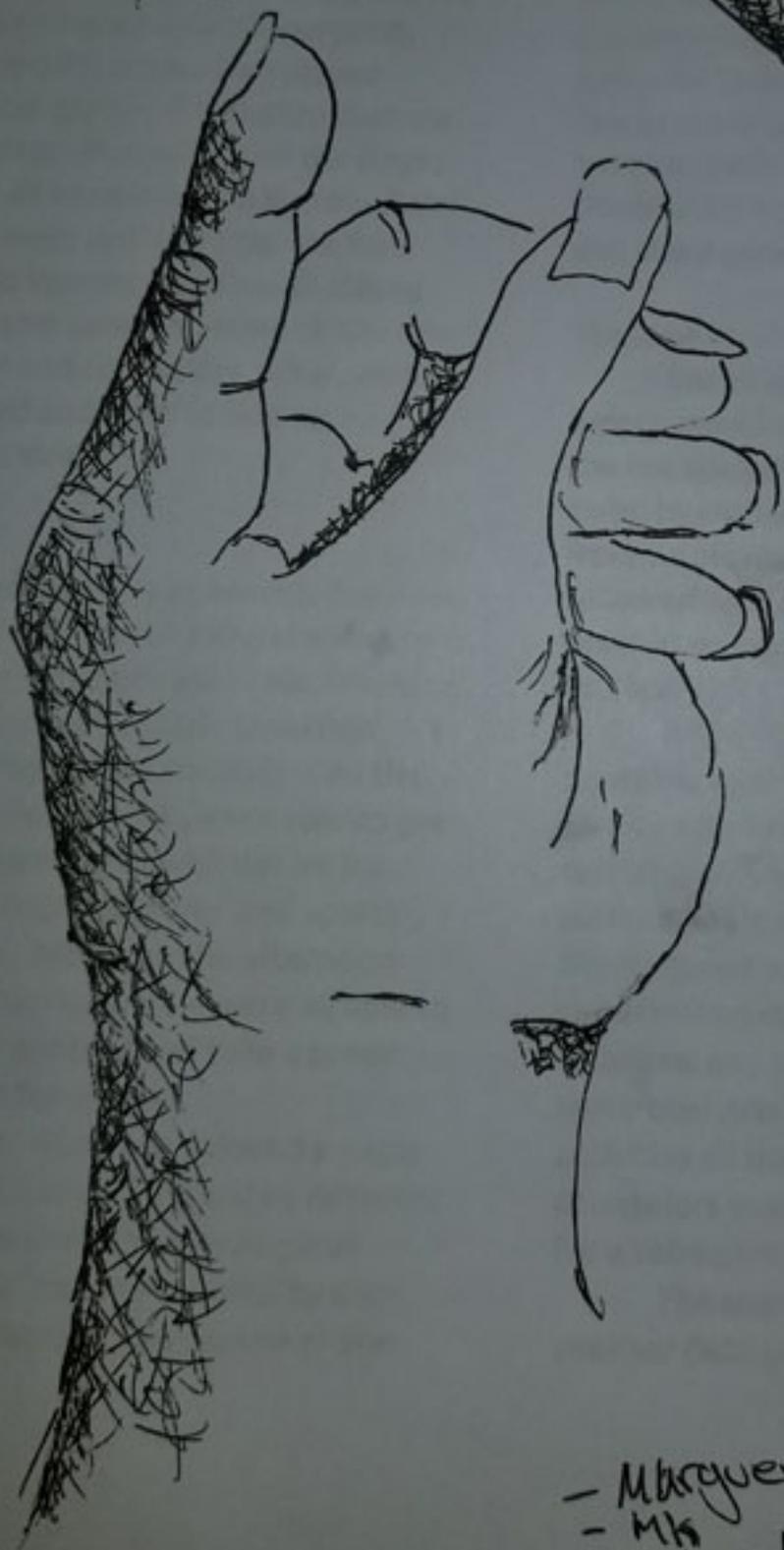


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## Newsletter Week 1

### Sunday

As all the staff were patiently waiting for the very first campers of the season to arrive they finally did! All friends reconnected and everybody made new friends and we played awesome games of Nuke'Em then we had a great dinner lowered the flags , and we all went down to Stevens Pond for the swim test and later the free swim. At Stevens Pond we all played some name games to meet all the new campers and counselors. After, we all showered and went to bed for a peaceful sleep

### Monday

Monday was a glorious, fun-filled first day. The morning began with the typical reveille and cabin calls. We were able to enjoy a fantastic breakfast provided by Shirley and Ralph. As the day went on, campers were able to get to know each other with nature ice breakers, arts and crafts, and sports and games. Although the afternoon was a blistering hot, we were all able to make the best of it and take a break after lunch for siesta.

