



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2018

Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

Dear Families,

Well it looks like we have all survived the week of heat. Campers experienced a wonderful week full of games, fun, laughs, and excitement here at STAR Camp! Please take a few minutes to read through the reminders. Drop off and pick up times are extremely important. Please try to stay on our schedule.

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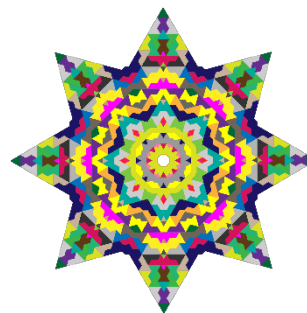
- Early drop off is at 8:00AM
- Regular drop off is at 9:00AM
- Campers are not allowed in the cafeteria until 8:50AM
- Regular pick up is at 4:00PM
- Late pick up is at 5:00PM
- There will be no pickup at the lake
- If you have not yet signed up for the REMIND App please take the time to do so. This allows me to communicate with families if we are running late from a trip or if there are any changes with the schedules during the week.
- Call [781-784-1519](tel:781-784-1519) when reporting an absence
- **Field Trips:** Camp shirts, bagged lunches, shoes and socks
- Cookouts are every week. If your child does not want a hotdog, hamburger, or veggie burger they are welcome to bring their lunch from home. If your child has special dietary needs make sure to include the information on the bag of food you send in. It should include their name as well as what group they are in. We do not cook or serve chicken. Our hotdogs and rolls are Kosher.
- Snacks are provided in the morning and afternoon. Morning snack include bagels, fresh fruit, yogurt, cheese sticks, muffins or nutri-grain bars. Afternoon snack includes, fresh vegetables, yogurt, cheese sticks, cookies, crackers, baked chips or popsicles depending on the weather.
- Make sure all their personal possessions are labeled with their names on them.
- Check the "Lost and Found" bin under the desk in the cafeteria.

Warmest Regards,

Erin McCabe
Camp Director

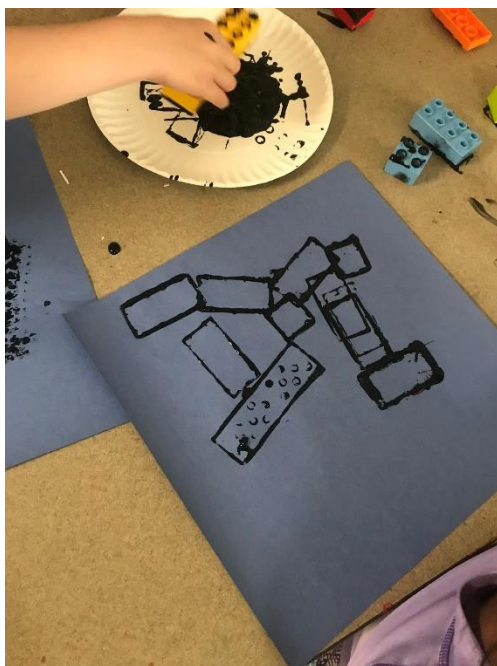
ART

Adventures in the Art Room!



Happy Fourth of July! I hope that everyone had a great holiday. We have had a short week in the art room with the holiday and our first field trip. It was great to explore Fenway Park and Castle Island with the Miracles, Temptations and Drifters.

Our theme in the art room this week was Printmaking. It has been great showing the groups how to make a stamp or copy of something through art materials and not just with a computer and printer. We have been doing prints with all different types of materials and objects. Some of the artwork you may see coming home this week are Lego Prints, Line Prints, Tinfoil monoprints, Marker Prints and Styrofoam stamp prints.



COMPUTERS



When the campers come into the Library for computers, we start with a movement break. We use the website Go Noodle (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>). This week we have done "Run The Red Carpet".

Using the interactive white board, I show the campers what they will be doing for their project for that period. In most cases, the project relates to the theme of the day or of the week.

Some of the activities we have done this week include:

- On Monday, for the Fourth of July theme, the campers played a cookout memory game found on the website <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/quick-play/cookout-memory/>
- On Thursday, for the Capture the Flag theme, the campers used the program KidPix 3D to draw their own flags.
- On Friday, for the Water Wars theme, the campers played the game "Alphabet Bubble", or "Hydro Logic" found on the website <http://www.abcya.com/>.

