

HIGH MEADOWS HAPPENINGS

2025 Camp Newsletter



Session 1, Week 2
June 9-13, 2025

THIS WEEK AT CAMP



*Willow the sheep loves
pets from campers!*



*Grasshoppers hang with their
counselor before pony rides.*



*High Meadows School & Camp
founder Mike Drake visited camp
on Wednesday.*



The Slip 'n Slide is a hit with campers!



Juniors play a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament.



Campers are learning about photography.



Hot days mean chilling in the pool!



Rock on!



A Senior Legend works on his archery skills.



Super Seniors are loving woodworking class.

SPECIAL EVENTS





SPOTLIGHTS & VALUES

Matt is Celebrating 25 Years with High Meadows Camp



Matt is our Seniors Knighthood Coordinator and is celebrating 25 years as part of High Meadows Camp! He has been a part of the High Meadows community since he first attended school and camp here more than forty years ago. As a camper, he was our third ever to achieve the level of “Knight” in the Knighthood program. He attended the University of Wisconsin and took time off from High Meadows after college to work on archaeological digs. He returned to camp in the early 2000s and has been back almost every year since, with this being his 25th year on staff.



During the school year, he teaches AP Psychology as well as History at Walton High School, where he is also the coach of the JV soccer team. His daughter, Jaclyn, is following in his footsteps, as she attended camp and now works with him in Seniors as a counselor. In addition to the Wisconsin Badgers, he is also a huge Atlanta United FC fan!

Value of the Week: Community

This week, we focused on community. At High Meadows Camp, campers and staff understand the importance of community and practice it through cooperation and understanding. High Meadows Camp is a diverse community and a place where everyone feels comfortable expressing themselves. Campers and staff alike understand their responsibility to our global community and work to protect the environment and live sustainably.



SPOTLIGHTS & VALUES

Construction Spotlight: Meadow Hall

For the first time in nearly 30 years, there is a new academic building on High Meadows School's campus! This gorgeous new structure, affectionately named Meadow Hall, sits behind the Community Center and features a 6,367-square-foot interior and a 1,000-square-foot patio and deck. The building includes space for Middle Years and Environmental Sustainability classes, as well as office space and areas for community events. The High Meadows community raised more than \$2.37 million, and the building will be completed debt-free.

As construction wraps up, crews are adding the final interior finishes to get the building ready to host students, families, and guests by the start of the 2025–2026 school year. We look forward to using the large deck and patios next summer for camp classes and gatherings.



Activity Highlight: Pioneering

Pioneering is offered to campers in Senior Quest and Senior Legend. It allows campers to master essential outdoor skills, with the goal of fostering self-reliance and teaching them how to thrive in the wilderness using fundamental tools and techniques. The class teaches fire-building, campfire cooking, shelter construction, knot-tying, and the safe use of tools like knives and hatchets. As campers advance in the Knighthood program, the requirements for achieving levels become more difficult. Campers working on the Sentry level must construct a solo shelter that can survive a rainstorm. Knight level campers must build their own freestanding tarp shelter and spend the night in it during the Senior Legend Overnight to demonstrate their mastery of Pioneering.



June 16-20, 2025

12:00

Monday, June 16
Senior Quest Lake Trip

Monday, June 16
Super Sr. No Screen Challenge

Tuesday, June 17
Senior Quest Evening

Wednesday, June 18
Unit Choice Theme Day

Thursday, June 19
Juneteenth

Friday, June 20
Medieval Day

***Mark your
calendars
for these
Week Two
Events!***

UNIT UPDATES

Grasshopper Gazette (Richard)

Grasshoppers had a fantastic second week of camp! We continued building new friendships and bonded over fun games and activities. In Nature, we examined cool fossils and played a deer and wolf game! We also had a blast making homemade bubble wands and blew bubbles, a fun camp tradition. In Art, we painted clay sculptures, bringing them to life! We also used our creative skills to create our own towers out of cups in Unit Discovery. On Thursday, we were zooming down the water slide to cool off! To end the week, we had a terrific time chatting with friends, eating, and cheering on our counselors at the Hot Dog Cookout. **Our Unit Choice Theme Day for Wednesday is Beach Day.** We have openings in Grasshoppers (Rising K) for sessions two & three.