After siesta we enjoyed a sugar rush at the store, which led to different activities as well. The classic game called Nuke 'Em was enjoyed by each and every camper. Even some of the

daring counselors came to join the campers in the all too competitive game.

Afternoon games led to dinner and evening activities. Another even more competitive game continued as we began a game of Pin Ball. Pin Ball is a great field game where we try our very best to knock down the pins on the opposing team's side. Finally, as the day came to an end we enjoyed a fantastic campfire accompanied by songs and dancing. We were all thankful for being able to bare the heat and make great new friends.

### Tuesday

We all woke up to a bright yet muggy morning. This was the start of the hot spell that was brought to the camp by Mother Nature. As usual Reveille played at 7AM. Cabin calls followed with everyone out on their porches so happy to say good morning to Alex.

A fantastic breakfast of pancakes and bacon was provided by Shirley and Ralph. After the the campers and counselors cleaned up their cabins it was on to the activities. Great games and fun were provided by the activities of Nature, Archery, Sports & Games, and kids when and made some cool Arts & Crafts. After the activities all the campers and counselors went down to Stevens Pond for a refreshing swim.

The evening activity was yet another field game except this time it

was Medicine Ball. The objective of this game was to be the last team standing except each team has a Medic where they can run around and “revive” players that had been out while trying to not get out themselves. The night ended with an amazing campfire built by our fantastic fire chief Caleb. Songs were sung with a snack that followed then it was off to bed to get some rest for the next fun filled day

### **Wednesday**

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!! All the campers woke up as usual and came out of their cabin wearing their Red, White, and Blue clothing to show their patriotism. The day went on as usual. We all went down to Stevens Pond once again for a nice relaxing swim to cool off. The evening activity was up to campers and they all wanted to play the camp favorite Pin Ball once again. Once the night started to settle down, Keith so graciously passed out red, white, and blue finger lights and glow sticks. Once it was dark enough, Dave presented us with a fantastic firework display to end the festivities of the day. Then off to bed it was.

### **Thursday**

We started off our Thursday bright and early with reveille followed by an awesome breakfast from the kitchen. In the afternoon we all headed down to Lake St. George for the first water olympics of the season. We had handstand competitions, frozen T-shirt

contest, relay race, and a rock skipping contest followed by a long free swim. Once we got back to camp our amazing staff had set up a slip and slide with water balloons in the field! Everyone had a great time running and sliding around on the tarp, while others had their fun by filling up buckets of water and surprising people with a nice cold shower. Everyone left the field that night soaked and happy ready for the small campfires set up for later that night.

### **Friday**

Today the campers awoke to reveille excited for what the day had in store for them. However heavy rain set in early in the morning, changing the days plans. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd activity blocks were spent in the mess hall, rec hall, and arts and crafts buildings. Even though the day was gloomy the camp was still filled with laughter and ping pong balls hitting the table. Sadly the rain didn't stopping time for the field to dry for land Olympics so the sports and games staff thought of something else the campers would enjoy inside. So the afternoon was spent in the mess hall watching Journey to the center of the earth. Shortly after the movie started the rain began to slow to a stop. When the movie was over there was free time until dinner and everyone began to hope the basketball court would dry in time for the dance tonight.

## PLANET FACTS WITH ALEX

EVERY WEEK I WILL BRING YOU A FACT A PLANET THAT IS VISIBLE FROM OUR OWN EARTH

DID YOU KNOW THAT MARS IS THE FOURTH PLANET FROM THE SUN AND THE SECOND-SMALLEST PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM AFTER MERCURY. IN ENGLISH, MARS CARRIES A NAME OF THE ROMAN GOD OF WAR, AND IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE "RED PLANET" BECAUSE THE REDDISH IRON OXIDE PREVALENT ON ITS SURFACE GIVES IT A REDDISH APPEARANCE THAT IS DISTINCTIVE AMONG THE ASTRONOMICAL BODIES VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE. MARS IS A TERRESTRIAL PLANET WITH A THIN ATMOSPHERE, HAVING SURFACE FEATURES REMINISCENT BOTH OF THE IMPACT CRATERS OF THE MOON AND THE VALLEYS, DESERTS, AND POLAR ICE CAPS OF EARTH. THE ROTATIONAL PERIOD AND SEASONAL CYCLES OF MARS ARE LIKEWISE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF EARTH, AS IS THE TILT THAT PRODUCES THE SEASONS. MARS IS THE SITE OF OLYMPUS MONS, THE LARGEST VOLCANO AND SECOND-HIGHEST KNOWN MOUNTAIN IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, AND OF VALLES MARINERIS, ONE OF THE LARGEST CANYONS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THE SMOOTH BOREALIS BASIN IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COVERS 40% OF THE PLANET AND MAY BE A GIANT IMPACT FEATURE. MARS HAS TWO MOONS, PHOBOS AND DEIMOS, WHICH ARE SMALL AND IRREGULARLY SHAPED. THESE MAY BE CAPTURED ASTEROIDS, SIMILAR TO 5261 EUREKA, A MARS TROJAN. THERE ARE ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS ASSESSING THE PAST HABITABILITY POTENTIAL OF MARS, AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTANT LIFE. FUTURE