Once their projects are completed, they are allowed free time on the computer. They are only allowed to play games that come from those sites listed on the Community Education website under After Care Safe Computer Sites: (<https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/after-care-safe-computer-sites/>)

I would like to thank the Star Assistants this week for helping in the lab. They helped me to get the computers logged in and ready to be used. They also helped the younger campers get into the programs we were using and showed them what to do. Great job!

This week has been so much fun in Computers and of course, the lab is air conditioned so all of the campers enjoy the chance to come in and cool off.



DANCE



This week in Dance, each group has kept it low key due to the hot weather. They have played games like Indian chief, Just Dance, Go-Noodle and Freeze Dance.

The older groups, starting with the Turtles and up, were brainstorming some great ideas, as a team, for their upcoming original music videos!! It is going to be awesome seeing what the older campers come up with and watching the younger dancers continue to express themselves.



DRAMA



Dear Parents:

I hope everyone had a fun, fireworks-filled Fourth-of-July! This past week in Drama, the campers have been working on various games to promote working together as a group, or ensemble, as well as body-awareness. Actors and actresses learn body control, and awareness as to where their bodies are, in time and space.

The Beatles, (2nd grade), **Turtles**, (3rd grade), and **Temptations**, (5th grade), have engaged in the "Pulled-by-a-String" activity. This involves imagining that a string has been wrapped around one's knee, or ankle, or earlobe, for example. Someone on the other end of the stage is tugging and pulling that string. What does it look like as you make your way across the stage?

The Monkees, (K), **Hollies**, (K), **Rascals**, (Pre-K) and **The Byrds**, (1st grade) explored body awareness in a more whole-body way, with a game called "Kitty Wants A Corner"---a favorite from last summer for those campers who were here then and remember it. "Kitty Wants A Corner" not only promotes whole body awareness, but also focus.

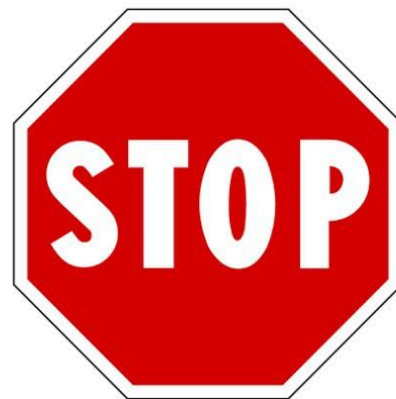
I have kicked this idea up by a few notches this summer, with a new game called "Do You Love Your Neighbor?"

Games of focus include "Group Stop"----also an ensemble building exercise, "Look and Scream" and for the older groups, (**Temptations** and **Drifters**, (STAR Assistants), The Mirror Activity.

We are concluding our second week of camp, and there is more Drama fun to come!

Till Next Time,

Lisa Grossmann





GYM



Greetings from the Gym! The gym that we like to call the Wind Tunnel. We are all very grateful for the super fans that help us beat the heat! We completed our first week of camp by playing lots of "getting to know you" games (and parents you will be pleased to know most of the kids said vegetables and fruit are their favorites foods putting the counselors favorite foods in the not so healthy food hall of shame. Ha!) We played a few classics like Simon Says and Dodge Ball but also introduced many new games like Garbage Ball and SPUD. We are really looking forward to introducing them to a new scooter game called Hungry Hungry Hippos!

Best, Emily & Denise

MINDFULNESS



This week in Mindfulness the campers headed outside in the shade to make nature mandalas – the practice of using items found in nature to create art (see an example to the left).



They also enjoyed a drawing activity where they drew a picture and explained it for their friend to replicate without showing them the drawing. To beat the heat we played a game where the kids raced with a spoon full of water.



We are looking forward to DIY stress balls and nature walks next week!

OUTDOOR SPORTS



This week in outdoor sports was a very hot one!

On Monday, we cooled off with some outdoor water games. Campers had fun in the mister, using water sticks, and throwing water balloons.

