

ZANY PRESS

Week 5
July 19 - 23, 2010

WELCOME Camp Odyssey Friends!

There's always some special event happening Camp Odyssey. Last week was the All Camp Overnight and next week is our special day where we Make Our Community Better Day. But of all the weeks and events, Mud Madness trumps them all! Mud Madness is a Camp tradition unlike any other, and has made headlines all over the county as interested people want to see some of the zaniest that only Camp Odyssey can provide. As we celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Camp Odyssey, we are pleased to say we had one of the best Mud Madness days of them all!! Thanks to our own Camp Odyssey Mudologist, Nelson Dyer, we made some of the muddiest, best mud that's ever been muddily made!

We hope you enjoy reading about our exploits and adventures throughout the week (plus, a special camper contributor who wrote something for That's Totally Random), and feel free to click around and see if you find anything else interesting, such as our online photo gallery, feedback form, celebratory events, and more! There's a lot to see at Camp Odyssey, so don't hesitate to dive in!

Thanks for a Mudtastic Week Five!
The Camp Odyssey Staff

Setting Sail w/ Nikki, Emily H, and Jen



This week in Setting Sail we were excited about the annual Mud Madness!!! Monday was That's Totally Random. In opening, we watched totally random things go on and made collages in Crafty Art! Tuesday was Plaid Parade Day and the kids were in a parade of plaid during opening. In Art the kids made their own plaid either painting with dental floss or weaving paper. In Fun Factory the kids made trading cards and traded with their friends. Wednesday was Endless Outdoor Adventure. Shekinah and Tenley with other kids went on a hiking trip throughout the nature trail. Hero vs. Villains was a great day for our group! Caden, Gino, Ian, Aidan M, and more of our group wore their costumes for the day! We had a big surprise seeing Captain Zany return and save the day! Mud Madness was the best! All the kids enjoyed getting all muddy and having fun with friends! We had another great week with Setting Sail!

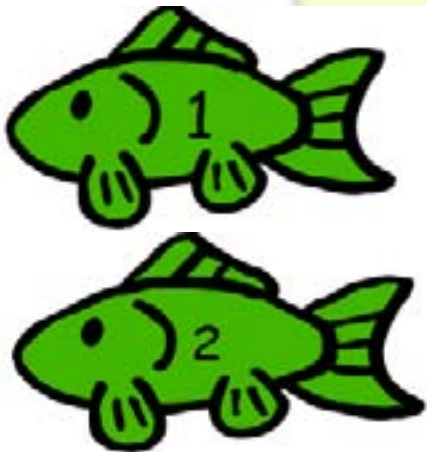
One Fish w/ Kauriee



This past week we have had many new friends join us in anticipation of Mud Madness! The beginning of the week was marked with a day of total randomness. Many of the one fish campers came to camp with their shirts on backwards or mixed up socks. Tuesday was plaid day and again many of the campers dressed for the occasion with a variety of plaid articles of clothing. Wednesday the campers had a chance to spend the afternoon outdoors during the endless outdoor adventure. They had a chance to 'survive' a canoe trip under unpredictable and odd circumstances, go for a nature hike, jump great distances, brave the mighty animals on the safari trip and top it all off with a tasty treat. Thursday Natalie came in as a beautiful superwoman, Jack switched roles throughout the day between Peter Parker and Spiderman, Chris donned an intimidating Ninja outfit, Timmy was a very convincing Batman, and Aidan terrorized us all with his Bumblebee costume! Finally, we had a great day in the mud!

We will miss those who are leaving us this week. Happy camping!

