



HIGH MEADOWS HAPPENINGS

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Today was Origin Trail Day!



Place Highlight: The Square Grounds

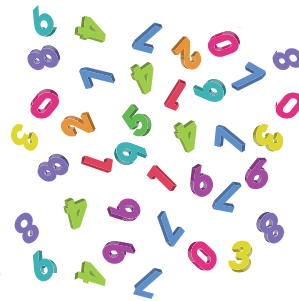
- Located on the far edge of campus on the lower meadow, the Square Grounds were first laid-out by Steve Scurry, the originator of the Lore class, as a place for the campout night ceremony. It also serves as the site for our special ceremony for all of camp on Origin Trail Day. The two Juniper trees that mark the symbolic entryway were planted on the low meadow in the year 2000 in memorial of three friends of High Meadows.

- Longtime former counselor Andy Vernor initiated the project, solicited support, and with friends found the saplings in the forest and transplanted them to campus. A dedication service honored Lori Meyers, Margaret Jones, and Jack Gilliom. Margaret was a Juniors counselor during the early years of camp and was also the wife of Bob Jones (early Sports counselor and namesake of Jones Gym). Lori and Jack and all of their family had been counselors at camp. There is also a campership program that is dedicated to Jack's memory, which you can learn more at this [link](#).



High Meadows by the numbers

- Water capacity of the swimming pool = 61,000 gallons
- Gallons of juice made in a summer = 1,600 gallons
- Approximate number of shirts tie-dyed = 415
- Approximate number of hot dogs grilled for camp cookouts = 1,700
- Approximate pounds of clay used in arts and crafts = 150
- Approximate number of arrow shots at archery classes = 20,205
- Approximate age of Grandfather tree, the oldest tree on campus = 460-470 years



Value of the week: REFLECTION

This week's value was REFLECTION.

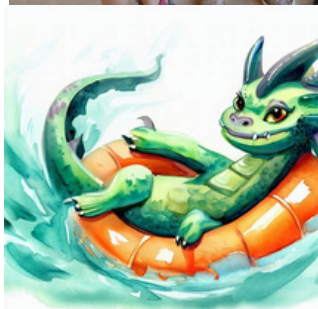
- We end the summer with an emphasis on Reflection, giving campers the opportunity to reflect not only on their time at High Meadows Camp, but also on our communal history, through the celebration of Origin Trail Day.





Grasshoppers Gazette (Richard)

- Grasshoppers finished the summer with loads of fun on the meadows. Despite the heat, we did lots of cool things in our activities, from making rockets and playing real life "Angry Birds" in Discovery to wrapping up our art projects in Arts & Crafts and riding the ponies one last time. We made lots of new friends and though we are sad that the session (and summer) are over, we are excited to watch each other continue to play and grow!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/26 was Beach Day!



Juniors Journal (Ashley and Sydney)

- Juniors had a colorful, cozy last week! We met chickens and bunnies down at the barn and played "Angry Birds" at Discovery. We also celebrated Pajama Day with our friends, tie-dyed our t-shirts, and reflected on camp traditions on Origin Trail Day! Overall, it was a great session and a great summer!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/26 was Pajama Day!





Super Seniors Shout Outs (Jennifer and Steven)

- Super Seniors enjoyed our final days this summer full of sunshine and smiles. This week was full of fun in the sun. We started mornings off with camp songs and laughs. In Discovery, we participated in STEAM activities such as balloon airplane building. In Woodworking, we put final touches on projects that we gradually built over the sessions. Campers expressed their creativity in Arts & Crafts through hands on activities such as clay sculpting and memory book making. After improving our precision in Archery, we ended the hot days with water games on the lower meadow and pool time. We can't wait to see everyone next summer!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/26 was Western Wednesday!.



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

Senior Quest Quips (Morgan)

- Senior Quest had a wonderful finale to our 2023 summer. We had a lovely day at the lake and a quality Quest Late Night where our castles competed in a raft building competition to see whose raft could float their counselors across the pool the quickest, and we ate delicious s'mores. Our campers collaborated to complete remaining knighthood levels and witnessed a wonderful Knight play. There was social ball, Livestock, and an awards ceremony where we celebrated many accomplishments from our campers. I'm proud to say it was a spectacular summer for Senior Quest!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/26 was Career Day!





Senior Legend Lore (Tyler)

- Senior Legend had a bittersweet end to both the session and the summer. We played social ball and had an Archery tournament while Quest was at the Lake and also played a lot of Ga-Ga while wrapping up all of our knighthood requirements. On Tuesday, those in their final year as campers got to visit the CITs and learn more about being a CIT. It was awesome seeing the growth that the campers made and we will eagerly be eagerly awaiting next summer!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/26 was Shrek Day!



CIT

CIT Corner (Danielle)

- The CITs had a lovely final week of the summer. We had superb sandwich shenanigans at the Quest Late Night. There were also five fabulous reflections this week and we are happy to say we have five new graduates of the CIT program. Congratulations to Max, Cassidy, Ben, Gianna, and Drew!



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

Discounted, early registration for 2024 will begin in December.
Please keep us updated with any address changes.

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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