



High Meadows Happenings

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This Week's News 770-993-7975

We had a great first session at camp and we hope you had fun too!
Registration for Summer 2020 will begin in early December.

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- **Last chance Lost-N-Found.** We won't hold on to it much longer! Claim your items at the Community Center under the porch. Items left over are donated to charity.
- Today was **MEDIEVAL DAY!** The last day of first session. We had a parade where Seniors campers picked up younger campers and brought them up to the High Meadow where there were several booths run by Seniors, CITs, and Specialists. After lunch, we gathered again for an All Camp Livestock where the best talents from around camp had their opportunity to shine.



- **Place Highlight:** Our **TIPi** is one of the most iconic symbols of High Meadows Camp. It serves as a focus for Lore classes and is the actual center of the High Meadow. Throughout the summer of 2018, our specialists worked with the campers and counselors from every unit to design and paint our new tipi, which is the eleventh one in our history. This is our Dream Collection Tipi. It is our responsibility to put our dreams out into the world, and this tipi is a place for inspiration and dreams. Inspired in part by the Ojibway (Chippewa) tribe's dream catcher, this is about our dreams moving forward, for ourselves and High Meadows. The Dream Net is the colors of the rainbow which are also the colors of the units at camp.

Ordered from green to blue from the bottom to the top of the tipi to honor the Sioux tradition of representing Mother Earth along the bottom edge of the tipi, Father Sky at the top, and the human world contained between the two boundaries. The Tire Swing Tree is not only the High Meadows logo but also an important symbol of growing toward the light while maintaining our deep roots. The leaf handprints from our High Meadows campers, students, faculty, and staff are a visual representation of the impact each person makes in our community. The Red Tail Hawk represents the ties to the land as well as our reverence and respect for the various Native American tribes whose cultures all share a deep respect and understanding of the natural world. The sword is a symbol of the Arthurian legend influence on High Meadows Camp culture. The sun represents summer; the warmth, light, and life it brings.



- **People Highlight:** OFFICE STAFF. As most of you know, High Meadows operates year-round as a school and camp. While most of our school staff take the summer off, our office staff in the Franklin House are here to attend to administrative needs, and they sometimes like to join in on camp fun. Some of them even have children who are currently campers, CITs, and counselors. Pictured below in the top row (from left to right) are Judi, our Executive Assistant to the Head of School; Peggy, our Enrollment and Database Manager; and Melissa, our Director of Development. In the bottom row (from left to right) are Angela, our Development Manager; Laura, our Director of Admissions; Jane, our Human Resources Manager; and Anne, our Finance Coordinator. If you see them on campus, don't hesitate to say hello to them and ask how their day is going!



This week's value was **RESPONSIBILITY!**

High Meadows campers understand and appreciate their responsibility to the environment, to their community and to others. High Meadows campers practice personal responsibility and feel ownership of their actions and achievements at camp.

Questions to discuss with your camper:

- What is responsibility? What does responsibility look like?
- How do we feel when we act responsibly?
- What is our responsibility to the environment, to others and to our community?
- What is personal responsibility?
- How can we practice responsibility at camp?

Don't forget to "like" High Meadows Camp on Facebook, and "follow" us on Instagram and Twitter @highmeadowscamp in order to keep up with the latest announcements and camp news.





Ants March

~ Jan

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/19 was Pajama Day!
- We made our Ants tire swing tree t-shirts and took our group picture. We made binoculars and used them to go bird watching. We got to know our CITs and made new friends.



Grasshoppers Gazette



~ Dani and Richard

- Grasshoppers made picture frames to take home. All the campers made silly faces.
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/19 was 101 Dalmatians Day!
- Thanks for an amazing First Session!




Turquoise Tournal

~ Travis and Anna

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/19 was Amazing Artists Day!
- We tie-dyed shirts this week. Make sure to read the instruction in the bags.





~Jennifer and Rob

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/19 was Character Day!
- Congratulations to all of our campers who successfully completed the No Screen Challenge by not using electronic media from Monday night to Thursday. Participants were awarded feathers hand-decorated by their counselors.



~ Annie, Tina, Rey, Max and Matt

- Quest had a great time at the Lake Allatoona beach on Monday. We built sand castles and cooled off in the water on a hot day!
- Quest also had an amazing late night on Tuesday. After going through activity rotations that included an Escape room and the Human Knot, we took a dip in the pool, ate a nice Sandwich Bar dinner, and finished the night with ice cream sandwiches and camp songs in the Barn Theatre.

