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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

CV has the Spirit

Week 4 at camp has been filled with song, laughter and a lot of excitement. We had our first fake color war break. Justin Walker a counselor from G5 came riding into camp dressed as Hannah Montana. He was waving a banner and dancing to music. He arrived in a pink limousine courtesy of Sweet & Sassy in Ridgewood, NJ. It wasn't until he stepped out of the limo that anyone realized that it wasn't really Color War. We also had our annual Song & Banner day. It was filled with creative songs, colorful banners and even

some very fancy shirts. The campers and staff also enjoyed camper/counselor switch day. It was fun to see the staff trying to fit into the campers shirts. Don't forget every Friday is CAMP SPIRIT DAY! Wear your camp shirt to show your spirit and earn points for your bunk. As a reminder CV shirts must be worn on all trips.

Upcoming Dates to  
Remember

Please send in water shoes or old sneakers for next week's nature program. The children will be going in the stream and may be getting wet.

Tuesday, July 28th Masada will be going to the beach.

Wednesday, July 29th us Silly Hair Day.

Thursday, July 30th Masada is going on the Shark boat ride.

## A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Come one, come all was the theme for our 1st Annual Family Fun Night here at Camp Veritans Monday evening! It was an amazing evening filled with games, rides, prizes and most of all fun, friendship and time to be together as a family. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of "Bedtime Stories" on Flagpole Hill while we all relaxed under the beautiful

starry sky. I hope you will all join us again next year!

Speaking of next year . . . I want to take this opportunity to say shalom and thank you to all first session campers! Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and we look forward to spending next summer with you! Keep an eye out for the Summer of 2010 early bird special.



## Camper / Counselor Switch Day



**COLOR WAR???**  
**NOT**



# KINNERET KORNER

Boy how time flies when we are having fun! We have reached week 4 already! This week we will be spending our bunk time creating our costumes for Song and Banner Day this Friday. The campers really made some impressive banners! This Monday, Kinneret campers will have had the opportunity to be counselors. They each got a chance to get the group to line up, or sit down for an activity.



The story of “Teddy” the bear! Kinneret campers have seen a bear reported to be the size of a backpack. He was first spotted eating Alex’s lunch. Neither the counselors nor I have yet to see him. He seems to come when our backs are turned. Nicholas had spotted him during week 2 on the roof of the Dance Pavilion. Jack said he saw him run from the Dance Pavilion to the back of the Cafeteria. The bear dug a hole and tunneled his way in to eat Alex’s food. Both boys described the bear as small and black with red eyes. Apparently our bear seems to be eating more of K3’s lunches these days. He even licks the plates clean! This past Friday, our bear has changed color to a white bear with red eyes. “He said his name is Teddy”, said Jacob. “He

ate my food and my plate too”, exclaimed Lexi. K2 reports that he is now eating their lunches too. Teddy made his way to K1’s table on Friday (week 3) as well. Teddy really likes hot dogs! On Monday, July 20th, Teddy the bear came for a visit, he peeked through the window wearing my hat which was missing. Finally, Tyler discovered that it was Garrett holding Teddy the bear. Lunch was really exciting! Now “Teddy” has become the Kinneret mascot who comes to the lunchroom to get lots of hugs from the children.

Week 3 on Kinneret Island we read some silly books. On Monday, we held our Kinneret Island/Song and Cheer contest,



the winners brought home their special musical star pins. On Tuesday, we read Falling For Rapunzel by Leah Wilcox, the children learned laughed all the way through the book. On Wednesday, our whole unit got to act out the story of The Emperor’s New Clothes. Ben was the Emperor and Allison played his wife. Every child had a part in telling

this silly tale. On Thursday, we practiced our Kinneret song for next week. On Friday, we had some liquid sunshine fall upon us, so



Kinneret Island had to close. We all went to the bunkhouse instead and had many fun activities. Lexi, the counselor from K2 read Harry By the Sea, by Gene Zion to all the children. Then we had a pretend campfire where we roasted hotdogs and marshmallows. We all went under a tent (Parachute) where we heard a spooky story. The children loved hearing the tale of The Teeny Tiny Woman. Lastly, we played board games, built puzzles and played the Silent game (ball game) with our counselors.

