

THE ZANY PRESS: WEEK 8

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GOOOOOOOOOOOBYYYYYYYYYYYE CAMPERS!

You know, sometimes it's really sad to say good bye, and there were certainly a few tears among the campers and counselors as we wrapped everything up this week for our 21st Summer of fun and memories that will last a lifetime.

But if we focus on the "GOOD" part and less on the "BYE" we can smile, knowing that we made so many new friends and memories. We had so many amazing things happen this summer! We celebrated Camp Odyssey's 20th birthday! We had a great Mud Madness, great Chunk & Splatter, great All Camp Show, and more! We laughed, learned, smiled, ran, swam, and just had a great summer of fun and friendship.

We have here a smattering of the different groups and studios from Week 8. Because we have to close down Camp right after all the campers go home, sometimes some of the articles get lost in the shuffle while the counselors focus on cleaning and moving. You can always check CampOdyssey.org for our photo & movie galleries and see some of the amazing pictures and movies taken by our group of dedicated photographers. More pictures are going up every week, so keep checking!

We hope that you enjoyed being a part of our summer programs as much as we enjoyed having you! We can't wait until June 20th, 2011, when we're all standing in the Gym welcoming the campers to the 22nd year of Camp Odyssey... and the best one yet (you better believe it)!

Thanks! Stay Zany!
The Camp Odyssey Staff

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE w/ Jack & Hsin

This was the final week to climb the rock wall for the summer of 2010. As you can see, Andrew from Dolphins reached the peak of our Camp Odyssey Adventure Ropes Course. Overcoming challenges is what we do in Outdoor Adventure and at Camp Odyssey. It's been a great year!



SHARKS w/ Katie V & Anthony

For the last week of the Sharks, we prepared our Shrek themed dance and our hilarious skit to convince Liza at the Camp Show that Camp Odyssey was the best camp that there is! Thursday was our last trip of the summer. Even though it was a planned beach day, the rain, thunder, and lightning move the Teens into Ocean City's Playland Arcade and Planet Maze's Laser Tag. This summer have a lot of 2nd year teen campers who will be interviewing for a CIT position for next year. It's been a great two years and we wish you luck! For the first year Sharks, we hope to see you next summer to make more memories that last a lifetime!

Game Zone w/ Liz

This was an exciting week in Game Zone where we played many games and had tons of different activities taking place. This week Go Fish seemed to be one of the most popular games along with Apples to Apples. The teens played some silent speedball and some hangman which everyone enjoyed. The Red Fish, Blue Fish, Marlins, and Dolphins all enjoyed playing Apples to Apples and Uno. It's been a great week and look forward to seeing you again next summer.

Setting Sail w/ Ronna, Nikki, Emily, & Jen

Setting Sail had a busy last week of Camp! Monday was Cartoon Celebration and many of the kids in Setting Sail wore cartoon shirts to camp! Tuesday was Shamrock Stock and the Camp was filled with green. In Art 101, we decorated stars and in Fun Factory the kids made leprechaun puppets. During special activity on Tuesday, Setting Sail had the Marlins and Dolphins as buddies to help them with the activities.

Wednesday was a busy day for many of us! The theme day was CIT Jamboree, but there was something else going on that day and it was the Camp Show on Wednesday Night! In Art 101, we made necklaces and bracelets out of pasta and aluminum to wear for the Camp Show. All afternoon, we had dress rehearsal for that night, and Setting Sail was ready! For the Camp Show, Setting Sail sang "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" while AJ played it on the piano and we also did the Chicken Dance! Setting Sail did an awesome job!!! Thursday was Get Ready... Get Set... Get Wet! But Setting Sail went to CoCo's Fun House instead of getting wet! The kids had a great time! Friday was Friendship Forever. It was the last day of Camp, but a fun one. Setting Sail had a lot of fun doing many activities with friends they made during the summer and hope to be with next summer. Thank you for a great summer and we hope to see you next summer!!!!

Fun Factory w/ Liza

This last week of camp has breezed on by! I can't believe that the summer is already coming to an end! However, we spent these last few days doing some of the activities campers loved the most. We made foam shaped magnets, tried out some new designs with gimp, made costumes for the all camp show, as well as using the last of the iron on fusion beads. Even if your camper didn't pick fun factory, I would like to say that Camp Odyssey is a great place and I have enjoyed each and everyones company these past few weeks. Can't wait to see old and new faces next summer, but until then... have a great school year!

TWO FISH w/ Emily L. & Amelia

The Two Fish finished off an amazing summer during Week 8 here at camp! We started off the week with Cartoon Celebration, where the campers dressed up as their favorite cartoon characters and even got to design their own unique cartoon superheroes. On Tuesday we wore green and celebrated everything Irish for Shamrock Stock, and the campers got the chance to choose their favorite rockers in our counselor air-band competition. The fun continued on Wednesday with a celebration of our most appreciated volunteers, the CITs! In case you haven't heard, a CIT is a Counselor in Training who volunteers his or her time to Camp all summer long. We really appreciate everything that they do, so we set aside this special day just for them!

