HIGH MEADOWS HAPPENINGS

2025 Camp Newsletter

Session 2, Week 3 July 7-11, 2025



THIS WEEK AT CAMP



Congratulations to Zoya, the 86th High Meadows Camper to be Knighted!



A Junior tie dyes a shirt!



The dunk tank was a hit on Water Carnival Day!



Juniors Unit Choice was Disney Day!





Grasshoppers wore their favorite color for Unit Choice!



Super Seniors celebrated Halloween for Unit Choice!



A Junior enjoys the water slide!



SPECIAL EVENTS





















SPOTLIGHTS & VALUES

The Knighting of Zoya



The Knighthood Program allows Senior Quest and Legend campers the opportunity to challenge themselves individually in attempts to hone their skills in our program activities. "Requirements," as we call them, are set in place as guidelines for marking improvement and attainment of skills, techniques, and talents. In each camp activity, campers have the choice to progressively achieve levels of Page, Squire, Sentry, and Knight. The final overall level, Knight, is an achievement that few have reached in the history of High Meadows Camp. This level requires many years of work and demonstrated mastery in seven different activities. The requirements for the level of Knight are often very difficult, even unattainable by some. When this overall Knighthood is achieved, recognition is given at the award ceremony where, following a reading of the Arthurian legend, the camper is given the opportunity to pull the sword Excalibur from stones in the center of Stonehenge and their name is added to a permanent sign hanging there. In a 2018 interview, Mark Warren, the creator of the Knighthood program, reflected on its legacy, stating, "When I first mapped

out the Knighthood program at High Meadows, I liked the idea of our camp being connected to something so old and full of historical romance. Ours was an arcane theme, but it seemed to ground us in a world as old as the forest. The fact that it has lasted long enough to become a true camp tradition is very gratifying to me, but perhaps it also says a lot about the timbre of camp staff through the years. The great legends of knighthood from old England thrive off the idea of honor. I believe that human trait was the golden thread that wove through our staff in those days. It was a remarkable gathering of counselors. All were honorable. Though I seldom get to the camp these days, I am willing to bet that this same virtue is alive and well among the present staff . . . which, perhaps, is why the program still appeals. And best of all, if I am right about this, that sense of honor continues to trickle down through the next generation of campers, which is what this world needs." High Meadows is very proud to salute Zoya, the first camper to be Knighted this summer, and the 86th in camp history!

SPOTLIGHTS & VALUES

Staff Spotlight: Morgan

Morgan, our Senior Quest unit leader, is spending his 15th summer at camp. Known as Mr. Lambert during the school year, he recently completed his first year working year-round at High Meadows as a tech support specialist and Middle Years Mini-Course Teacher, offering classes like woodworking. His connection to High Meadows runs deep; he started as a preschooler at age three and is one of the few in our history to have been a student, teacher, camper, and counselor at both the school and camp. A Georgia Tech graduate and former marching band member, he later earned a Master's in Library Science from the University of Central Missouri. Before returning full-time to High Meadows, he taught math at another local private school. In his free time, Morgan enjoys hiking, playing strategy games, and being a devoted cat dad. He also designed this summer's camp shirt, which is an homage to the 1996 "Silver Summer" shirt, but with different colors and the addition of the letters "HMC" on the front in monogram style.



Value of the Week: Exploration

For the final week of Session 2 High Meadows Campers focused on understading exploration. High Meadows Camp encourages curiosity and inquiry as well as creativity and imagination. High Meadows campers have the confidence to try new things and the skills to problem solve. Campers encourage their peers and appreciate those who do things differently.



2026 Camp Dates **12:00**

Session 1 June 1 - June 19

Session 2 June 22 - July 10

Session 3 July 13 - July 31

Registration for returning families will begin in December. We hope to see you in 2026! For Session 2, there will be no camp on July 3, 2026.

Please keep us updated on any contact information changes.

HIGH MEADOWS CAMP SURVEY

We want your feedback! PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY CLICK HERE

"High Meadows Camp is a place where you can be yourself, whom ever that may be at that time. It is a place where you grow as a person and it molds you for the rest of your life. Much of how I live my life today was shaped by my days on the Meadow. Everything I think of camp, I smile. Some of my closest friends were campers and later counselors with me and it is a friendship to last a lifetime."

