

THE CHIRRUP

Week 1

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Everything as Fresh as the Bright Blue Sky

After a long spring of unusually tumultuous rain, the warm summer sun dawned in a perfectly blue sky for Camp Sangamon's Session One opening day.

We were excited to welcome campers old and new back to camp and the grounds were soon filled with the sounds of new friends meeting for the first time, old friends reuniting after a school year apart, crackling campfires, and ringing bells.

Everyone has jumped right into the swing of things: the pond is bustling with swimmers, kayakers and paddleboarders, the woodshop is humming along, the farm animals and horses are getting plenty of attention, and campers are trying out dozens of other activities like mountain biking, weaving, arts and crafts, forge, pottery and tennis.

Welcome old friends and new—it's going to be a great summer!

Welcome To The Mountain!

On Thursday and Friday at hikes and trips, we went on an overnight hike at Mt Mansfield. We left during afternoon free time and got back at dinner the next day. It was a two hour drive and then we set up camp.

For dinner, we had ramen and it was sooooo good. Then we slept and had oatmeal for breakfast and started hiking. It took us about three and a half hours up and about two hours and forty-five minutes back down.

Arlo Cifone (Woodpecker Lodge)



Activities, Activities, Activities, Activities!

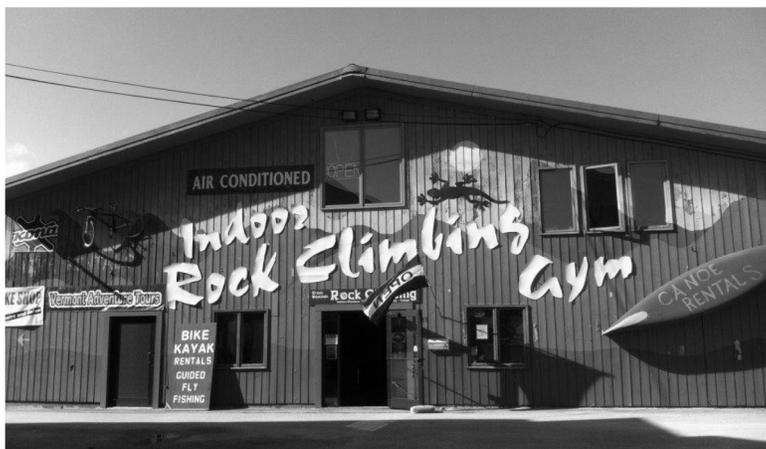
We love activities and all of the choices we get to make. We love going to soccer because we have the greatest soccer fields ever! We also like going to woodshop when soccer isn't open. In woodshop so far we have made a baseball bat and a chair. Overall we love all the activities Sangamon offers.

**Lay Lah Hay and Moo Eh Htoo
(Cabin Breeze)**

Rock Climbing Trip!

On Tuesday we took a trip to the rock climbing gym. We all learned how to belay and how to climb the walls. There were a bunch of climbs that were for different skill levels. We all had fun learning how to rock climb and getting better.

Max Derby and Nate Gaissert (Cabin Breeze)



It Never Rains at the Pond!

Where the Pond is Blue

On a sunny Thursday afternoon at canoeing and kayaking, we had a paddleboard race against BC. Two people per paddleboard. They had a lot more people than us, but Jasper and I were able to come in first place. We completed two races, one with a paddle, and one without. We did use certain techniques to get first, like splashing other people, or pulling back their boards, but it was all part of the game.

Jack Holm (Apprentice)



Sweet Boat of Mine

On Tuesday I went sailing in the small boat on the pond for the first time this year. We tried sailing, but there wasn't much wind, which is kind of essential for sailing. I suggested capsizing drills, which is where you put the boat on its side and one person is in the cockpit and the other one is on the bottom fin and push it down, and the boat pops back up. They've also got the big boat up and running, so I'm looking forward to sailing again and taking my first big trip of the year.

Noah Letendre (Cabin Gale)

All We Need is a Little Pond Frisbee



Pond Frisbee...the most competitive sport in the world! Two teams of five go against each other in an all-out frenzy.

There are three stages and each stage lasts five minutes. One person from each team goes to the top of the tower. The other four line up on each side of a person in the middle of the dock. That person throws the Frisbee out into the lake. The eight players on the dock jump into the water to try and get it.

Once one team gets the Frisbee they have to pass it three times. If it hits the water it is a turnover. Once the three passes are complete, they have to get it to the goal (a person on the side), and once that person gets it the team gets two points. Then the goal (person) throws the Frisbee at the tower. That team's person on the tower jumps off to try and catch it to get an extra point.

On Tuesday The Row fought The Egg Beaters. It ended in a tie going into the first ever sudden death round.

William Anderson (Cabin Breeze)

Tame, Tame Horses

Meet the Horses at Camp Sangamon with Izzy Andrews (Cabin 1 staff)



Pea: The lovable Icelandic pony who likes her grass too much – Pea is Bart’s best friend.



Bart: The giant escape artist who is our biggest horse at camp. He helps our more advanced riders improve their skills.



Creole: The friendly camp digger who likes to make holes when he’s tied up! He’s a big chestnut horse who knows to bring himself in from the field, helping our counselors in the morning.



Dottie: The sweet old chestnut mare who does her best to please. She’s great for both beginners and more advanced riders.



Copper: The final chestnut we have, who is happy to go on trail rides or ride in the arena.



Summer: Our only Appaloosa on camp, she may be blind in one eye but she won’t let that hold her back from being our speediest pony.