Two Fish w/ Emily L & Amelia



Week Five is the biggest week of the season at camp and was packed full of more fun and zaniness than ever before. The two fish started the week off with Thats Totally Random, and the campers got to do a lot of random fun stuff! We sang happy birthday, watched the birth of a dinosaur, went on a safari, and sang lots of fun camp songs in a traveling dance party. We continued the fun on Tuesday with Plaid Parade Day. We learned how to paint plaid in the art barn and wore as much plaid as humanly possible! Wednesday was our Endless Outdoor Adventure. The campers spent lots of time outside having bear hunt, painting with leaves, designing our own bumble bees, and wading through the camp creek. Thursday was Heroes vs. Villains, and the dressed up campers battled to see who was the zaniest. We also had a special visit from our camp hero Captain Zany, who saved the day with his powers of zaniness. After our fun visit, we all made hero masks, painted superhero logos, and created our own stories about super heroes! We finished off an amazing week with our biggest and zaniest day of the entire summer MUD MADNESS! The camper got to eat dirt (chocolate pudding, Oreo crumbs and gummy worms!) and roll around in lots and lots of MUD. Everyone was present to make the last day of week five by far the best and we can't wait to see the Two Fish next week at Camp Odyssey.

Red Fish w/ Becky & Liz



This has been one zany week with the red fish! Monday, the campers had a chance to partake in totally random zaniness. Wild safari adventures and painted on mustaches were just a few of the activities. Tuesday we had a plaid parade and the campers got to design their own plaid in art. Wednesday was awesome too because we had endless outdoor adventures including canoe rides and camp fires. Sadly, the endless adventure did have to end when heroes and villains took over on Thursday. The kids had an awesome time writing their own super hero stories and making them into comics while dressing up as their favorite hero or villain. And we cannot forget MUD MADNESS on Friday. Now time to rest and get ready for another zany week at camp!

Blue Fish w/ Danielle



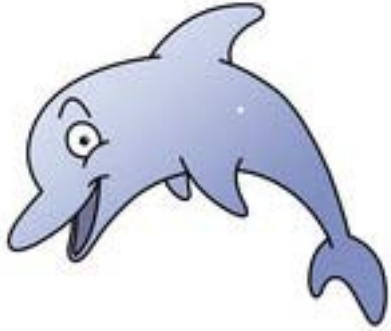
This week has been an awesome week. The campers have had tons of fun all week. Monday was that's Totally Random day. In Techno mania the campers in this studio have had a fun time making a movie. Everyone was just saying just very random things. Tuesday was Plaid Parade Day; campers got to make plaid paper in art by weaving string or paper through a piece of paper that they cut. Wednesday was Endless Outdoor Adventure. This was a fun day to, campers in Games and wacky writing got to go to the creek and do some creek jumping and they loved it. On Thursday it was Hero's Vs Villains and the campers dressed up as their favorite hero or villain. Friday was the best day and the campers have been waiting for this day all week. Friday was MUD MADNESS. The campers enjoyed playing in the mud and having a good time doing it.

Marlins w/ Kate



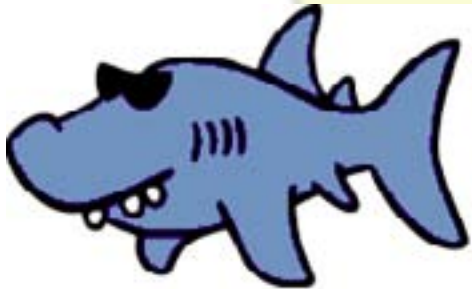
Week Five was a great week for the Marlins! Anticipation was high all week for Mud Madness on Friday and that day certainly lived up to all of our messy expectations! We also had some great costumes and zany fun for the other theme days of the week, including lots of participation in Plaid Parade Day and appearances by Al Capone, Harry Potter, a Jedi, and Superman on Heroes vs. Villains. In our studios, we walked the Catwalk in Outdoor Adventure, made plaid designs out of dental floss in Crafty Art, made our own ice cream in Wacky Science, and made fake injuries on ourselves with make up in Technomania. See everyone next week!

Dolphins w/ Carey & Chelsea



As usual the Dolphins have had a fantastic week 5. Monday was Totally Random, Tuesday was Plaid Parade Day, Wednesday was Endless Outdoor Adventures, Thursday was Heroes and Villains, and last but not least Friday was Camp Odyssey's famous Mud Madness. In the Art Barn with Lianna and Karen the campers made fortune tellers, plaid pattern tie dye, paper airplanes, masks, and totally random things. In Unplugged and Wired with Stormin' Norman, Jack, and Hsin the campers went to the outside obstacle course, played Super Monkey Ball, Mario soccer, and Jezzball on the computer. In Creation Station with Liza, Derek, Chloe, and Faith the campers went down to the creek, made caterpillars and flowers with tissue paper, Camp Odyssey suns, and played word verbiage. In Mindstorm with Chris, Natalie, Hunter, and Robert the campers played death in a bucket, made small movies, and played with pennies and water to make some electricity. In Locomotion with Greca, Catherine, and Adam the kids played volleyball, watermelon, dodge ball, and danced, and did some jump roping. This week was filled with so many things that they are exhausted now at the weekend. Next week will be filled with tons more fun.

