls each had a certain piece to move on the board. One piece represented the Bull Pen and one represented the Wigwam. The game became very intense with increased cheering from both sides as the night progressed. The final rounds included the group leaders and all of boys' and girls' staffs. However, in the end, the boys were victorious. Everyone had a good time and looks forward to another year of Cranium in summer 2012.

Pageant

By: La'Nya Johnson

This year's Pageant was a lot of fun! While we were all gathered in the social hall, the hosts Sam and Jacob announced which counselors would be dressing up- Emilia and Josh, Hannah and Mike, Leeor and Sophie, Amanda and Wylie, Celine and Nick, and Lauren and Ethan. Each group of campers had 30 minutes to decide on their celebrity couple and to dress their campers. Everyone returned to the social hall to watch the celebrities strut down the aisle and give a short interview. Some highlights that got campers involved were Hannah and Mike's representation of Jon and Kate plus 8 and Leeor and Sophie as Tinkerbell and Peter Pan. After all the contestants took a final walk, the winners were announced. Celine and Nick came in third as Cliff and Centa, Lauren and Ethan came in second as Bo Peep and Woody, and the overall winners were Leeor and Sophie. Make sure to catch next year's Pageant!

A Chat With Billy

What do you really know about our camp director, William Hoch?

By: Claire Kivelowitz and Sam Hoch

Q: What is your favorite meal?

A: What meal do I most look forward to? That would have to be scrambled eggs with cornbread.

Q: If you could join any hobby, which one would you choose?

A: (no hesitation) Waterskiing

Q: What has been the biggest change you've seen in camp since it first came into your family?

A: I would have to say the addition of the field house was a large change.

Q: What's your favorite place on camp?

A: I really love the area up by the clay tennis courts. And the bridge leading up to the lake courts is a nice spot.

Q: Who do you turn to first for advice?

A: I turn to Sandy and Debbie.

Q: What was your favorite color war and why?

A: I think that'd have to be 1976, with the Green Argonauts. That was the year that the green-pulls-to-victory cheer was invented. Also the break was very cool. The whole summer firecrackers had been heard throughout camp and olympiad broke with a bunch going off in the mess hall while the camp was at evening lineup.

Q: And finally, what's your favorite evening activity?

A: I do love the counselor talent show.

Dear Zarider

Dear Zarider,

This summer has been so amazing. I can't believe all the things I've done and all the friends I've made. But I'm having trouble enjoying the last few weeks because I keep thinking about how soon things will be over and how sad I will be. The summer has really flown by and it's driving me insane! What can I do to make sure I enjoy the end of camp, even if I am sad?

Sincerely,
Sad Susie

Dear Susie,

It's great for me to hear that you've enjoyed your time at camp. I agree that the summer has been fun for all. The last few weeks of camp are a really difficult time for everyone, though, because it's so hard to not think about leaving. It's so important that you cherish every moment you have while you are still here and have as much fun as possible while all your friends are still together. The closing part of camp is truly the best and it would be such a shame for you to miss out on any of the last activities. I would recommend that over the winter months you stay in touch with your friends and try to come back next summer. Because even though nothing will be exactly the same as the summer of 2011, summer of 2012 could be even better!

Good luck,
Zarider

BIRTHDAY BOX!

Past Birthdays:

Casey Greenbaum July 25

Today:

Suzanne Hoch

Upcoming Birthdays:

Billy Hoch July 28
Madison Goodman August 1
Madaleine Rubin August 2