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# **S.T.A.R. Camp**

## **News**

# **Summer of 2016**

**Sharon Public Schools**

# Message from our Camp Director

Greetings STAR Camp Families,

Another year of camp has come and gone, but as we all know, no two camp experiences are ever the same, and this year was no exception. Camp was full-speed ahead from the moment the bus of campers arrived at STAR Camp. The excitement and energy of the campers and counselors radiated throughout camp with no signs of easing up. For 6 weeks, campers accomplished new feats, set new goals, overcame challenges they thought were impossible, made new friends and strengthened old bonds.

From the Tour of Fenway, to water slides at Water Wizz, playing STAR ball, GaGa tournaments, tie dying, a trip to the zoo, and a visit from Barn Babies, the opportunities for fun and new adventures were endless. Color Wars was out of this world! With items like track and field events, water sports, survivor challenges, what could anyone possibly expect?!

As we wrap up another successful camp, I look back on the journey we have been on over the years with great nostalgia of all of the memories made, adventures lived and friendships built over the years.

For those campers that will be attending our before/aftercare programs in the fall, I look forward to seeing you. To the campers that may not be attending the programs we hope that the experience this summer was one that you will remember and we hope to see you next summer!

Erin McCabe  
Camp Director



# Celtics (Pre-K)



This final week at STAR Camp has been a blast. The Celtics have been participating in a Color War on Monday and Wednesday and on Tuesday we went to Water Wizz.

The Color War is a camp wide competition where we compete in different events likesack races, throwing discs, water balloon races and so much more. The Celtics have been doing so well competing and participating in the different events.

Our trip to Water Wizz was so much fun. We went on the lazy river, went down water slides, and went in a wave pool. A few brave Celtics went down the Pirates Plunge with our counselor Drew. It was a huge water slide that went wicked fast. The Celtics that went down were really excited but Drew was really scared. Water Wizz was definitely the most popular field trip this summer.

We had our final cookout of the summer on Thursday and got to see a dress rehearsal of the play Honk that was put on by the CREATE Camp at the middle school.

We kept cool and played at the lake on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Friday some of our kids got to go back to the middle school and see the actual performance of Honk.

These six weeks flew by and we are sad to see the campers go and we can't wait to see everyone back next summer!

Camp Counselors Drew and Julie



# Breakers (K)



The last week of S.T.A.R camp held a lot exciting activities each day! The theme of the week was “Color Wars” which consisted of relays and competitions against other teams. Tuesday we ventured over to Wareham to go to Water Wizz! The Breakers had a wonderful time riding different water slides (Thunder Falls and The Canal), going on the Lazy River, the wave pool and Little Neck Beach which had small slides and sprinklers. Although the weather was not ideal every camper had a blast! The Breakers had a great summer participating in all different activities each day. The Breakers really enjoyed all the specials we attended and found something to love about each one we went to (especially when Go Noodle was an option!). Their energy and attitude was always wonderful allowing everyone to have an awesome summer!! I am so happy to have had such a great group of kids this summer and am so sad it is already the end. Have a great rest of the summer!!



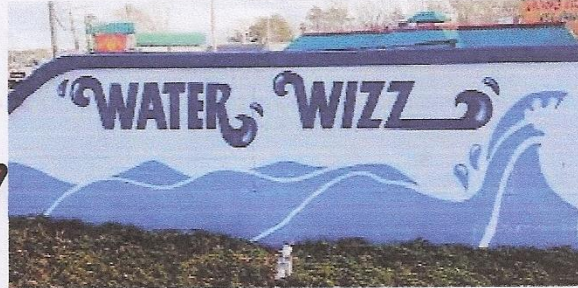
### Favorite part of S.T.A.R camp

### Favorite field trip

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| <b>Briar</b>  | Art & spending time with the group!                             | Water Wizz                     |
| <b>Lia</b>    | Going on field trips!   | Water Wizz                     |
| <b>Hannah</b> | Art and sports!   | Water Wizz                     |
| <b>Eden</b>   | Spending time with friends and how we all got along!            | Children’s Museum & Water Wizz |
| <b>Kenny</b>  | Art, drama & becoming great friends with the boys in our group! | Legoland & Water Wizz          |
| <b>Hanson</b> | Going to the lake & art !                                       | Children’s Museum              |
| <b>Ethan</b>  | Going to the lake, going to specials and making new friends!    | Water Wizz                     |
| <b>Stefi</b>  | Computers & art !   | N/A                            |
| <b>Jayla</b>  | Spending time with friends and all getting along!               | Children’s Museum & Water Wizz |
| <b>Nathan</b> | Everything!   | Water Wizz                     |