Sharks w/ Katie V, Anthony, & Knita



Although it is sad to think Camp is already half over, it's difficult to overlook the adventure and excitement yet to come, and there couldn't have been more adventure and excitement than what the Sharks experienced in week five. The first few days flew by with the usual knockout, Mario Tennis tournaments, and epic dodgeball wars. However, when Wednesday night came around, things got a little serious. Teen campers Kie-Aire Savoy, Michael Momme, Zachary Eskridge, Adam Lowe, Ahmed Osman, and group Counselor Anthony "Lebron" Charry along with a couple of CITs represented Camp Odyssey in the 2nd Annual Camp Odyssey Basketball Tournament. Unfortunately Team Odyssey lost tragically to team Horizons and Salisbury Westside, but the Teen campers put up a good fight and had a good time doing so. The next day the Teens went to Wetipquin Creek for kayaking and biking. The entire trip was a blast and the scenery was amazing. Ask campers Lydie Phillips and Kyle Chandler who viewed wild Bald Eagles from their kayaks. To top off the week, the entire camp celebrated one of the most anticipated days of the summer; Mud Madness. Aside from the wonderful mess, the week was just as thrilling and memorable as the last.

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Outdoor Adventure w/ Jack & Hsin



Setting Sail climbed the climbing wall as a low element without harnesses. The campers climbed as high as their spotter's shoulders. The One Fish & Two Fish solved the problem of how to cross the swamp without touching water. The Red & Blue Fish transported catapult materials exactly as the Ancient Egyptians 5,000 years ago. They used round logs as rollers, wheels without axels. The Marlins & Dolphins excavated the pond for mammoth rocks to help our future canoe cross as if it was the Titanic. The Sharks rebuilt the Great Wall of Odyssey with stones along our pathway.

Every group used their environmental consciousness to improve the Camp Odyssey campus. Adventure staff discovered that flotsam was choking the koala bears with stripped sweaters. As a result none has been seen for decades! To remedy this horrific situation, the One & Two Fish took immediate action. They cleared away this awful flotsam restoring the environment to its koala bear friendly condition. With luck and patience we hope to see koala bears wearing stripped sweaters sometime in the future.



Art 101 w/ Karen

Great works of art were made by our creative campers in Art 101 this week. On Monday, our campers learned how to make bracelets using only yarn and straws. I heard one camper exclaim "this is the new gimpy!" Setting Sail made jewelry using pasta, yarn, and aluminum foil - totally random! In honor of Plaid Parade Day, our oldest campers dyed fabric to resemble plaid. Our younger campers wove magazine, yarn, and construction paper to make plaid. To celebrate the outdoors, we stamped leave to make art. What beautiful creations! On Heroes Vs. Villains day, our campers work in groups to create their own Heroes vs. Villains comic strips. Come to the end of summer celebration to see their great collaborative work! Next week in Art 101, we will do a project involving empty 2 liter bottles. Thanks to everyone who has donated empty bottles so far, but please keep doing it because we could use more!

Crafty Art w/ Liana



It was a zany, crafty, and successful week in Crafty Art. On Monday, That's So Random, campers used their randomness to create one-of-a-kind collages out of picture cut from magazines. On Tuesday, campers celebrated Sloppy Joe's favorite color (paid) by painting their very own plaid design with floss. Endless Outdoor Adventure on Wednesday brought paper plate bumblebees and accordion caterpillars to the Art Barn! The Teens folded butterfly, cat, and frog origami. Heroes vs. Villains on Thursday meant decorating masks. One Fish & Two Fish even had a Heroes vs. Villains ran sam sam showdown! On Friday we made sand art to get in the spirit of mud!