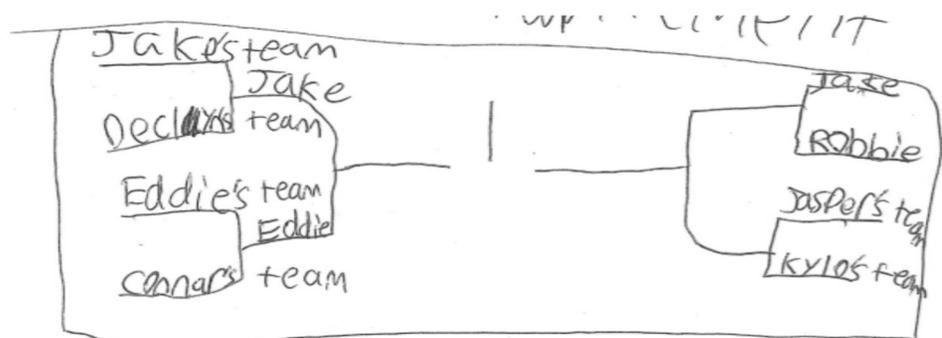
Faith: The second smallest pony here at camp, she’s a Haflinger and teaches many campers to ride.



Timber: The baby of the camp family who is very friendly and inquisitive, and aims to please everyone.

Basketball, and Whispers of Tournaments Yet to Come

There have been a lot of tournaments like the camper basketball tournament. There are rumors going around that more tournaments are coming up like camper tennis and a Magic, so keep your eyes on the bulletin board by the kitchen!



Walkin' in the Summer Rain

On Tuesday, I went on a hike to Chaffee Falls in Pittsford. We were going to go to a much larger waterfall but sadly, it was raining. Still, we had two campers who signed up to go.

When we arrived, I stepped out of the van and slogged up the mile long trail to the river up the hill to our destination. When we arrived at the cascading falls, we carefully scaled halfway up to an outcropping where we could take some pictures of the amazing waterfalls. Soon enough we had to leave, but I was excited to have completed my first hike in the rain! When we finally made it back to the van, we rocked out to Old Town Roads.

Jacob Walker (CIT)



Knock, Knock, Knocking on Woodshop's Door

Woodshop is my favorite activity, and I love going there because I like to make things. I go there and learn new things about building. So far I've been in woodshop a lot this year. Woodshop is the best!

December Htoo (Cabin Breeze)

Rolling with it at the First Social of the Summer

The social is an event that happens every Wednesday night with Sangamon and BC. At our first social of the year we went over to BC and met our sister cabins. We played games, ate brownies and ice cream, and talked.

After introductions and treats, both camps went to the tennis court to start dancing. However, the dancing ended early because of rain, but we just rolled with it and went into the main house at BC. In there we sang camp songs back and forth. It was a great time.

Eddie Fallis and Declan Murphy (Cabin Breeze)

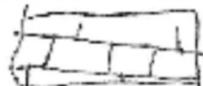


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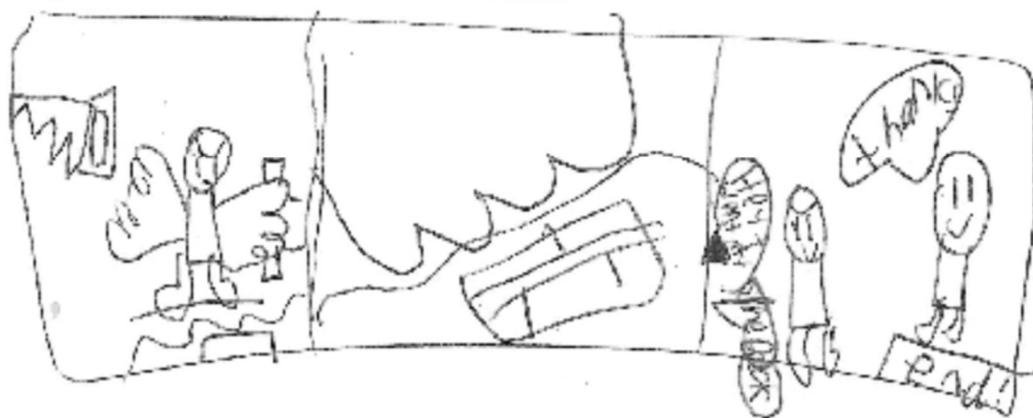
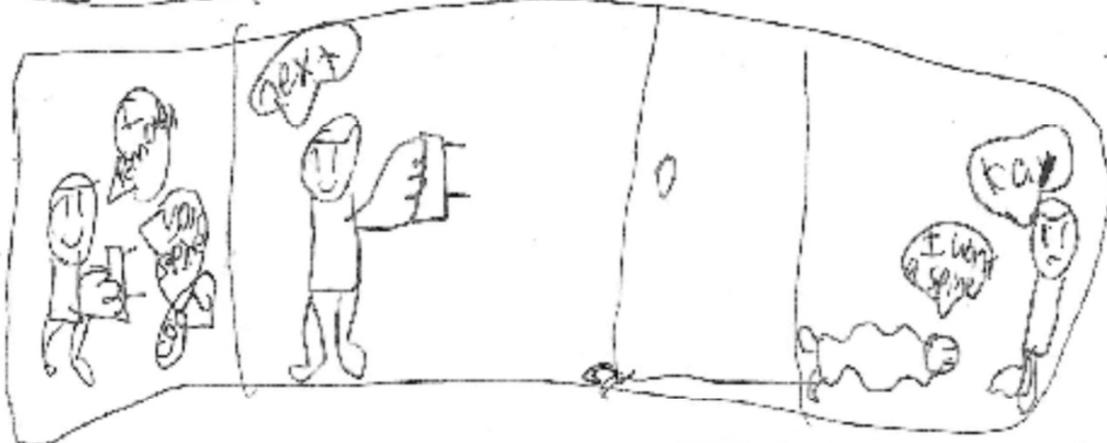
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