- While Quest was off campus on their Lake Trip, Legend had an Archery tournament. Congratulations to the winner, Will.
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/19 was Heroes/ Villains Day!
- We had our Arts Show on Thursday where campers from the Woodworking, Arts and Crafts, Dance, and Performing Arts classes got to show off their hard work from the session.



CIT Corner ~ Hannah and Andy

And... you guessed it. Another phenomenal week for the CITs to wrap up first session. They've put so much time and energy showing Ants, Grasshoppers, Juniors, and Super Seniors an awesome time at camp. We hosted a visit from current Senior Legend campers, during which CITs explained the basics of the CIT program and answered camper's questions. We also hosted a visit from current 1st and 2nd year counselors, who talked to our CITs about transitioning from the program to counselorhood (this word is going to stick). Tuesday evening, a bunch of CITs stuck around camp and prepped a spectacular dinner for Senior Quest after participating with them in an Amazing Race. After three weeks of work, the CITs have finished their



video projects, effectively explaining rainy day games, appropriate camp behavior, relating with campers, and emotional campers. I guess it's worth mentioning that we dressed up for Wacky Tacky Wednesday and for Medieval Day today, and we looked great in the process (not that we don't look great every other day).



Thanks as usual for reading! See you right back here next session! Bye!

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SPECIALIST SPOT- GRACIE AND ERIC- A brief recap of the Specialist activities of each Unit!

- **Nature**~ Elena
 - This week in Nature, Grasshoppers explored their senses during fire day, where we roasted marshmallows over a campfire. Grasshoppers also built "Nature birdfeeders" using pinecones and seed. Grasshoppers enjoyed hanging their birdfeeders across campus.
 - This week in Nature, Juniors learned to play a new game called "Wolves and Caribou". Juniors learned about birds and types of trees while making nature birdfeeders. Juniors enjoyed a campfire day where they roasted and sang camp songs.
 - This week in Nature, Super Seniors also learned to play "Wolves and Caribou". They also learned about our campus trees and animals while making pinecone bird feeders and got to experience a traditional camp activity- roasting marshmallows over a campfire.
- **Traditions**~ Grace
 - In Traditions this week, campers got to explore camp with our creature scavenger hunt and they got to roast marshmallows in conjunction with Nature classes.
- **Arts and Crafts**~ Dax and Cate
 - This week, the Grasshoppers returned to their clay letters from the first week. They were able to paint and use crayon to make each piece unique and special.
 - This week, the Juniors returned to their clay pieces from the first week, painting and designing with crayons. They also created their own personal camp collages.
 - This week, the Super Seniors returned to their clay dragons from the first week and painted them to make them even more unique. They also created their own personal camp collages along with finishing up unfinished projects.
- **Sports**~ Karen and Tess
 - The Grasshoppers played Medicine Tag using spray bottles to spread the "disease" and "doctors" with pool noodles to save those with the "disease". They also explored the forest while hunting for dinosaur eggs.
 - The Juniors used strategic planning during games of capture the potatoes (flag) and showed off their hitting skills while playing Ga-Ga ball.
 - Super Seniors played three of their favorite games this week. They include capture the potatoes (our version of capture the flag), manhunt (team hide-and-seek), and 4-way dodgeball.

- **Discovery**- Ashley and Lily
 - Grasshoppers brought their imaginations to life this week playing life-sized pacman and foosball. They ran and laughed and collected coins from ghosts!
 - Juniors had a blast this week playing real-life versions of classic games like pacman and foosball. They also got to create their own bouncy balls.
 - Super Seniors did a super fun experiment where they mixed ingredients to create their own bouncy balls. They stirred and rolled while jamming to their favorite camp songs.
- **Archery**- Jackson and Cam
 - This week in Archery, we focused on distance shooting and made sure campers had proper drawback strength and form. Additionally, we worked on accuracy with a game of Tic-Tac-Toe Archery.
- **Woodworking**- Andy and Fiona
 - This week, campers finished up their projects and explored the different ways they could use their creativity to make their pieces original through painting and self-directed renovation.

Thanks for joining us this summer!

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Please keep us updated with any address changes.

Summer 2020 dates:

Session 1: June 1 – June 19

Session 2: June 22 – July 10

Session 3: July 13 – July 31