Week 4 on Kinneret Island we held our Kinneret Island/Song and Cheer contest. We have also been reading about our friend Clifford the Big Red Dog. The kids love to hear about his adventures! We had a lot of liquid sunshine on Tuesday, but that didn’t stop us from having fun. We took out board games, puzzles, balls and our Thomas the Train Table during our bunk time.

During swim, we had games and relay races with our swim instructors. We had our regular activities and then got to watch Walt Disney’s Wall-e, it was a fun day. Please remember to send your child with a rain coat or poncho on rainy days. We do walk around camp to go to our activities in the rain. You can send in rain boots too, but please make sure that they are marked with your child’s name, and there is a pair of sneakers to change into.

Cheers!

-Tammy

K1 – All Stars

Congratulations to Harris earning his green swim bracelet (week 3)!

Co-winners of our 2nd weekly Kinneret Island/Song and Cheer Contest! Great job!

During bunk time this week we got to play in the games center (week 3), it was a lot of fun! We also worked on our necklaces for Song and Banner Day (week 4).

On Camper/Counselor switch day Matthew and Alex were the Unit Heads during snack times, Justin took attendance, and Ronin took lunch orders. Ben brought us to and from swim. Josh was in charge of bathroom breaks. Alex lead us to gymnastics, Jared lead us to lunch, Michael brought us to camp crafts and Matthew lead us to basketball.

# KINNERET KORNER (CONTINUED)

## K2 - Shining Stars

Co-winners of our 2nd weekly Kinneret Island/Song and Cheer Contest! Great job!

Sending out lots of hugs and kisses to Leah, and Shaine who will not be with us for August. We loved our time with you and can't wait to see you again next year!

During our bunk time we played Cat and Mouse with K3 (week 3), and made our necklaces for Song and Banner Day (week 4). We all had so much fun!

On Camper/Counselor switch day Leah was the Unit Head, Lexi took attendance, Allison took lunch orders, Shaine, Sarah, Olivia and Zoe all took their turns leading the group during activities.

## K3 - Rock Stars

Congratulations to Brittney Greenwald, the Counselor of the Week for week 3.

Winners of our 1st weekly Kinneret Island/Song and Cheer Contest! Great job! During our bunk time we took out the parachute and played Cat and Mouse with K1 (week 3). We all loved that game!

We all worked on our necklaces for Song and Banner day during our bunk time this week.

On Camper/Counselor switch day Kyle and Eric were the Unit Heads. Yanatan took attendance, and Jason took lunch orders. Nicholas, Jacob, Alex, Jack and Tyler all took turns leading us to our different activities.

Dear Mom and Dad,

This summer is going so fast. This week we celebrated Israel Day. Oneg Shemesh came to camp, and sang songs in both Hebrew and English. Arts & Crafts had key chains for us to make. Some of them were maps, and others were dreidels.

In Nature, we made wooden airplanes that really fly! In Camp Crafts, we made campfires with tissue paper and sticks. Of course, no campfire is complete without the marshmallows for roasting. We also made the cutest nests out of sticks, including the little pompom birds.

Tuesday was rainy, but not at all a washout. The lifeguards had all different activities for us to do in Upper Abrash. We played Twister, telephone, dominoes, hot potato, duck-duck-goose, Indian chief, the list goes on and on. The Sport Specialists came to the bunk houses and did stuff with us. The counselors taught us some new games, and we practiced our song for song and banner day.



Friday is Song and Banner Day. I can't wait to sing our bunk song. I hope we win! The banners

# EL AL EXCITEMENT

are looking great. There are the E1 Spongebobs, E2 Tweety Sweeties, E3 Transformers, E5 Johnny Tests, E6 Minnies, and the E7 Tazmanian Devils. I just love cartoons.

I can't believe that the first session is over. I am going to miss my friends that are leaving. We've been having so much fun. I hope that maybe they can talk their parents into staying longer.

Love,

Your EL AL camper



A Note from Robyn:

I hope that all of you who attended our first family fun night enjoyed yourselves. I also hope that you had the opportunity to meet your camper's counselors. We have a terrific staff here, and I am pleased to be part of it. If you did not have the opportunity to meet with them, I encourage you to stop by camp for a visit.

