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Week 3

Look up to the skies and see

There's a phenomenon we at Camp Sangamon experience, known as camp time. It's the paradoxical phenomenon that makes a lazy summer day of swimming and weaving and riding feel like it's stretching on forever, from the ring of the dip bell at 7:45am until the dusk slowly creeps in, taking the sun away and bringing in the stars—but then you blink and it's three weeks later, and first session is over.

It's the same phenomenon that makes you feel like you've known your cabin mates for years when it's only been three weeks, or that makes you feel like you've been at camp your whole life even it's your very first time.

Camp time also lets you fit an inordinate amount of activity into your day: nature, canoeing, fishing, reading, swimming, basketball, Magic, dodgeball and toasting marshmallows might all happen in a single 24 hour period.

But at some point, camp time ends. This week we bid farewell to our first session campers, at least until next summer. We've also said goodbye to our intrepid apprentices, who are off to Cambodia for two weeks. Thanks to everyone for a great first session!

Sanga Stylin'

IN:

Winter

Succulents

Richie Barker

OUT:

6.14

Itamar

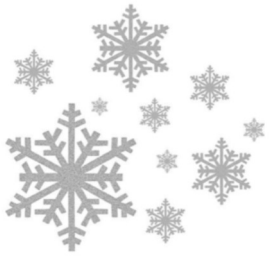
Clover

ESCAPE FROM REALITY!

It started with a little hike behind the main house, on a path to a shelter called Ojibway. When we got there, we gathered some sticks and wood for a fire. All of us put down our sleeping bags and while the stuff got laid out we also got an array of snacks.

Once everything was set up, we roasted s'mores and ate chips. The counselors handed out glowsticks after we had finished the snacks. After a little encouragement, we finally crawled into our sleeping bags and fell asleep.

Henry Snelling and Myles Chang, Cabin Gale



Tie your bracelet down!

I like the weavery. There's a wide variety of stuff you can do. You can make bracelets, you can use the looms, or you could learn new knots. My personal favorite is the slipknot.

I love going there, it's a lot of fun. I make a lot of bracelets too, and I like to learn new ones.

I go there mostly every day, and I have a lot of fun making new friends as well.

Ryder Denton, Cabin 3

ANY WAY THE WIND BLOWS!

Life at Sangamon is vastly different from many other camps and life back at home. To elaborate on that, we mean that everyone gets a good balance of rules to keep us in line but allow us to explore and not feel caged in.

For example, you can be whoever you want here, while doing that you have to be respectful (of course). But as long as you are, there's always at least one group to fit in with here. Life here at Sangamon is a great experience for all.

That's all for us!

Harper Davidson and Jacy Mansfield, Cabin Gale

Another one bites the dust!

During the final basketball game, I had a lot of fun. My teammates were Eddie and Thomas, we were vs. Kylo's team, which was Kylo, Joel, and Milo. We had sadly lost, but in the end even though we lost we had a good time.

Wyatt Quesnel, Cabin Gale

The riding crew at the horse show!

Malek riding on Summer

EVERYBODY PLAY THE GAME (OF POND CTF)!

Last week we had a game of Pond Capture The Flag and it was super fun. We took out canoes and kayaks and paddleboards and if you get tagged you get out for ten seconds. It was first to five, I got two points and Luca got three. BC got one. We won 5–1. It felt good winning.

My canoeing partner Connor almost threw me in. He started poking me and I fell in, and then we all jumped into the water because it was a hot day.

Ben McGuigan, Cabin 3

Stacks on stacks on stacks!

Spread Your Wings!

I have had a great time at farm this past session because I have met a chicken that I call Tiny Dude, because Tiny Dude is the smallest chicken in the coop. I have had a great time this whole session having it sit on me, and playing with it, and feeding it once or twice.

So I've had a great time with Tiny Dude, but I'd like to mention some of the other animals, like the two baby cows, which I've popped into their enclosure once or twice to pet them, and the sheep with the curved face, which I like to sometimes play around with, and the goats which I like to watch play around, and I sometimes get in with them. And the baby pigs which I like to feed and I like to play with. And the kittens, especially because I helped name them. There's Peanut Butter, Blizzard and Mr Pigglesworth.

Basically, I have enjoyed my first session here and I am excited to come back third session.