Tuesday we had our field trips to Fenway Park and Legoland.

On Thursday, we had 'Capture the Flag' day. The campers worked hard to try to capture their opponents' American flag. The campers worked hard and we saw a lot of awesome teamwork.

Friday was spent having water wars. The campers loved getting to cool off with some fun water games!

We are excited for the rest of the summer at outdoor sports and can't wait for you to see all of the fun activities we have planned!

-Samantha, Monica, and Zach

PRE-K RASCALS



The Rascals have had a great week filled with fun activities! They enjoyed making flamingo sunglasses and always have a good time dancing to a "Go Noodle".

We all had a blast on our first field trip to Legoland. Some of their favorite parts from the field trip were watching the movie and going on the adventure ride.

We cannot wait for all the exciting events to come!

We will be sad to see Miss Ashley leave, but the rascals will welcome Miss Monica aboard!



KINDERGARTEN MONKEES

This week at STAR camp The Monkees participated in their usual daily specials consisting of gym/sports, dance, drama, computers, art, mindfulness and group time. Although it has been very hot this week, The Monkees didn't let that get in their way of always having fun! This was their first week of field trips and a normal lake schedule and they had such a great time doing both.

What was your favorite part of LegoLand?

Eva	Merlin's Apprentice Ride & Clutch Powers 4D movie
Lazlo	Kingdom Quest lazer target ride
Anika	Playing in the Fire Academy indoor playground
Krupa	Clutch Powers 4D movie
Nathan	Kingdom Quest lazer target ride
Tal	Playing in the Fire Academy indoor playground
Kathleen	Merlin's Apprentice Ride
James	Kingdom Quest lazer target ride
Bennett	Playing in the Fire Academy indoor playground
Roshini	Clutch Powers 4D movie



A preview of what's happening next week: Theme: Creative Minds

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lake Day	Field Trip Chepachet Farm	Lake Day	Cookout	Lake Day

Kindergarten Hollies

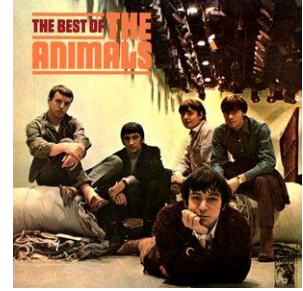


This week, we asked our campers what their favorite part of our field trip to LegoLand was:

Julian	The replica of Boston made with Legos
Aya	The playground
Daniel	The picture of the dinosaur
Michael	The Lego target game
Amelia	4D Lego movie
Dennis	The Lego target game
Parker	The Lego target game
Grayson	4D Lego movie
Grace	The Lego target game
Adi	Flying car pedal ride
Yuvan	Playing with friends



GRADE 1 ANIMALS



This week The Animals were up to some exciting things! On Monday, we had an early 4th of July celebration with a festive cake. Tuesday, The Animals ventured to Legoland, where campers enjoyed playing with an assortment of legos, saw two short films and went on some rides - it was a great field trip.

The rest of the week The Animals dominated in Capture the Flag, had fun in the sun at the lake and enjoyed their weekly cookout.

During Week 3 of camp, The Animals are headed on another field trip and some of our group members will be starting to come up with an act to start practicing for the end of camp, we can't wait to see what The Animals have in store! See you next week!



GRADE 1 BYRDS



Hello STAR Camp friends and families!

This week has been focused on beating the heat and having a blast. We kicked off this week with group team building, where we had to balance a tennis ball through a maze. All the counselors agreed, that the Byrd's did a GREAT job working together. The lake has been keeping us cool and our campers are learning quickly the rules and routines!

LEGOLand was our field trip this week, and it was such a fun time! Our campers enjoyed a 4D LEGO movie, built their own LEGO creations, and even enjoyed a few park rides! A short walk away was a beautiful shady spot along the Chelsea River where we stopped for lunch before heading home!

Our week has wound down with more trips to the lake and a cookout. We are looking forward to next week and the fun activities that are planned for us.

