

Camp KWJ News

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Hit The Ground Running

by: Camp KWJCCC

KWJCCC welcomed all campers, old and new for an awesome 2015 summer!

Camp KWJCCC started in June and hit the ground running. Campers were animated and thrilled for camp clubs, activities, and trips. One of the older campers, Roman Santos, stated, "There are many new activities, which makes camp better than last year!"

The staff was glad to see the enthusiasm from the campers this summer. Staff supervisor Christie Gesualdo stated, "It's nice to see familiar faces and as well as welcoming our new campers! There have been a lot of changes to improve this camp and the children really seem to be responding positively."

As the summer weeks unfolded, more and more campers seemed to arrive. Campers from previous years greeted each other with big smiles, hugs, and high fives. New campers were welcomed with open arms and jumped right into the mix. "I am happy to be at camp. I have been waiting since the first day of school [to come back to camp]. And now I like Michael Jackson!" Jonathan Barreto, returning camper exclaimed.

If our campers are happy, then we are happy. What more could we ask for?



Tennis Time

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One new activity for Camp KWJ this summer is tennis. Tennis was from 8:00- 9:00am and campers are showing up early so they don't miss out! KWJ staff member Keithann Cornelius was the head tennis instructor. Keithann has been playing tennis for 48 years and was passionate about teaching the campers the fundamentals of tennis in a fun and memorable way. "I just love watching young children learn about tennis and how to execute the basic moves. They're like sponges and thrive with these new and fun sport skills," Mrs. Keithann expressed.

Camper Olivia Moskwa stated, "Tennis is fun. I play at home and at camp. It is a little hard, but it is fun and I love it. Camp is so fun when I do tennis!"

Camper Karina Santos stated, "It is fun to learn about tennis. I learned that you have to pivot, step, and then swing at the ball. I like playing tennis with Mr. Zaire because he taught me a lot. The first shot I got over the net made me really happy!"

Tennis was a great sport for all ages and it proves to be great for the campers as they march to the courts with smiles on their faces and rackets in their hands.



Just Keep Swimming!

by: Camp KWJCCC

Tuesdays were the days campers bounced through the doors in the bathing suits eager to go to swimming. Camper Siqi Ye exclaimed, "I love to go to swimming and use the noodle in the pool!" Many of the campers love using the noodles to help them swim and love to jump in the deep end. The first day of swimming the campers were given bubbles as the swim instructors observed them and got to know their swimming abilities. Many campers were able to get rid of the bubble within the first ten minutes. Campers were taught freestyle, backstroke, and how to breath while swimming. They started swimming from wall to wall in the low end of the pool, but by the end of the summer students were swimming laps from the low end to the deep end.



I Like to Move It Move It: Zumba Fun

by: Camp KWJCCC

Zumba is the new dance work out that adults are raving about, but what about the kids? The mixture of being active and dancing gets kids engaged in Zumba too. Zumba started on July 20th and there was much positive feedback. Campers loved dancing and bopping along to the upbeat and energetic music. Camper Arnav Gocher exclaimed, "Zumba was awesome!"

"It was nice to see the campers get excited about working out. And the best part was, it did not even feel like a work out; they were just out there giving it their all and having a great time!" Camp teacher Mrs. Danielle expressed.



"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with summer."

-F. Scott Fitzgerald



I Like to Eat, Eat, Eat Apples and Bananas

by: Camp KWJCCC

One new club this season was the Healthy Food Club. This club consisted of seven campers: Haley Tancredi, Olivia Moskwa, Siqi Ye, Arnav Gocher, Joaquin Rivera, Sienna Bradley, and Baiza Garramone, and two staff members: Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Danielle. Camper Haley Tancredi stated, "In the Healthy Food Club we research healthy snacks and then we create them [snack art] ourselves. The kids here do a really good job creating healthy food art. Some [kids] did inchworms made out of grapes and toothpicks and one of the staff members, Ms. Kelly, made a jellyfish. The camp is really awesome!"