Robyn

# NEGEV NEWS

Negev was a HUGE hit when it came to Spirit Day! Our songs and banners showcased the enthusiasm for each bunk. Everyone had individual songs and shirts for their bunk and we sounded and looked amazing! Of course I have to thank all of my counselors again for their hard work, dedication, and love for all of their campers – it really showed in their performances in front of the whole camp.

Notes from the Negev Counselors:

N1:

The Lion Tamers had a fantastic summer so far here at Camp Veritans. At song and banner day we performed our song to the tune of "Welcome to the Jungle." Ask your child to sing it for you at home! Each camper made their own lion shirt to show our camp spirit – we really showcased our individuality with all of the different faces of our lions. We will be wearing our shirts different days this summer – we'll keep you posted. We cannot wait for the next 4 weeks.

- Andrew, Christian, & Jeremy

N2:

Wow! Four weeks have sure gone by fast! To end the session, all of the N2 campers and counselors dressed up as clowns and they sure were crazy and cute. To go along with their adorable outfits, we performed a N2 version of "Circus" by Britney

# NEGEV NEWS

(continued)

Spears which had a dance choreographed by the campers themselves. We're not biased or anything, but we think N2 had the best banner out of all of the bunks. Each camper took part in the making of it! We had such a blast showing our spirit to the rest of the camp and can't wait to see what's to come in the next four weeks being the Crazy Cute Clowns!

- Grace, Ally, & Jenn

N3:  
As our first session came to a close, the N3 Boxing Kangaroos sang their hearts out to the tune of "Yellow Submarine" (our favorite song in music so far this summer). While we may not have won the competition, the kangaroos had a great time in their new red shirts and red boxing gloves. As session 1 ended we said goodbye to Liam Duffy, but we



remain excited for session 2! The boys are looking forward to a session full of kickball, swim, field trips, and our overnight!

- Raffi, Aaron, & Andrew

N5:  
During Spirit Week, the N5 Circus Monkeys tied for first place in the song,

banner, & t-shirt contest. Our song and dance to the popular song Fire Burning left everyone talking (semi circle... semi circle...)! I'm sure your camper is singing and dancing at home! As for the rest of the summer, we don't have any new campers; however, we will still have loads of fun as the N5 Circus Monkeys at Camp Veritans! Monkey Chant, 1...2...3... Ooh Ah Ha Ooh Ah Ha!

- Greg, Mike, Danny, & Harrison

N6:  
The always spirited N6 Mysterious Magic Masters enthusiastically performed their best. They looked awesome in their yellow bunk shirts (that we really



enjoyed making for them) and black top hats. They performed their song to the tune of "Do You Believe in Magic." Although they didn't win, we are still proud of their spirit!

- Juli, Laura, Allie, & Abby

N9:  
N9 took spirit week by force, putting everything we had into our Camp V spirit! The Stampeding Elephants showed their jungle spirit with ferocious elephant shirts, each with a hand painted elephant with handprint ears posed proudly in front. Our spirited shirts were only topped by our Elephantastic banner, sporting the ideas and mini-banners of every member of the N9 pack.

Of course nothing says spirit like VICTORY! And victory is just what our song, "We'll Crush Ya" (to the tune of "Don't Trust Me"), achieved. The Elephants tied for first in one of the most eventful and competitive spirit weeks at camp! We are really looking forward to seeing what else we can come up with for the next 4 weeks!

- David, Dan, Zachary, & Bobby

N10:  
N-10 has had a great summer so far. Last week during spirit week Abi, Talia, Brittany, and Kaylie did an amazing job singing and dancing to the song we made together. Although Julia was not at camp this past week she was there in spirit through the lyrics in the song. Our bunk is a close-knit group that is welcoming Genesis into our bunk this session with open arms. The summer is not over yet and we are so excited for everything that is still to come!

- Olivia & Sarah



Please remember to keep sending in water and sunscreen because our days are only getting hotter. As the days are warm, the fun is increased. Often on hot days we will be doubling up swim periods and playing water games throughout camp. We have our camp overnight and a field trip coming up (please make sure your camper is wearing their

camp shirt on all trips). The second session is off to a great start and I'm only expecting more excitement as the weeks go on!