Katherine Pebworth, Ph.D. The First Knight of High Meadows Camp





Grasshopper Gazette (Richard)

Grasshoppers had an action-packed third week of Session Two! This week was full of highlights, including our time spent sliding down the water slide and hanging out at the Water Carnival! Discovery was all about Angry Birds this week, as campers engineered their own forts out of boxes and took turns trying to knock down piggies. In Arts & Crafts, we painted Fourth of July-inspired fireworks and used oil pastels to create magnolia leaf masterpieces. In Nature, we hiked down Shadowfox Trail. Trail and helped construct fairy houses for all the fairies that live at High Meadows. We also played a classic game, marbles, during our Traditions class. In Sports, we all turned into crabs and played crab soccer.To end the week, we attended the Water Carnival, playing fun games, visiting all the cool booths, and, of course, hanging out with our siblings and friends from other units of camp. What a fantastic session this has been!





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Juniors Journal (Kayla & Olivia)

We had such an exciting final week of second session with our Juniors! It was filled with laughter, teamwork, and summer fun that brought so many smiles to our campers' faces. On Wednesday, we celebrated Disney/Pixar Day! Campers and counselors dressed up as their favorite characters — from Woody and Buzz to Alvin and the Chipmunks. We also enjoyed the water slide, giving campers a perfect way to cool off under the sun while sharing giggles and splashes with friends. Tie-Dye was this week, and campers loved creating their own colorful shirts, swirling bright colors together to make special camp memories. The week wrapped up with our Water Carnival on Friday, where campers played fun water games and took turns trying to dunk their counselors in the dunk tank! It was the perfect way to celebrate our last week together. We are so proud of our Juniors for making this session so special. Thank you for sharing your campers with us and for filling our days with laughter, friendship, and fun.



Super Seniors Squad (Jennifer, Steven, & Demi)

Super Seniors had a stupendous week! We played Capture the Flag, Manhunt, Ga-Ga ball, and Zebratonicus Tag during Sports. Campers made beautiful fireworks drawings and magnolia leaf paintings during Arts & Crafts. Super Seniors put the finishing touches on their woodworking projects and competed in the archery contest to win the Golden Arrow. We flew down the water slide, and some of us completed the "No-Screen Challenge" to earn a Spirit Feather. Rising fourth graders also went to Launch Lunch, joining the Quest group to find out what's in store for them when they return next summer. For Unit Choice on Wednesday, we dressed up in our Halloween costumes and ended the week with a fabulous Water Carnival. Wow! What an action-packed week we've had!











Senior Quest Quips (Morgan)

We had a blast in our final week of second session here in Senior Quest!

We started with an exciting outing to Lake Allatoona, where our campers swam in the clear water and built monumental sand castles. On our Quest Late Night the next day, campers danced, sang, and chowed down on delicious s'mores. Wednesday was Star Wars Day, and our campers showed off some truly out-of-this-world costumes.

Campers worked hard to reach their Knighthood goals throughout the week as we approached the final day and our awards ceremony.

After Water Carnival made a splash, we finished the session with a powerful show at Livestock and the ascension of a new High Meadows Knight.

This session was one to remember, and we look forward to the next!





Senior Legend Latest (Tyler)

Senior Legend had a magical last week of the session. We had Legend Day on Monday, where we were the only seniors on campus and played an energetic game of Social Ball. We also got to watch three Knight plays along with an amazing art show.We finished the session by watching the knighting of our very own Zoya! We cannot wait for the beginning of our final session of the summer.

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CIT Corner (Rey & Danielle)

CITs had a boisterous and busy week. We slung the most delicious burgers and delectable s'mores at Quest Late Night. On Thursday, we got up to all sorts of shenanigans at the CIT Overnight. Finally, five of our CITs presented their reflections and graduated from the program. Congrats to Lena, Alice, Zoe, Zack, and Jacob!



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session!

Click here to register for our virtual session.



Join us on Microsoft Teams on July 22 at 12:00 p.m. A link will be sent to all registratnts!

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