Wednesday was the day of the All Camp Show, which was held that night at 6:00 sharp. The One Fish/Two Fish group did an amazing job as puppets dancing along to The Sound of Music's "The Lonely Goatherd" and starting everyone off in the All Camp Dance! The Two Fish were out of this world! We know everyone was tired from working super hard the day before, so we took a trip to the pool on Thursday for Get Ready...Get Set... Get Wet! We had lots of fun relaxing at the pool and played the largest game of Marco Polo camp has ever seen! Friday was a fun way to end the summer with Friends Forever. The campers made signature books for all of their friends to sign, signed t-shirts, and looked forward to the amazing summer coming next year. Thank you so much for choosing Camp Odyssey and we can't wait to see all of you next summer!

WACKY WRITING w/ Chloe

The last week in Wacky Writing was short but sweet due to Thursday's trips and Friday's closing events. The first three days of the week were packed full of some new games along with campers' choices of old favorites. Red Fish, Blue Fish, Marlins, and Dolphins were introduced to a new game called Manner of the Adverb, which involves acting out various tasks in the manner of whichever adverb the group has chosen. The person requesting the tasks does not know the adverb and is trying to guess based on the characteristics of how the tasks are done. The Sharks played a deceptively challenging alphabet-related card game called Shout, a race to shout a word starting with the same letter as the playing card in front of you. Marlins and Dolphins had one last picture scavenger hunt by request, and One Fish Two Fish made some great circle stories and Mad Libs stories. Finally, Setting Sail made their very own picture story books, including tales about Ariel the mermaid and Jaws the shark. The week was an awesome end to one of the best Camp Odyssey summers ever, and we hope to see everyone back again next year!

Lights, Camera, Action! w/ Natalie

The summer's coming to an end, and that means the end of Lights, Camera, Action, too. It's been eight weeks, and we've had a great run. For most of the summer, we have been working on improvisation games; games that not only provide tons of laughs and entertainment, but help kids to step outside of their comfort zone and tap into their witty and creative sides. This week, I let campers pick their favorite games from the summer so they could play them again. Bus Stop and Elevator were resurrected, which didn't surprise me a bit. In my three years of working here, I've yet to stumble upon a game the kids enjoy more. I had a blast and I think my campers would say the same. So, to my campers; you guys are amazing and I hope to see you back next summer. And to my second year teen campers: I can't wait to work with you! Have a great year, everyone, and I'll see you in nine months. :)

Dolphins w/ Carey

Week eight has been so amazing!! It is so hard to believe the Summer is over. This week definitely ended on a wonderful note. The Dolphins worked very hard to prepare our group dance for Camp Odyssey's annual Camp Show and the Counselors for both the Marlins and the Dolphins are very proud. In between all the practicing we also went to studios. In the Art Barn with Karen and Julianna the campers signed shirts, made cartoon strips, cartoon paper dolls, and made trading cards. In Creation Station with Liza, Chloe, and Liz the campers player board games, made hemp, gimp, magnets, news paper articles, and played word games. In Mindstorm storm with Robert, Chris, Helena, and Natalie the campers helped decorate for camp show, made glowing bubbles, played acting games, and also was able to build a bridge out of zany materials. In Locomotion with Adam and Greca the campers practiced a dance for the Camp Show, played hockey, dodge ball, and baseball. The Dolphins never stop going the entire day. Finally the Camp Show arrived and it was a huge success. The campers worked so hard and were all glad the show went fantastic. Thursday was Get Ready...Get Set...Get Wet. We definitely got wet alright!! Rain or Shine we were headed to the Beach but Camp Odyssey always comes up with plan B and C when it rains and if D is needed were on it!!! When we arrived in Ocean City we went laser tagging at Planet Maze which was a big success and then we headed down to the board walk. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain and nothing beats campers running around having a great time on the beach plus hitting some waves. The last day of camp came so quickly and the whole summer has been nothing but making memories to last a life time. Till next year let Camp Odyssey stay in our hearts!

ONE FISH w/ Kauriee

Well, today marks the last day of another fabulous week for the One Fish campers. Not only the last day of the week, but also the last day of camp.

So many friends were made as well as memories that will last a lifetime.

The camp show on Wednesday night couldn't have turned out better and all of the One Fish did a fantastic job during our song "The Lonely Goat Heard."

Yesterday the One Fish were literally fish as they spent the afternoon in the pool! It was a great time and difficult to get them all out of the water, as none of them wanted to leave. Today was mixed with smiles and tears as all the counselors had an opportunity to give every single camper a hug! Later in the day, we were able to make memory books, sign each other's shirts and say our final good byes until next summer.

I hope all of my little fishies have a wonderful school year! I will miss ALL of you! Thanks for making my year at camp so memorable!