# Cannons (K)



The Kindergarten Cannons can't believe this was the last week at STAR Camp! We have enjoyed so many field trips, lake days, cookouts and more, but most of all we had fun. Last Thursday we were able to enjoy the Barn Yard babies and the campers all had their favorite animals that they got to hold and play with. We saw baby bunnies, a pig, goats, puppies, kittens, chickens, and even ducks.

This week we have been starting every morning with the color war games. The Cannons, Celtics, and Breakers were all one team and our color was Pink. On Monday we measured a long jump, threw a disc as far as we could, and did a 50-yard dash. On Wednesday we did our water sports activities. Like melted an ice block together, water relay, and even a wet sponge over and under relay. On Thursday we did races, such as Potato sack, balloon pop, and jump ropes. Friday we finished off with the survivor challenges, which included tug of war and capture the flag.

On Tuesday we all enjoyed our field trip to Water Wizz even though it was cloudy and rainy. **Devorah** and **Kayla** both loved the different pools to swim in. While **Mira**, **Suyash**, **Gillian**, and **Iris** all liked the Lazy River, where they got to float around from start to finish. Another intriguing activity at the water park was the Pirate area, where **Isabella**, **Michael**, and **Deion** liked the bucket that would pour out after it was filled from time to time. Lastly **Camilla** enjoyed her time going down the Blue water slide.

We have enjoyed the Summer with you all and hope you stay cool for the rest of it.

- Samantha Vieira and Kaitlyn Reardon



# Red Sox (Grade 1)



Hello Star Camp family and friends!

This week concludes our time here at STAR Camp and I think we can all agree that the 6 weeks FLEW by! Ms. Jill and I will miss our campers and are so impressed with the great attitude and improvement we have seen in each and every one of them!!!!!!

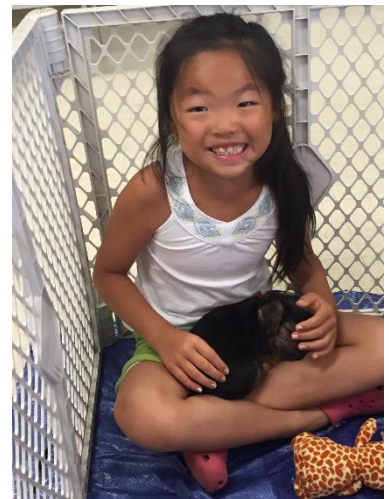
Last week our field trip was on Thursday and we got to play with dozens of cute baby animals! The Red Sox really enjoyed this program and it was a very relaxing day. Here are some pictures of our campers holding the animals!



This week was our Color Wars, and our team was the color blue! We had relay races and water activities all based around working as a team.



On Tuesday we traveled to Water Whiz, which our campers agreed was our best trip yet! Despite the rainy weather, it was an awesome time had by all. We were so impressed with how brave our campers were going



down the tallest water slides! All of the campers loved the Lazy River, it was very relaxing. We also went to the Water Wizz gift shop, where many of the campers bought cute gifts!

Today is our last Cookout! Thank you to Colton for being a great Chef, the food has been great. On Friday we will be going to the Lake for the last fun filled Lake day!! We have had great weather all summer and all the campers enjoyed swimming. A special congrats to the Campers that passed their Swim lessons!!!

It has been a WONDERFUL SUMMER, Ms. Emily and Ms. Jill hope that all the Red Sox had a great time at STAR Camp; we hope to see you all next summer!

Love your counselors, Ms. Emily and Ms. Jill



# Bruins (Grade 2)



Our last week of STAR Camp finds us having a spirited round of games for our Color Wars, including water races, sack races, water balloon busting, ice melting race, jump roping contest, bubble gum blowing, long jumping, javelin throwing, puzzle making race and more! The Bruins have been trying their best and doing a great job cheering on their team. We welcomed the cooler temperatures, just in time for these games.

Our trip to Water Wizz was a little cool and drizzly at first, but that did not stop the kids from having a blast on the many different slides, balancing on the lily pads, floating the lazy river and just splashing around in the pools. The weather helped lessen the crowds which made the lines shorter!