William Brueggeman, Cabin 3

CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED FREE SWIM!

Free Swim is really nice because we like to have fun in the water and it is relaxing. Sometimes we play pond Frisbee and Marco Polo.

It's always fun to see how long you can hold your breath underwater too.

Elliot Jones, Isaac Kennedy Mitchell, and Trevor Kelly Hinterberger, Cabin Gale

CAUGHT IN A LANDSLIDE!

Pottery is very fun because there is a lot to learn and to experience. our new pottery teacher is Tara, she is lit and amazing. Tara helped me build a landslide out of used clay. It took me about 30 minutes.

Trevor Kelly Hinterberger, Cabin Gale

There once was a gnu from Peru

Who wanted a fancy new shoe

But when he went to the shop

He started to slop

Because all the shoes had the flu

Noll Flynn, Cabin 1

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS (OF THE POND)

Two perspectives from two campers on reaching the coveted bass swim level this session.

Becoming a bass is much more difficult than being a perch. One reason is that the lessons are much more complex. For example, perch warm up is two lengths and bass warm ups are four lengths.

Example two is for bass you get to go on the floating dock, and you get to do stand up paddleboarding.

The funnest part of paddleboarding is that you can play 'Never Have I Ever' on the paddleboard and that is fun.

The rules for 'Never Have I Ever' are: you go in the middle of your paddleboard and you say, "Never have I ever". And if you say, "Never have I ever been out of America longer than a year," if anyone has been out of the country longer than a year, they take a full step forward. Last one on their paddleboard wins, and you get to brag.

That is why being a bass is better than being a perch, and I'm proud to now be a bass.

Hillel Muskin, Cabin 5

This year, my goal was to become a bass to be able to go paddleboarding and to be able to go to the floating dock.

It was hard, especially since the way I was taught breaststroke is different from the way they do it here at camp.

And surprisingly, I did not have to work too much on butterfly, because I knew the basic form and I could do it reasonably well.

All in all, it was pretty cool and I'm really looking forward to doing more paddleboarding and going on BC's floating hotdog.

Noah Letendre, Cabin Gale

No Time for losers: A Data lab update

The results are in: despite calls for a recount, the weeping willow has beat out clover in the grand final of the local plants, fungi, lichens, and protives tournament. Stay tuned for next session's tournament.

RICHIE B, LIVING IT ALL, GIVING IT ALL!

Richie B has splashed onto screen for his eighth summer at Camp Sangamon for Boys. The mystic man seems to have many secrets that camp has strived to learn—and learn we have. Let's find out…

Malcolm (M): What is your middle name?

Richie (R): Paul.

M: How are you feeling today?

R: Good—tired, but good. I'm looking forward to intern night out.

M: Would you consider yourself an established Pokémon trainer? Please explain.

R: Yes, I've been a trainer since '97, since Blue came out. I came all the way: Yellow, Silver, Crystal Sapphire. I'm a pretty OG trainer. Dragonite was my favorite.

M: What is your favorite meal at camp?

R: Darcey's Greek Pork.

M: What is the greatest thing about working in the office?

R: Working with Darcey every day—she has great banter.

M: Many people say you can't swim, is that the real reason you left the waterfront.

R: That isn't true. Don't worry, I plan to reclaim my spot soon.

M: What is your relationship between your surname and tree bark? Further, is it hereditary?

R: I'm not sure what the relation is, uhh…My original name was *(censored for journalistic secrecy).*

M: Is your real name Rick?

R: No.

M: Are you sure?

R: Yes.

M: Do you feel abandoned by ex-CIT leader Chip? *(Chip is going on the apprentice trip to Cambodia)*

R: (tearing up) Yes, but I'm happy for him.

Franchi (F): Why do you think the interns picked you for night out but got stuck with me?

R: Because I raised them since they were yea high, and they will always be my boys. I am a proud momma bear.

M: If you could create an entirely new name for yourself, what would it be?

R: Theo.

M: How are you feeling about this interview? You look red…

R: I was looking forward to it, but the interview is pretty poor and I'm being heckled by the crowd.

M: Final question: what is your favorite thing about camp.

R: Half an hour ago, I would've said the people.

M: And now?

R: Frankie the dog.

Malcolm Galpern Levin

Smaug the Dragon at our all camp game

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