Lights, Camera, Action! w/ Natelie



Lights, Camera, Action went swimmingly this week. The Marlins, Dolphins & Sharks practiced their improvisation skills with some super exciting games. We played games such as Death in a Minute, in which campers are given a totally normal scene (grocery shopping, learning archery, etc) in which one of them must die. Another popular game was Beatnik Poet. Set in a pseudo-intellectual coffee house on open mic night, a camper goes up to recite a poem about a subject suggested by the audience. They keep going until they're booed off the stage. However, it wasn't uncommon to see someone left onstage for a while, because the longer someone is up there, the worse the poem gets and the funnier it becomes.

One Fish, Two Fish and Red Fish, Blue Fish got to know each other a little better with the game Two Truths & a Lie, in which a camper shares two true statements and one false statement about themselves, and the audience guesses which one is false. We also played some classic Camp games, such as Baby, Do You Love Me? and Sausage. In Setting Sail, I played & sang Taylor Swift songs on guitar while the campers sang along. At the end of the studio, they got in line to strum my guitar while I played chords, allowing them to make beautiful music.

Technomania w/ Chris

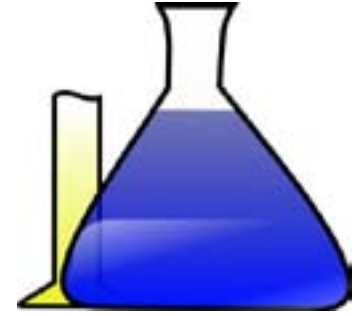


Duhna... Duhna... Duhna. Duhna. Duhna. Duhna! Shark! Land Shark! The campers just barely survived this week. I'm not much of a life guard. You may notice that your kids are afraid to go back in the mud. That may or may not have something to do with the terrifying shark that has been terrorizing the back playground and pulling your children into the ground. That shark may or may not have been created (accidentally, of course) in the Technomania studio during the week. I may or may not have been recording it on video because I thought it would make a great little movie. I apologize.

DON'T FORGET: You can see tons of pictures and movies, including some of the finished products created in the Technomania studio, by checking out the [Camp Odyssey Gallery](#).

Wacky Science w/ Robert & Hunter

We made many different concoctions and formulas this week in Wacky Science. During the week, campers got to learn how ice cream was made and although you don't usually do this during a highly scientific experiment, they sampled some of the finished creations. Campers also made a concoction of baking soda drawing mixing it with vinger so that when the lights are shined on it, it turns gray. Very scientific. For Mud Madness day, we made slime so that they could get used to some of the goey messiness.



Dance w/ Greca



Week Five - oh what a week. Throughout the week, Setting Sail, One Fish, and Two Fish played endless games of freeze dance and the Silly Dance Contest. Marlins and Dolphins played an awesome volleyball game and Watermelon. The Sharks danced nonstop to their Dynamite dance and played "What are you doing?" which is a game where one person stands in the middle and does a random action and another person walks up to them and says "What are you doing?" and the person who is acting out the random action has to say something completely different from what they were doing. So, the person who questioned them has to act out that action. The kids were really creative; they went from flying kites to yelling at their dogs at the mall because their credit card was denied.

Sports & Games w/ Adam

Everyone has been having a great time over in Sports & Games this week. Setting Sail had a lot of fun with the parachute and the garbage game. We have been playing great, traditional sports like soccer and basketball. The teenagers in the Sharks group have even invented a new game, which we don't have a name for yet!



Fun Factory w/ Liza

With Mud Madness occurring this Friday, it was hard to find activities to occupy all of the campers throughout the week. However, in Fun Factory we were able to find a whole bunch of cool activities. This week we made zany insects, Camp Odyssey suns with glitter, tissue paper flowers, gimp, and created our own patch of fabric with a lot of cool designs. Hopefully this week we will get the chance to make marshmallow guns, if not then count on it next week! Catch ya' on the flip side!!



Wacky Writing

w/ Chloe



We have had an awesome, jam-packed week 5 in the Wacky Writing studio. With more campers than any other week at camp so far, we were able to do some fun team games and activities with added enthusiasm. On That's Totally Random we embraced spontaneity with a people-watching safari and surprise parades. Equally as exciting was Endless Outdoor Adventure day, when each group walked through the nature trail to the creek, and where campers had the opportunity to "test the waters".