Our last group picture was taken at the lake, our favorite place. On our many afternoons there it was so good to see all the kids enjoying not only swimming, but creating at the art table, playing on the field, participating in different club activities, playing in the sand and sometimes just relaxing on their towels.



On Thursday afternoon, we will get to see the production of "Honk" performed by the kids at Create Camp at the Middle School. They have worked hard for just two weeks on this play. Create Camp is another program offered in the summer by Sharon Community Education

It was a happy and fun adventure playing with all the Bruins this summer. Thank you for sharing your children with us!! We hope they all were happy too!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we wish the Bruins a fun year of learning in third grade!

Betsy and Emily



# Patriots (Grade 3)



The Patriots had an amazing last week of Star Camp!! All of our campers participated in the color wars where each camper competed in multiple events to earn points for their team. They had a blast at Water Wizz as they slid down all the slides and enjoyed some relaxation in the lazy river!

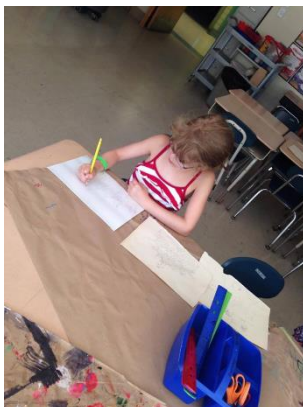
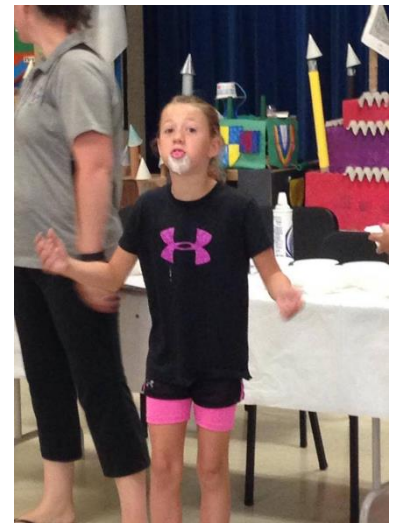
We had an amazing summer with all the Patriots, they truly are an amazing group of kids! Some of our favorite memories with the Patriots were:

- Going to the lake!
- Exploring Legoland!
- Playing Freeze Dance!
- Creating unique art projects!
- Competing in GaGa!

In just six weeks we have seen the Patriots grow so much! We wish them a great rest of the Summer and a great school year in the Fall as fourth graders now!!

Sincerely,  
Brenna and Kay

“Keep Calm and Eat Skittles”







# Blazers (Grade 4)



This week was Color Wars and we were the red team. The Blazers showed great sportsmanship and worked together as a team during the activities. During a puzzle challenge all the girls took turns working together and were able to solve it in under 30 seconds!

On Tuesday we went to Water Wizz. Even though it wasn't sunny, the campers made the most of their time and had a blast. Two of their favorite parts of the trip were going in the wave pool and floating down the lazy river.



We celebrated Jayden's 11th birthday on Wednesday and he even taught one of the other campers, Tony, how to dab.

We had an amazing summer with these campers and were impressed with their positive attitudes. Everyone made great strides during the summer in all areas of the camp.

We hope everyone has a great rest of the summer and an awesome school year and we look forward to seeing you all back here next summer!

- Julianne and Dan -



# Renegades (Grade 5)



We had an incredible time this summer with **Evan, Clara, Jeremy, Lili, Vincent, Hassi, William, Olivia, Jackson, Isabel & David!** One of our favorite weekly activities at camp was going on different and exciting field trips. These field trips included touring Fenway, visiting the Whaling Museum, learning at the EcoTarium, enjoying a Paw Sox game, hanging at Gillette Stadium for fan day and getting wet at Water Wizz.

We also had a blast during our specialist activities! In Art we worked on projects that brought out our inner creativity. While in Drama we played games that allowed our imagination to soar. During Sports and Gym, we learned skills like teamwork and good sportsmanship. At Music we had fun learning to play different instruments and staying in tune. In Computers we learned to express ourselves digitally. While at Dance we exercised our bodies and minds. When at Ga-Ga and Playground we enjoyed running around and being active under the sun. Lastly, during Group Time we enjoyed getting to know one another better and being our silly-selves!