The Healthy Food Club was a fun way for kids to learn about making the right choices when it comes to eating.



First KWJCCC Carnival

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The Keith Wold Johnson Child Care Center Camp will host its first carnival on August 14, 2015! The campers have thought of great games and activities for the center's very own Preschool and pre-k students. Campers are out of this world excited for other students to participate in the games and activities they have come up with. Camper Jayden Feliciano stated, "The carnival is going to be fun for the Pre-K kids."

"I hope the preschoolers and pre-k kids have fun. They should have positive faces. It is going to be so much fun and a place the kids can call a home," expressed camper Zachary Tecson.

Many of the activities included ring toss, bean bag toss, frisbee throw, basketball shot, and more. There will also be prizes for everyone!

Pre-K 2 teacher Tracey Elling reported, "Our camp is excited to play different games at this year's camp carnival. Some of our children have never been to a carnival; therefore, their experience will be even more special and unique."

The camp carnival will be a wonderful experience for all who help create it and for all those who attend. This carnival will be the start of a new tradition for CampKWJCCC!



Lettuce, Tomatoes, and Cucumbers Oh My!

by: Camp KWJCCC

The Garden Club was a new club this summer ran by Mrs. Christie. Many campers were eager to get involved by planting vegetables and flowers in our very own garden. Garden Club members include: Darius Mckenzie, Siqi Ye, Suditi Gocher, Harry Tang, Sienna Bradley, Arnav Gocher and Derek Tecson. Our new garden consists of vegetables and flowers. We are growing cucumbers, assorted lettuce, and tomatoes. To keep the plants growing we water them twice a day and keep a special eye on them.

Camper Suditi Gocher stated, "We got the dirt and put it into pots. We saw the plants grow and then we got to eat the vegetables. The food is still growing!" The campers like to see the progress of the plants and the changes they go through day by day.

From the Campers Mouths to Your Ears

by: Camp KWJCCC

To the counselors... "I didn't get what you were saying, so it had to be yes," as she smiles and nods her head not knowing why.

- Lily Sharma

"This is delicious [vegetable pizza]; I need to make it at home!"

- Karina Santos

"Sweet dreams and don't let the bus bugs bite!"

- Lily Sharma

"Making crayons was exciting."

- Roman Santos

"I made my own crayon called Awesome Jonathan!"

- Jonathan Barreto

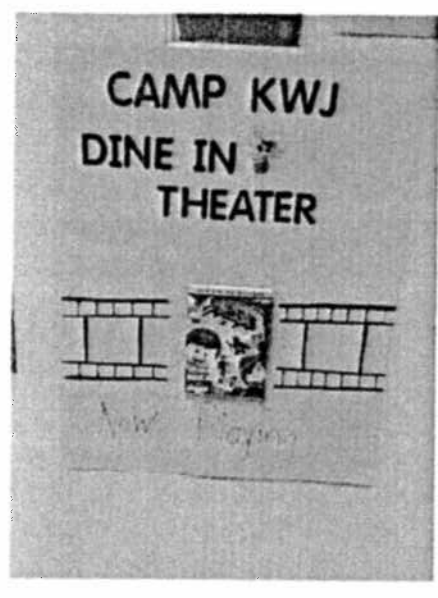
"All in all, it was a never-to-be forgotten summer- one of those summers which come seldom into any life, but leave a rich heritage of beautiful memories in their going- one of those summers which, in a fortunate combination of delightful weather, delightful friends, and delightful doing, come as near to perfection as anything can come in this world."

L.M. Montgomery





Swimming at the YMCA



Crayola Factory



Girl Scout Visit



Turtle Back Zoo



Vegetable Pizza



Exercise with Mr. Zaire



Trying our home grown veggies



Enjoying the quesadillas we made!



Jenkinson's Aquarium



Outside sports



Keeping our garden safe



Too much trip fun