Throughout the week, the Red Fish, Blue Fish, Marlins, Dolphins, and Sharks have really been getting into the Catch Phrase game and honing their descriptive skills. The game is played with two teams who alternate sending one member up to describe a word which their teammates must guess within a certain time. Other activities this week included fortune tellers, origami, and magazine collages.

Camper's Corner

For the next few weeks of Camp Odyssey, the Zany Press will publish stories and writings produced by campers in Wacky Writing or elsewhere in Camp. This week we have something from one of our most dedicated writers, Sofia Ayres-Aronson. Every day during Computers, Sofia sits down and writes up something random, funny, and quite polished. Here's just one thing she wrote this week:

THERE WAS AN OLD CEILING AND IT WAS LOSING SUPPORT. IT WAS VERY CRUMBLY AND IT HAD A LEAK. THE PERSON WHO LIVED THERE WAS VERY YOUNG THOUGH AND WAS GETTING SCARED BECAUSE SHE WAS SUPERSTITIOUS. AND THERE WAS A BLACK CAT AND IT KEPT CREEPING OVER TO THE HOUSE EVERY NIGHT AND WOULDN'T LEAVE. SO THE PERSON (HIS NAME WAS BILL), DECIDED TO CALL THE SHELTER. THEY TOOK IT BUT BILL FOUND IT IN HIS ROOM THE NEXT NIGHT. HE DECIDED TO GO TO THE LIBRARY TO FIND OUT WHAT HE SHOULD DO. HE WAS LOOKING AT A BOOK ON CATS WHEN HE FOUND A RIPPED UP OLD PIECE OF PAPER WITH THE DESCRIPTION THAT WOULD FIT HIS HOUSE AND A PICTURE OF IT BELOW.

THIS HOUSE IS HAUNTED. A WITCH LIVED HERE.

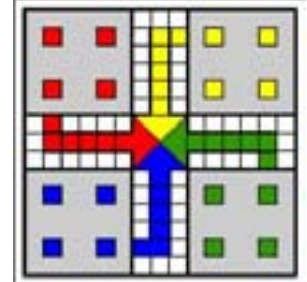
BEWARE.

BILL WAS SPOOKED. HE WENT HOME AND FOUND A NEW HOUSE TO LIVE IN. BUT WHEN THE NIGHT CAME TO MOVE, THERE WAS A LOUD CREAKY NOISE, AND A WITCH APPEARED. SHE CACKLED AND THE CEILING FELL AND THEN THE WALLS CAVED IN AND FELL THE FLOOR GAVE AWAY AND A HOLE FORMED AND THE HOUSE FELL INTO IT AND DISAPPEARED FOREVER, ALONG WITH THE HOLE. AND THE WITCH DISAPPEARED, TOO.

THE END (THIS IS THE PART WHERE YOU CRY AND SAY BOO-HOO, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, EVEN THOUGH IT'S VERY SAD TO SAY).

Game Zone w/ Derek

This was another exciting week in Game Zone where we played many games and had tons of adventures. This week most groups were completely random on Monday's That's Totally Random. On Monday, we did some leap frog through the camp and through other people's studios. The Marlins and Dolphins even stampeded through the Teen's group time. On Wednesday all the groups headed down to the nature trail and the creek to do some jump the creek and some creek adventures for the Endless Outdoor Adventure theme. The Red Fish, Blue Fish, Marlins, and Dolphins all enjoyed playing Apples to Apples, Jenga, and Stratego when they weren't on adventures. Next week we will be playing some outdoor games. I thank you all for a great week and look forward to seeing you again in Game Zone.



Mark your calendar for these exciting Camp Odyssey events:

Click the posters for more detailed information:

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

MONDAY:	RETURN OF THE MIGHTY ZUKE
TUESDAY:	COSTUME CHAOS
WEDNESDAY:	ODYSSEY OLYMPICS
THURSDAY:	KINDNESS CARAVAN: MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER
FRIDAY:	PAJAMBOREE



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