At the lake we played in the water during free swim, made castles and sculptures out of sand, went for a stroll during walking club, played sports in the field, and relaxed while doing projects at the art table.

During this last week of camp, we had a blast during Color Wars, where we worked as a team during different challenges.

Alex and Samantha wish the campers a wonderful school year as they enter the middle school. **YOU WILL ALL DO FANTASTIC THERE!** It might seem scary at first going from elementary school into a brand new school with new peers and new teachers, but don't be at all intimidated. We promise it will be a spectacular time that will bring you memories that will last a lifetime.

Each one of you is a wonderful human being and anyone would be lucky to have you as a friend and a student. Make sure not to take life too seriously and look at failures as opportunities to grow and learn. Most importantly, continue to smile and make others smile! Be happy, confident, kind, friendly, open minded, and wise! We will miss all of you so much! **GOOD LUCK KIDDOS!**

Samantha and Alex

# Revolution (Grade 6)



We cannot believe that the end of camp has arrived! We all had such an amazing summer.

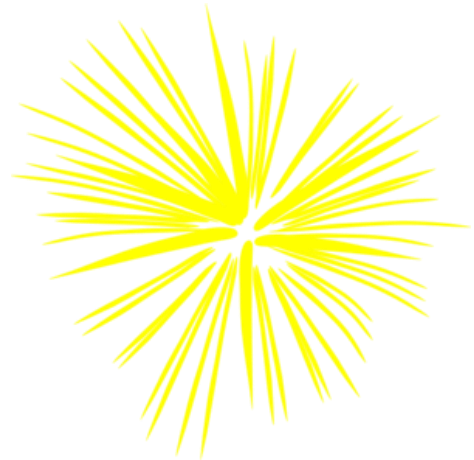
This past week in camp, we celebrated Color Wars by teaming up in various activities. We took first place in the "ice t-shirt" competition. Our team worked together to unthaw and untie a frozen t-shirt, and put the t-shirt on. Other activities included popping water balloons, sack races, and puzzle-making. Just like survivor, your campers made alliances and we were very successful.

On Tuesday, we took a field trip to Water Wizz. Our group had a blast sailing down the lazy river and flying down many water slides.

We wish all of our campers the best of luck as they transition into the 7th grade!

Hope to see everyone next summer :)

Kari and Will





# Militia (CIT's)



Hello and welcome to our final newsletter for Summer 2016!

We all survived last week's heat wave and had some pretty nice weather for our last week at camp. On Monday, Team Militia enjoyed their Dunkin Donuts while relaxing and watching a movie. We got outside for a couple of rounds of Ga-Ga as well! Tuesday was raining but we didn't let that ruin our fun at Water Wizz! The group had a wonderful time at the water park and we were all wiped out after a long day. On Wednesday we participated in water games for our Color Wars week. It was a blast watching the campers participate in challenges such as popping a water balloon by sitting on it or untying a frozen t-shirt. Thursday was our final cookout and it was hard work but paid off as always! I'm looking forward to our Town Spa Pizza trip Friday afternoon!

I want to say a huge thank you to all of my Star Assistants for all of the hard work put in over these past six weeks!! It wouldn't have been the same without:

**Kaelyn** and **Telishya's** playful comments, **Rami's** willingness to always help, **Adam's** dedication to assisting the staff, **Brad's** dance moves, **Imraan's** interesting remarks, **Lily's** artistic ability, **Alex** and **Marianna's** passion for helping with the little kids, **Bridget's** good ideas for activities/field trips, and **Justin** always lending a hand to whoever needs one. This summer would not have been the same without you guys!

Thank you for a wonderful first year here at Star Camp!  
Sam Doherty

*What's Happening In...*

# **ART!**

With Mallory Frers



I cannot believe the summer has gone by so quickly! This week we have been wrapping up loose ends and finishing up some of our ongoing projects. We experimented with so many different mediums and types of art this summer and created some amazing masterpieces!

I also want to give a big shout out to my Star Assistant Lily! She was a huge help with all of the art room

craziness this summer and I would not have been able to do it without her. Thank you Lily!

It was a privilege to work with and create with your children this summer.



Enjoy the rest of your summer and have a great school year!

