



SCC Day Camp Newsletter #1

July 8, 2010

Another exciting Day Camp Season Begins!



We began the 2010 Day Camp Season on July 6th with over 160 campers enrolled in the Day Camp Program. The weather brutally hot but we managed to stay cool with Freeze Pops, a water-balloon toss, and lots of water activities. Campers also took their swim tests and are administered red or green wrist bands every morning indicating if they passed or failed. This is very helpful to the lifeguards and counselors for safety. Although things ran smoothly at the waterfront this week, campers and counselors both encountered problems with duck itch. The best way to prevent duck itch is to rinse off in the outdoor shower after swimming or playing in the sand area. Counselors have been reminding campers to rinse off in the outdoor shower and to thoroughly dry themselves. The center for disease control recommends applying a baking soda/water paste to any rashes that result from exposure to duck itch. For more information about duck itch visit www.cdc.gov or pick up a CDC print-out of the information at our information table next to the sign in tables.

If the weather does not look good on a camp day please do not call the club until 9:30 for the decision. We look closely at the Doppler radar in hopes that storm clouds will miss Skaneateles. We hate to cancel Day Camp but we usually err on the side of caution because once we have 160 campers here there really is nowhere to put them in the event of thunderstorms. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make decisions based on the best information that we can obtain about the weather each day.

We have an awesome staff of Day Camp Counselors that are both experienced and dedicated to the campers and the camp. I believe that these counselors will do a tremendous job this year. I am hoping the weather stays clear and we will have a great summer! Patrick Rooney is our assistant director again this year and is doing an amazing job working with the staff and the campers to make sure things are running smoothly. Each counselor has been assigned a smaller group of campers to be responsible for throughout the course of the day. We believe that this will help us check in and out the campers throughout the day more effectively and will also help the campers to establish a closer bond to their counselors.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing your children on Tuesday!! Pick up an event calendar to stay up to date on special activities that are planned for the upcoming weeks!

Sincerely,
Lindsey O'Hara

**See reverse side for calendar (note that arts and crafts and certain activities were postponed until next week due to the heat)

****SWIM LESSONS: there is still time to sign up your children for great swim instruction this summer. Please email Sharron Azzam if you would like your child/ren to participate. (sharron@georgeandsharronazzam.com)**

**Sign in and sign out sheets are alphabetical. They are on picnic tables labeled according to letter. If you have to pick up your camper early please be sure to sign him/her out on the sheets!

**Please refrain from packing ANY NUT products with your children. We have several campers with nut allergies (pb&j are okay) but please do not pack packages of nuts, m&m peanuts, almonds, etc. with your children). Thank you.

***Counselors are not responsible for electronic devices that campers bring to camp. Please do not send cell phones, cameras, or ipods with campers.

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Tue	Wed	Thu
<p>6 Lunch: Grilled Cheese A&C: Boondoggle</p>	<p>7 Lunch: Turkey Sandwich A&C: Bucket Hat decorating (a white bucket hat is supplied) LG: Water-balloon toss</p>	<p>8 Lunch: Ham & Cheese A&C: Wood Cheerleader Horn LG: Crazy Hair Day</p>
<p>13 Lunch: Bologna & Cheese A&C: Flying Fish LG: Jersey day</p>	<p>14 Lunch: Grilled Cheese A&C: Fabric Pendants LG: Superhero day</p>	<p>15 Lunch: Turkey Sandwich A&C: Rubber Duck Decorating Wooden Crab Puzzle LG: Capture the Flag</p>
<p>20 Lunch: Ham & Cheese A&C: Magnetic Frames LG: Twin Day/ “multiples” day</p> <p>27 Lunch: Turkey Sandwich A&C: Football Helmets LG: scavenger hunt</p>	<p>21 Lunch: Bologna & Cheese A&C: Beads/string bracelets LG: Bubble gum blowing contest</p> <p>28 Lunch: Ham & Cheese A&C: Kites LG: pudding eating contest</p>	<p>22 Lunch: Grilled Cheese A&C: Pin Decorating LG: pajama day</p> <p>29 Lunch: Bologna & Cheese A&C: Tie-Dye day / Drawstring Backpack decorating LG: Hawaiian day</p>

**** due to the high temperatures the first week, we did not do the scheduled arts and crafts activities. We will push them to later in the summer.

**** also crafts and activities are subject to change, please be sure to read the newsletters with updated information!

