



# HIGH MEADOWS HAPPENINGS

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## Today was Water Carnival Day!



## People Highlight: It's All Relative

- At High Meadows, the staff feels like one big extended family. In quite a few cases however, staff members are actually family members. Among our leadership staff, Rey (CIT Co-Director) is the husband of Tina (Senior Quest Unit Leader). In Juniors, Ashley (Juniors Unit Leader) is the sister of Kayla (Juniors counselor), and Paul and Aynsley (both Juniors counselors) are brother and sister. At the pool, Pedro and Sam (both lifeguards) are brothers. And in Seniors, Matt (Seniors Knighthood Coordinator) is the father of Jaclyn (Seniors counselor). Across different units, Damien (Waterfront lifeguard) is the brother of Ainsley (Super Seniors counselor), Kika (Barnyard staff) and Elena (Nature specialist) are the twin daughters of Andrea (who worked in Seniors Arts & Crafts 1st session), Ryan (Super Seniors counselor) is the brother of Kaitlyn (Grasshoppers counselor), Amanda (Juniors counselor) and Brooke (Seniors counselor) are sisters, Joe (Archery specialist) and Amanda (Seniors counselor) are brother and sister, and Charlie (Juniors counselor) and Will (Seniors counselor) are brothers. And there are many other staff members who have had siblings that have worked at camp in the past and others who have younger siblings currently training in the CIT program to become counselors.





## Creature Highlight: The Wampus Cat

- Creature Highlight: The **Wampus Cat** has been spotted in the woods! He has been known to lurk around Wampus Cat Springs off the trail that follows the creek. He often sneaks up to Senior Legend to steal toothbrushes from unsuspecting campers on their overnight. Good luck campers, and keep your toothbrushes close by!



## Value of the week: INDEPENDENCE

This week's value was INDEPENDENCE.

- High Meadows campers have the skills and the freedom to explore, be creative, and problem solve independently.
- High Meadows campers practice personal responsibility and self-advocacy.
- High Meadows campers have the confidence to express themselves as individuals and respect the individuality of others.







## Grasshoppers Gazette (Richard)

- Grasshoppers packed a lot into the final week of third session. For Nature class, we took a hike and visited the Grandfather Tree and listened to stories. We also made oobleck in Discovery and enjoyed more time with the animals. We also got to slide down a water slide during the water carnival, which was a refreshing end to our time together. See you next summer!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/5 was Western Wednesday!



## Juniors Journal (Hannah, Ashley, and Sydney)

- Juniors had a blast during our final week of second session. We raced with the pigs at the barn, got excited for the future dressing up for "When I Grow Up Day", and finished the session off with a splash at the Water Carnival. We had a wonderful timing making new friends and seeing familiar faces, and we hope to see everyone again next summer.
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/5 was When I Grow Up Day!

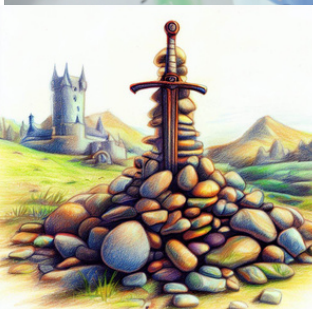






## Super Seniors Shout Outs (Jennifer and Steven)

- Super Seniors had an action-packed week! We painted our clay creatures and finished off our woodworking projects. In Sports, we played Manhunt (a version of hide and seek), soccer, and Snakes & Ladders. We sang every camp song in the book and performed our song "Oh I Love to be a High Meadows Super Senior" for the whole camp during Livestock. Some of us challenged ourselves to the "No Screen Challenge" this week to earn a counselor made spirit feather. Campers swam with their counselors during free swim Friday to round off the perfect week at Super Seniors! Whew! What a magical week!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/5 was Spooky/ Ghoulie Day!.



## Senior Quest and Legend (Annie, Tina, Tyler, Matt, Morgan, and John)

- For both Quest and Legend, the Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/5 was Super Mario Day!

## Senior Quest Quips (Tina)

- Senior Quest had a very busy week with our Lake Trip on Wednesday and our Late Night on Thursday, both of which were a great success. Despite the weather, campers came together at the lake and created representations of their castles in the sand. We also overcame early rains at the Late Night and had a contest at the pool for castle points before we ate delicious pasta and s'mores. The booth and knighthood ceremony today were a great cap off to the session. Have a great rest of the summer and remember to apply sunscreen!







## Senior Legend Lore (Tyler)

- Senior Legend had a great time during our final week of the session. We played social ball while the Quest campers were at the lake. We started putting the finishing touches on the brand new social ball pole. We ended the session with an intense game of greasy watermelon and a bittersweet knighthood ceremony. Even after some sad goodbyes, we are excited for next session and next summer!



**CIT**

## CIT Corner (Rey and Danielle)

- The CITs had a wonderfully weird week. We helped specialists build a life size snakes and ladders game for lower camp to enjoy. We fed Senior Quest pasta with meatballs and gave out temporary tattoos at the water carnival. We did all of this while learning to become stronger and wiser youth development professionals. We congratulate Anna and Lauren for completing the program, and we welcome Anna as a new counselor for third session.
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/5 was C.I.T.I.A Day!





Thanks for joining us this summer!  
We hope to see you again next year.

Discounted, early registration for 2024 will begin in December.  
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Summer 2024 dates:

Session 1: June 3-June 21

Session 2: June 24- July 12 (no camp Thursday July 4)

Session 3: July 15 - August 2

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