



News From Camp

2019 Edition 1



From Dossett (Inter Group Leader): The Inters have had a great start to summer! With the beginning of July showing us bright skies and pleasant temperatures, the youngest campers in the bunks have taken full advantage of the waterfront, the open fields, and the many outdoor activities camp has to offer. From singing songs with Ira to exploring with their color teams on a scavenger hunt, 16 inters hailing from the Pablo Neruda and Emma Lazarus bunks have a lot to report. Norah and Savannah made the group proud as they showed a short video from their film making choice to the whole camp during share. With morning choice activities ranging anywhere from crayfishing, to improv, to dungeons and dragons, to pottery, to frisbee, each camper has gotten to develop new skills and interests while keeping time for old favorites like drama games, dance, sports, and camp-legend filled nature hikes. We explored our summer's theme "River of the People: A Mighty Force Towards Justice" with discussions of tumultuous world issues and the united forces that stand for justice in each case. After a riveting circle discussion with our cultural director, several members of the group including Sam, Mia, and Elijah are prepared to present readings and a skit for our annual Holocaust Commemoration – tonight! All together the 2019 first session Inters have shown themselves to be an especially caring and inclusive bunch, playing group games in the bunks with open roles for all who care to join, and coming up with lyrics to Inter Anthems that they often recite outside the dining hall before meals. Some group members have begun offering "spa" services to each other, starting quite a popular schmooze destination for campers looking for massages or crayon tattoos (thanks to Naeleen, Esme, Vera, Edie, and all the other "workers" for coming up with the brilliant idea). Coming up this week campers are looking forward to a field trip to the local creamery Scoops, and a holiday themed Friday!



From Natalie (Lower Senior Group Leader): The Lower Seniors had a great Week One and start to the summer! During the day we played soccer, ultimate Frisbee and knockout and cooled off in the lake when it got too hot. We celebrated Alessandra, Guy P., and Bernadette's birthdays with ice cream, cake, and singing on Share. Some evening activity highlights include a game of MACHENYAM (advanced dodgeball), Jeopardy, and Dutch Auction (a silly skit-making game where the campers got to poke some fun at their counselors – they loved that!). We're looking forward to a big day trip coming up next week so stay tuned!

From Jamie (Upper Senior Group Leader): The Upper Seniors have had a great start to their 2019 summer. This is a sweet, supportive group that care about the well-being of their bunkmates and others around camp. This week they enjoyed a fantastic folk concert from Charlie King, spent a stormy afternoon dancing the Pata Pata in the rain, and participating in active evening activities put on by their extraordinary group of counselors. Additionally, the coveted Bunk of the Week was awarded to Emmanuel Ringleblum! As week one comes to a close, we are looking forward to our trip to Burlington Vermont on July 12 and 13th.



From Jake and Diana (Teen Group Leaders): This week, the teens settled into camp with ease, gracefully adjusting to now being the second oldest non-CIT group. A mid-week hike and swim at the reservoir (followed by a vigorous tick check, of course) added to the variety of our favorite camp activities- crafting, swimming, boating, and singing. Two birthdays and an ooblek-making dance party



have kept us festive and goofy! Sasha and Elias are hard at work constructing a bench for campwide choice, while many of Ella Baker's residents have taken advantage of the waterfront's new kayaks. Michael and Ethan have kept busy hunting for underground treasure and Iyanna and Ruby display a burgeoning aptitude for ultimate frisbee. Dylan and Eli have taken an interest in patronizing Camp Kinderland's five-star nail salon, run by the Upper Seniors with services paid for in mulberries and foraged s'more sticks. This coming week we look forward to a trip to R&B Sport World, a cookout, a teens car wash, and a night spent in camp's new teepees.

From Kate (14s Group Leader): The 14s' summer is off to a great start. The play was announced last week to much fanfare: Alice in Wonderland! A natural choice for this goofy group. Vivian already has her lines memorized, the design crew (Malachi, Casey, Izzy M, Amelia, and Oscar) has begun extravagant plans for the set and costumes, and Maceo is perfecting his Cheshire Cat grin. They have been taking full advantage of the privileges afforded to 14s, such as being allowed to toss around a frisbee outside during the second half of rest hour, the much-anticipated 10 PM lights out time, and generally getting to strut around as the oldest non-CIT campers. We have been enjoying the usual camp activities—swimming, boating, and frogging at the waterfront, singing with Ira, and a rousing



staff versus campers game of machanayim (naturally the campers came out on top, under the exemplary leadership of Stella and Dayne). We're looking forward to a day trip this Wednesday to play some mini-golf, catch a dance performance at Jacob's Pillow, and of course, eat pizza. We're excited about a wonderful summer to come!

From Sandra (1st Year CIT Group Leader): The 1st year CITs are getting off to a great beginning of the summer. The group is big in a lot of ways – big in number, but also big in love, in care, in fun, and in enthusiasm. Being a CIT isn't easy, and is always an adjustment – but just over the last week, the 1st years have already learned so much and grown tremendously. They have had the opportunity to work with multiple age groups, as well as in Arts and Crafts, on the waterfront, in Nature activities, and even in the cultural program. The CITs are integral to the functioning of camp: they are role models, critical thinkers, hard workers, and, most of all, they know how to have safe and positive fun. The 1st years were particularly involved in the planning of the Holocaust commemoration, and we had a very moving ceremony thanks to them. Wish them the best of luck in the next few weeks, particularly during the Peace Olympics and their upcoming overnight trip!



From Rosy (2nd Year CIT Group Leader): The 2nd year CITs have been hard at work this past week! They had their first “Full Day” on Saturday, and soon some of them will accompany the Upper Seniors on their overnight trip to Vermont. Evening activities thus far have included a casino night in the Rec Hall, featuring a V.I.P. lounge and a special guest appearance at the blackjack table from “V.V.I.P.” Ira; Georgia, Olly, and Taylor planned an elaborate, camp-wide, pirate-themed scavenger hunt, to the delight of their fellow CITs. Isaac says “Hi.” The current running list of in-camp haircut recipients includes Josie, Marta, Nikita, and Carmelo. Carmelo is also attempting to devour a record-breaking number of PB&J sandwiches this summer. Speaking of records: in Tubman they keep a play count for the number of times they've all listened to Bennie and the Jets—so far they're up to 67 plays, or roughly 6 straight hours of the Elton John hit. In spite of it all Ben would like everyone to know that “Ben's doing fine.”