**Mallory**

# COMPUTERS

## With MRS. SHULMAN (Mrs. S)

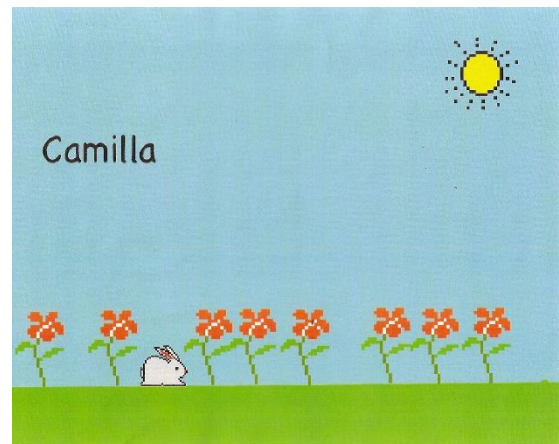
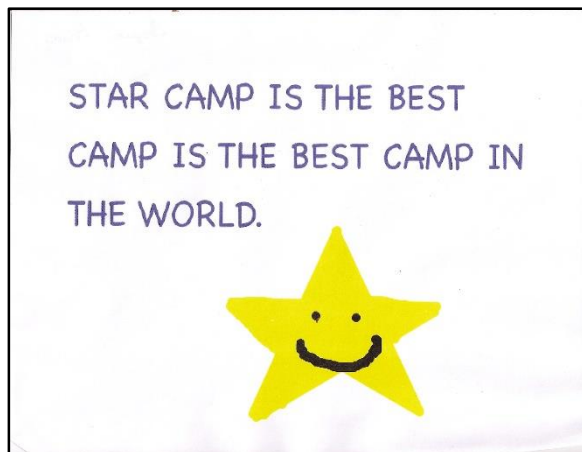


Week 6 of STAR Camp has been amazing. It is hard to believe that camp is over. Where did the time go?

On Monday, the campers went Around the World in 80 days. The game taught the campers a little about the story and allowed them to play a game of skill as well.

<http://www.primarygames.com/puzzles/action/aroundtheworld/>

The rest of the week was free time for all of the campers. They could choose appropriate games from the list posted on the Aftercare site, they could use any of the sites we visited throughout the summer or they could be creative using KidPix. I think Sophie R from the Bruins said it best, "STAR CAMP IS THE BEST CAMP IN THE WORLD," and Camilla N from the Cannons drew the perfect summer picture.



I also want to thank my STAR Assistant, Marianna Melamud. She was so helpful as she assisted campers of all ages log on to the computers, find the program we were using and/or open certain websites. I hope you have an amazing school year!

It was truly amazing to watch these campers get excited about learning without even knowing it. I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them. I wish you all a great rest of the summer and a super school year. I look forward to seeing you all back here at STAR Camp 2017.

I also want to thank all of the counselors and specialists for getting the newsletter information to me in a timely manner each week. It really helped with the process of creating the newsletter!



# DRAMA

with Lisa Grossmann



Wow----the last posting of the summer! It's been wonderful working with all of the campers this summer and watching the confidence grow within so many of them!

This last week, I held my People's Choice Awards, and the campers dictated their final schedules. Among the older grades, Hitchhiker, Why Are You Late?, and What Are You Doing?, all ended up in the top 4 preferred activities.

The Celtics chose Sludge Pie, People! Shelter! Storm!, Tongue Twisters and It's Not What It Seems.

The Breakers loved Bippity, Bippity, Bop!, Goodies/Baddies, and Wonderball.

The Red Sox picked Wizards, Giants, Goblins, People! Shelter! Storm!, and Keeper-of-the-Keys.

What Are You Doing?, People! Shelter! Storm!, Wonderball and Look and Scream were preferred by the Bruins.

The Patriots aligned with the older grades in their preferences of Hitchhiker, Look and Scream, Why Are You Late?, and What Are You Doing?

It's been so much fun, and I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer, and has a great school year ahead!

Lisa Grossmann





# DANCE

With RACHEL  
SCHIFF

I can't believe this was the last week of star camp 2016! I truly had such an incredible summer with these kids. Each and every one of them made my day better through their excitement, positive attitude, and personality. I am so thankful that I got to work with such an awesome group of campers.

Each group has worked on their basic dance moves these last six weeks, and I hope that they bring dance with them throughout the school year. Whether they join a dance class, or even dance at home, I hope they enjoyed what they learned and want to continue practicing.