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Juniors Journal (Sydney & Kayla)



Juniors had a great second week, we got to ride ponies and learn even more about the animals down at the barnyard. We had so much fun going down the waterslide and cooling down with water weasel. We learned more camp songs like 'Tarzan' and 'Herman the Worm' and had a dance party with some of the older campers. Many games of Gaga were played, and many hopscotches were hopped. We got creative making drawings with chalk and painting our creatures at art. The Hot Dog Cookout was a blast, we had a yummy lunch and got to watch our counselors compete in games. We can't wait for another week of camp! Please have your camper bring in a white t-shirt, as we will be starting tie-dye on Tuesday! **(Wednesday Unit Choice: Superhero Day).**



Super Seniors Squad (Jennifer & Steven)

Super Senior campers had a fantabulous week! We worked on perfecting our stances and tried to pop balloons attached to the target during Archery class. We played blob tag, manhunt, and flew down the waterslide during Sports. We created boats out of different materials during Discovery and then tested their floating capability in a wavy pool. We were also racing each other singing the ingredients of the "Mrs. Murphy's Chowder" song. Campers designed banners and drawings in Arts & Crafts and also enjoyed a tasty Hot Dog Cookout dressed as zoo and barnyard animals! We can't wait to start next week's adventures at High Meadows Camp! **(Wednesday Unit Choice: Camper-Counselor Switch Day).**

The NO SCREEN CHALLENGE! This is a Super Seniors tradition that starts on Monday, June 16 and ends Thursday, June 19 when the Super Seniors go home. Campers interested in taking on the challenge are encouraged not to use any electronics for four days. This includes computers, tablets, smartphones, smart watches, video games, VR headsets, and of course, TV. At the end of the session, successful campers will be honored for their dedication and group effort with a traditionally decorated feather.



Senior Quest Quips (Morgan)

Senior Quest had a monumental second week of camp. We played a top notch game of Social Ball, continued to develop our skills in classes, and finished the week with lip-sync battles at an unforgettable Livestock. We're beyond stoked for week 3 of camp! **Our unit choice for next Wednesday is Me in 50 Years Day.**



Senior Quest Lake Trip: The lake trip is Monday, June 16. Senior Quest campers will load up on a bus and make the short drive to Red Top Mountain Beach. Campers should bring: Close-toed shoes with heel straps (old tennis shoes or Keens are the best for protecting feet in the water), a towel, sunscreen, bug spray, and of course lunch.



Senior Quest Evening: The evening is on Tuesday, June 17 for Senior Quest campers. They will enjoy a group activity, take a dip in the pool, eat a meal prepared by the CITs, enjoy some down time, sing some ol' camp songs and finish the night with...what else...s'mores! Rain or shine, we plan on having a great time!

Campers who do not plan on staying for the evening will go home the same way they always do at 4:00 p.m. Pick-up will be at 8:30 p.m. at the carpool location. There is no bus service.

SENIOR QUEST EVENING

MENU

JUNE 17, 2025

Pre-Dinner Snack

Chips, Crackers, & Fruit

Dinner

**Nacho Bar or Sunflower Butter & Jelly
Sandwich Alternative**

Dessert

S'mores

Senior Legend Latest (Tyler)

Senior Legend had an awesome week. We went to Red Top Mountain State Park for our lake trip and had a ton of fun relaxing and playing in the water. We also had our overnight where campers played the counselors in soccer, sang karaoke and played Improv in the Barn Theatre, ate a yummy dinner cooked by the CITs, competed in trivia for Battle of the Castles points, and enjoyed many more activities.



We cannot wait for another fun week of camp next week!
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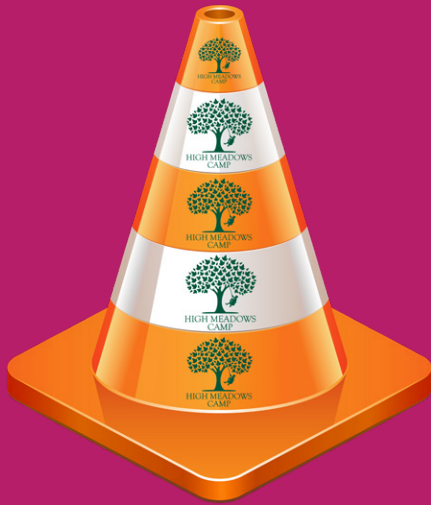
CIT Corner (Rey & Danielle)



The CITs had a great week of exploration, growth, and hard work. We worked with every unit, helping to encourage the best from this session's campers. We enjoyed supporting the Senior Legend overnight, serving about 60 campers and counselors while cementing new bonds. During the Hot Dog Cookout, we decorated our tents with some of the world's weirdest animals and fostered community as we discussed and voted on the winner. We look forward to Week 3!



CAMP OFFICE REMINDERS



Traffic Flow Announcement

Parents and guardians, Please help ease our carpool line and subsequent traffic backup on Willeo Road by not arriving on campus prior to 8:50 a.m. and 3:50 p.m. To avoid waiting in the driveway line, we suggest arriving at 9:10 a.m. and 4:10 p.m.”
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