Enjoy your weekend,

Emily and Jill, the Byrds counselors

GRADE 2 BEATLES



For the past 2 weeks, the Beatles have had some amazing camp days. From participating in Drama where the campers have been learning how to use pantomime to running around outside engaging in various games these campers have been busy. Not to mention that on the rainy day last week we watched Despicable Me 3.

This week we went on a field trip to LEGO land and saw LEGO models of various buildings and bridges in Boston. The kids also saw a 4D LEGO movie and some even went on a couple of LEGO rides!

Additionally the campers have loved going to the lake and having the option of playing in the water, hanging on the field, doing art, or joining the walking club. We are so proud of the campers. They always have a positive outlook towards the activities we do and keep smiles on their faces. It has been a great two weeks.

Thanks,
Sam and Kay



GRADE 3 TURTLES



Happy Fourth of July! This week at camp, the Turtles enjoyed many different activities and we went on our first field trip of the summer! The Turtles especially enjoyed playing “hungry hippo” in gym and the coloring activity in Mindfulness. We traveled to Legoland for

our field trip this week. The Turtles built LEGO cars and raced them down a track, constructed LEGO buildings and tested them on a moving platform and experienced two different LEGO rides! Each of the Turtles had a blast at Legoland. We appreciated the lake days this past week- a great way to cool off and have fun!

-The Turtles’ Counselors



GRADE 4 MIRACLES



The Miracles Week 2



Week two has flown by!
We went to the lake to keep cool!
Toured Fenway Park.
Go Red Sox!
Had a cookout, yum yum!
Then ate some red, white and blue cake, which was delicious!
Can't wait for week 3!
We will be heading to Battleship Cove on July 10.
We will be leaving at 9:45am.
Remember your water bottles, sunscreen, and lake items!!
Thank you!

GRADES 5 & 6

TEMPTATIONS



The Temptations had a fun short week for our second week of camp!

On Monday, we had fun outside in sports playing with squirt guns and the mister. After lunch, we headed to the lake and enjoyed a refreshing swim. Tuesday was our first field trip of the summer. We had an awesome tour of Fenway Park and lunch at Castle Island!

We hope everyone enjoyed his or her Fourth of July celebrations.

Thursday was another hot day. It included our cookout for lunch and another trip to the lake. Friday we enjoyed many fun activities.

Roberta & Alex



STAR ASSISTANTS DRIFTERS

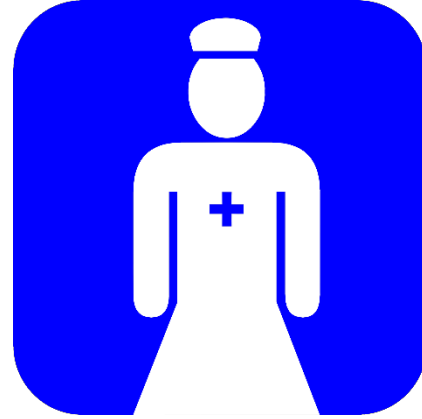


This week was filled with fun activities that the star assistants participated in and helped with. At the end of last week, the star assistants used their creative minds to create a maze using rope for the younger campers. The younger campers had to work together to get a tennis ball from one end of the maze to the other by balancing the maze with string. It was a hit and a great team building activity! They have been a huge help with the cookout days and the lake days as well.

On Tuesday, we went to Fenway Park for a tour. It was a hot day but we made the best of it! Some memorable parts of the tour was the Lego figure of David Ortiz, seeing the field from amazing views, and sitting in the seats of the writers and journalists. After the park tour, we ate lunch at Castle Island. It was a great day!



NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Welcome to S.T.A.R. Camp! My name is Maryanne Auld, and I am the nurse at S.T.A.R. Camp this summer. During the school year, I am the nurse at East Elementary School.

A few important reminders:

- If your child has an Epi-pen, Inhaler, or any other medication that they need for camp, please drop it off with their counselor when you arrive in the morning or at pick-up in the afternoon to ensure that I receive it.
- Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to camp, and to send it in daily in their bag so we can re-apply in the afternoon.

If you ever have concerns or questions for me, you can contact the front desk and they will get in touch with me. Looking forward to a fun and healthy summer!

Maryanne Auld MSN, RN
S.T.A.R. Camp Nurse