Some of the dances that the kids loved were the Cha Cha Slide, Cotton-Eyed Joe, Tooty-ta, and many Go Noodle dances! All of these can easily be found on iTunes or YouTube!

I hope everyone has an amazing end of summer and I look forward to seeing the kids again soon!


Rachel...

**Turn it out, to the left  
Take it back now ya'll  
5 hops this time  
Right foot let's stomp, left  
foot let's stomp  
Right foot again, left foot  
again  
Right foot let's stomp, left  
foot let's stomp**





# MUSIC

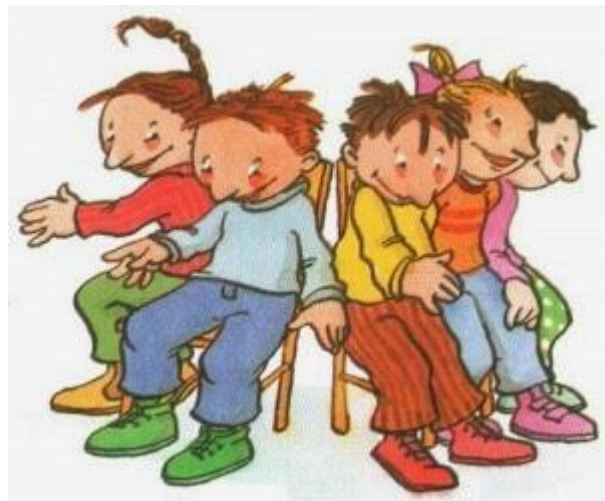


With Emily Cox

We wrapped up camp with a fun week. On Monday, the Revolutions and Blazers learned to play Vivaldi's "Spring" in our Orff ensembles and the Cannons and Breakers played and sang "Frere Jacques" in a round. Then on Wednesday the Bruins and Patriots played a final game of musical chairs and learned about my instrument, the saxophone. The Celtics started Thursday out by exploring the instruments of the orchestra by listening to "Peter and the Wolf" while the Renegades added harmonies into an arrangement of "Hot Cross Buns."

Thursday afternoon Leah from the Patriots got a group of us together for a little piano recital. From the Patriots we heard performances from Leah, Alanna and Ushta and from the Bruins, Dory and Presoun played for us. We all loved hearing them play!

Thanks, Emily





# Sports

With Hannah and Colton

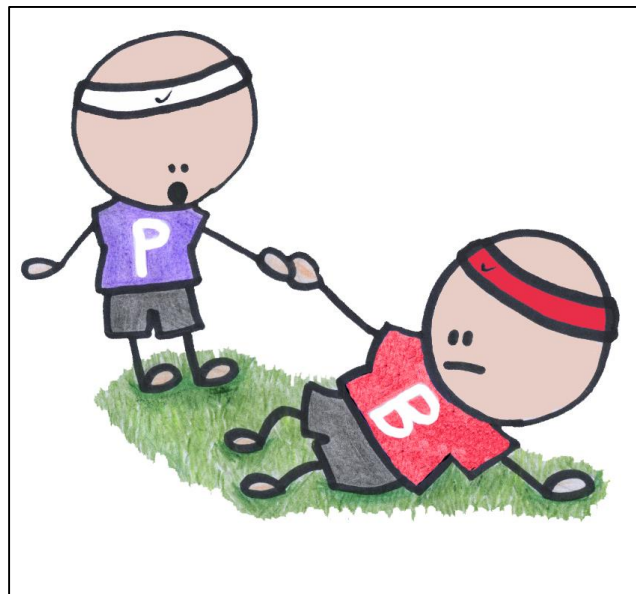


The past 6 weeks completely flew by!!! We were so sad saying goodbye to everyone today, but this has been the best summer ever here at STAR Camp. Campers learned to work on their skills in basketball, soccer, dodgeball, messy backyard, kickball, baseball, football, castle ball, musical chairs, bowling, and many many more!

Color War was also a blast!! Between the track and field events, water sports, relay races and the survivor games, everyone used amazing sportsmanship and always worked as a team.

We hope that all of the campers and their families have an amazing year and we hope to see you all in 10 months!!!

-Hannah and Colton -





# ☆ GYM News ☆



Greetings campers and parents,

The final week of camp has been nothing short of fantastic. All groups have put their teamwork, sportsmanship, and hard work to the test as STAR camp 2016 comes to a close.