Keep cool,  
Kristi

## NEIL'S GALIL



Galil can not believe that half of camp is over already. Time really does fly when you are having fun! We are sad to be losing some really fantastic campers, but we know that we will stay in touch because the friendships we made were so strong, they



will last forever! This past week brought some really exciting and fun activities! Monday night was family fun night, and it was a



pleasure talking with many of you and watching your camper enjoy themselves on the rides, and games.

# NEIL'S GALIL (continued)

On Thursday Galil went to Mountain Creek Water Park and the trip could only be described as one of our senior counselors put it as ,”the best trip ever.” Who knew there were so



many daredevils in our unit? Our fearless campers did the Tarzan Swing, H2O OH NO, and the Cliff Dive, numerous times. Neil was “a big chicken” and was only too happy to



## SPECIALTY NEWS

### Camp Crafts

A Big Thank You goes out to Richard Shoes for their gracious donation of shoe boxes. The campers of Camp Veritan's thanks Richard shoes for their support.

Things here at camp crafts have been very busy. Campers are showing their creativity when asked. I love to see how different

watch and supervise from the side. I would like to thank all my counselors for doing everything with their campers, as that made it more enjoyable for them, and campers, for listening to, and staying with their counselors. Even the rain stayed away as is further proof that the sun always



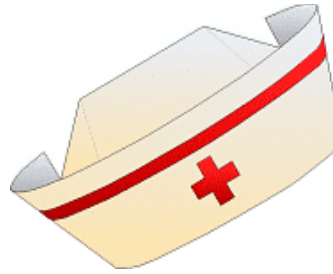
shines on Galil! Friday brought Spirit and Banner Day to camp! It was wonderful to see all the talented campers in our unit! From rappers to pink ladies, to fish, Galil was proud to show off their talents. Congratulations to G2 for impressing the judges!

Parents, please continue to check the camp calendar for more exciting fun! Galil still has a few more trips, and our over night is not that far away! Thank you for your continued support!



all of their projects turn out at the end of the period. All campers have really put in great effort into their projects. I do hope that you enjoy what comes home because we enjoy making them.

# NURSES NOTES



We are getting fewer water bottles in camp and it is very important that all campers and staff have their own bottles. We have an endless supply of fresh water for re-fills all over camp.

Your campers are wonderful. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Lee Ann Beck, RN  
Linnea Gorshein, RN

The weather has changed (again) this week, so please be on the lookout for rain predictions and send campers with rain gear (ponchos, rainboots, extra socks).

## CUTEST PET CONTEST

Last year we voted for the best photo of Cooper, our resident Cocker Spaniel. This year, we invite everyone to send in a photo (not returnable) of your pet. All campers and staff will vote on the photos displayed in the nurse's office. The winning photo will hang in the nurse's office in 2010.

On the back of your photo write: Pets name, Type of pet, Age of pet, Camper/ Staff name, home phone number.

Photo's must be in by Friday, July 31st. Voting will start August 3rd. Any questions? Call Lee Ann at 973-956-8330.

## POOLSIDE AT CV



Week three at the pool has been very busy! We are seeing many campers move up into new swim levels. We also have some diving divas or dudes and successful deep water swimmers. If you did not receive a swim report for your child at the end of week three please call the

office so we can update you on your camper's progress. Our lifeguard of the week this past week was – Megan Rooney, keep up the great work.

See you at the pool-  
Leslie

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# BUS Business



A note from the Bus Director:

The bus points have been reset. Many of the busses are taking this opportunity to jump ahead! Bus 9 is currently in the lead by only 10 points ahead of bus 6. The spirit and singing I can hear as the busses enter camp brightens each morning! The staff trivia is getting harder and the campers are going to have to really think before they answer this session around!

Keep it up,  
- Kristi

## BIRTHDAYS week 5



**7/27**

Liz K (Masada)

Jack S (K3)

**7/29**

Yanatan A (K3)

Maggie K (N2)

**7/31**

Jordan G (G1)

Jason S (G5)

**8/1**

Jason B (N1)

Daniel G (E1)

Jason L (G5)

Please book your child's birthday party no later than the Thursday of the week before the special day! We'd love to celebrate your child's special occasion but we really do need this advance notice along with payment in full.

Thank you for your cooperation!