ASTROBIOLOGY MISSIONS ARE PLANNED, INCLUDING THE MARS 2020 AND EXOMARS ROVERS. LIQUID WATER CANNOT EXIST ON THE SURFACE OF MARS DUE TO LOW ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE, WHICH IS LESS THAN 1% OF THE EARTH'S, EXCEPT AT THE LOWEST ELEVATIONS FOR SHORT PERIODS. THE TWO POLAR ICE CAPS APPEAR TO BE MADE LARGELY OF WATER. THE VOLUME OF WATER ICE IN THE SOUTH POLAR ICE CAP, IF MELTED, WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ENTIRE PLANETARY SURFACE TO A DEPTH OF 11 METERS (36 FT). IN NOVEMBER 2016, NASA REPORTED FINDING A LARGE AMOUNT OF UNDERGROUND ICE IN THE UTOPIA PLANITIA REGION OF MARS. THE VOLUME OF WATER DETECTED HAS BEEN ESTIMATED TO BE EQUIVALENT TO THE VOLUME OF WATER IN LAKE SUPERIOR. ITS APPARENT MAGNITUDE REACHES  $-2.91$ , WHICH IS SURPASSED ONLY BY JUPITER, VENUS, THE MOON, AND THE SUN. OPTICAL GROUND-BASED TELESCOPES ARE TYPICALLY LIMITED TO RESOLVING FEATURES ABOUT 300 KILOMETERS (190 MI) ACROSS WHEN EARTH AND MARS ARE CLOSEST BECAUSE OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE. MARS IS APPROXIMATELY HALF THE DIAMETER OF EARTH WITH A SURFACE AREA ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THE TOTAL AREA OF EARTH'S DRY LAND. MARS IS LESS DENSE THAN EARTH, HAVING ABOUT 15% OF EARTH'S VOLUME AND 11% OF EARTH'S MASS, RESULTING IN ABOUT 38% OF EARTH'S SURFACE GRAVITY. THE RED-ORANGE APPEARANCE OF THE MARTIAN SURFACE IS CAUSED BY IRON(III) OXIDE, OR RUST. IT CAN LOOK LIKE BUTTERSCOTCH; OTHER COMMON SURFACE COLORS INCLUDE GOLDEN, BROWN, TAN, AND GREENISH, DEPENDING ON THE MINERALS PRESENT.

## Water Olympics

### Team 1

Counselor: Griffin

Kallie

Chris

Claudia

Ben

### Team 2

Counselor: Caleb

MK

Ethan

Lucas

Destiny

### Team 3

Counselor: Dylan

Garet

Blake

Josh

Avery

## Competitions

### Handstand

1. Josh - Team 3
2. Kallie - Team 1
3. Destiny - Team 2

### Ring Toss

1. Blake - 5 Points - Team 3
2. MK - 3 Points - Team 2
3. Claudia - 1 Point - Team 1

## Rock Skip

1. Ethan - 5 Points - Team 2
2. Avery - 4 Points - Team 3
2. Chris - 4 Points - Team 1

## Relay Race

1. Team 1 - 1:41s
2. Team 3 - 1:57s
3. Team 2 - 2:08s

## Frozen T-Shirt

1. Team 1
2. Team 2
3. Team 3

## Enthusiasm

1. Team 1 = 3 Points
2. Team 2 = 2 Points
3. Team 3 = 2 Points

## Overall Team Scores

- First Place = 3 points
- Second Place = 2 Points
- Third Place = 1 Points

1. Team 1 = 14 Points
2. Team 3 = 13 Points
3. Team 2 = 11 Points

**Fishing Awards**

Biggest Fish Caught = Claudia

Smallest Fish Caught = Avery

Most Fish Caught = Liam

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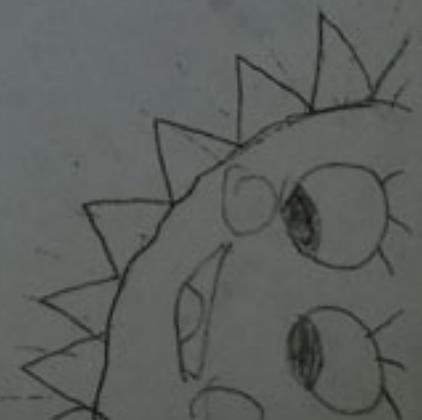
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