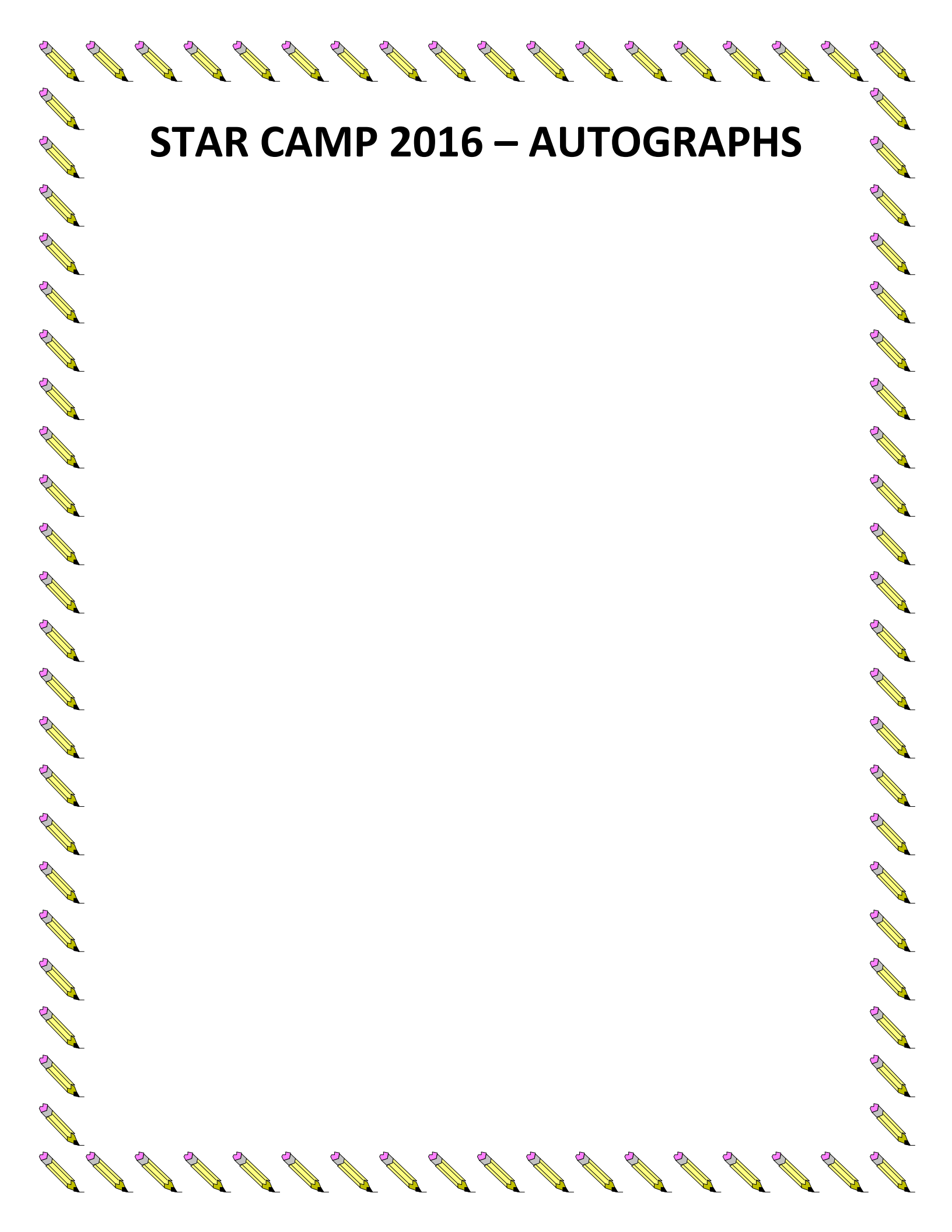
This week, we did organized relay races outside on the playground. One of the events we did was the water bucket challenge, where groups competed against each other by running cups of water from one bucket to another. As each camper ran back and forth, their teammates cheered them on making the event worthwhile for campers and counselors alike.

The other relay event was the potato sack race. Once again competing in their respected group, each camper got to hop down and around a cone before heading back to their line and giving the sack to the next camper. The encouragement each group showed for their teammates was awesome, making everyone involved feel like a champion.

What a great way to end the star camp. All six weeks have been a blast and I'll bet next year will be even better!

Sincerely,  
JBell





# STAR CAMP 2016 – AUTOGRAPHS