

ACTIVITY NEWSLETTER:

Just what is my child doing at the J all day?!?



DRAMA

Specialist: Jason Golzbein

Act 2: And the plot thickens. Campers had more fun and really let loose in drama this session. They've honed their theatre skills with games like Zip-Zap-Zoom and Stage Directions. Everyone loves Ships and Sailors where they get to pretend to be everything from a one-eyed pirate to a bellowing beached whale. And we all enjoyed making each other laugh and smile in Straight Face and Silent Museum. The Hobby Hour groups worked very hard to put on a fantastic Hobby Hour Show featuring Disney songs from High School Musical, Snow White, and The Lion King. It has been a joy teaching Drama this summer and I wish everyone a great school year!

ART

Specialists: Linda Lane, Robin Clavan and Whisper Blanchard

Our Campers have continued to explore and excel in the second session of the Art Program here at the JCC. We did monochromatic guitar paintings for "Best of Music Week". Campers practiced their drafting skills copying many different types of musical instruments. Campers RUSH into the Art Room shouting "What are we doing today?" They are extremely enthusiastic and ready to begin the creative process! We have a lot of fun! We delve into our projects fearless of the major mess we may be cleaning up later. We hand decorated visors for "Best of Sports Week". We also painted team posters to hold up at our favorite game events. We complete different and interesting projects each day. Our final week of camp will be "Best of Friends Week". We are looking forward to some special projects to support this theme- Joint murals being one of them. It has been our extreme pleasure to work with your children this summer! Our sincere wishes for a wonderful school year ahead and we hope to see you again in 2011!

RUACH

Specialists: Maayan Shayovitz & Noa Karni

Shalom from your Israeli Shlihot! This session started off big for us with the 1st week being "Best of Israel" Week. The campers learned how to make challah and the week concluded with a very special Israeli Day. The campers visited six Israeli cities around camp including Jerusalem with its falafels and Wailing Wall and Tel Aviv where they learned to Israeli dance. We hope you had a chance to see all the decorations we put up around camp to celebrate Israel. In Ruach, the campers went through army training and learned how G-d created Earth. Besides celebrating Shabbat every Friday, this session we celebrated Hebrew Valentine's Day with paper hearts and lot of hugs. We also enjoyed sharing the Israeli Fact of the Day each morning at Flagpole. It has been a pleasure working at this JCC and we hope we can visit again soon!

CHEERLEADING/HIP-HOP

Specialist: Amanda Stein

In Cheerleading and Hip-Hop Hobby Hours, the second session has just flown by! In cheerleading, the Kadima Kitties have been shouting louder and louder, Sabra girls have been "touching down tonight," and our Bonim/Halutzim balls of energy have been jamming! Meanwhile, these fantastic campers have also learned how to dance hip-hop old school style. They had the time of their life cheering and dancing on stage on Thursday at the Hobby Hour show. You've never seen cuter girls jumping around while raising the roof and shake, shake, shaking to Hey Ya by Outkast. Our Bonim/Halutzim girls showcased all kinds of hip-hop moves from back in the day including the Cabbage Patch, Sprinkler, Shopping Cart, and of course, the Running Man. I have had a incredible summer with these girls and hope that they continue to cheer and dance and always HAVE FUN!!!

COOKING

Specialist: Sonny Klein

We started off the Best of Israel Week by making Mini Blinies, Hummus with vegetables for dipping, Noodle Pudding, Chocolate Balls, and Falafel. Our Sports Week was exciting as we baked Pita Chips and had fun making a great Salsa Dip. The Applesauce Cupcakes, Vegetable Quesadillas, Lemon Bars and Fruit Fizz created quite a stir! Monkey Bread was brought back by popular demand to herald in Circus Week. Send in the Clown Faces, toss around the Popcorn Balls, and create your own Healthy Circus Delight Snacks. In addition, we baked Creature Feature Cupcakes, and whipped up some Strawberry Banana Milkshakes. As we said goodbye during our Friendship Week, the campers made an Edible Camera, Applesauce Brownies, Banana Bread, and Fruit Smoothies. We had so much fun! Have a great year!!!

NATURALLY SPEAKING

Specialist: Mother Nature

WEEK 5 Rock On-Gold Mining

We mined for gold and treasure in large tubs filled with sand, "gold" and other treasure! Then we learned about arrowheads and iron pyrite. Some of the groups created Treasure Maps ! Hobby Hour created shark tooth necklaces.

WEEK 6 Birds of a Feather

We learned about birds. We discussed and examined the different types of feathers birds have. Next we investigated different bird nests from Mother Nature's bird nest collection. Hobby Hour dissected owl pellets. We used special hats to create a food chain that included an owl. Some groups created a Woodstork in a wetland. Did you know that you can see the magnificent Woodstork at the Corkscrew Swamp near Naples? It is a must see!

WEEK 7 Under the Sea at the JCC

We learned about how important it is to care for our oceans and the sea life that live there. We discussed the BP Oil Crisis. We learned the names of many beautiful shells. Some bunks created a Rainbow Fish. All the bunks created sea life for our large group bulletin board. Creating an Ocean in a Bottle and a Coastal Crab (made out of different size pasta) in its habitat was fun.

WEEK 8 Trash or Treasure

This week we learned about the 3 R's. Recycle! Reduce! Reuse! We had recycling races down the hall to see if we could sort items into the correct recycling bins. Keep on recycling!

It has been a wonderful summer full of adventure and exploration. Remember that nature is everywhere and we must take care of our planet. I hope to see you next summer!

CERAMICS

Specialist: Sam I Am

Campers are in the process of finishing up their projects so they will be able to take them home by the end of camp. Some campers had the opportunity to create Hamsa necklaces, pencil holders, bowls, trivets, nameplates, flower pots and a variety of creative projects. I'm sure you will proudly display these wonderful ceramics that were made with love. It has been a pleasure working with your camper. See you next summer!