



High Meadows Happenings

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CELEBRATING 50 Summers

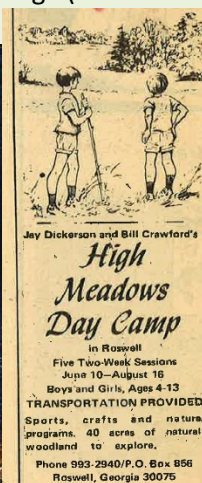
This Week's News

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- Calendar Events for all camp:
Wednesday 6/8 Western Wednesday!
Friday 6/10 is **UNIT PRIDE DAY** as well as our **All Camp Hot Dog Cookout!**
Remember to send a reusable plate with your camper that day!
- **CARPOOL TIP:** To avoid waiting in line, arrive at 9:15 for drop off and 4:15 for pickup. Cruise right through! If you do wait in line, please remember – NO IDLING - Little lungs at work!
- Today was **ALOHA FRIDAY!**



- **High Meadows History Highlight:** Founded in 1973. High Meadows is celebrating the 50th summer of camp this year. That year, a partnership consisting of Bill Crawford, Jay Dickerson, Jody Holden, and Mike Drake purchased 42 acres from the family of Nat and Louise Franklin, who used the property as a farm. Jody previously ran a nursery school on the campus of what is now the Chattahoochee Nature Center, Bill was very involved in outdoor programming, and Jay and Mike were educators. The first season of camp began that summer with the first school year starting that fall. However, the history of the property goes back much further and while much has been added to the campus over the past 50 years, remnants of its past uses remain. The Franklin House (which serves at the school's main office) was built by the Franklins and served as their home. The Stone Cottage (which serves as the camp office and health center) was built by the McDonald family, who owned the property in the 1940s. And prior to the 1832 Georgia Gold Lottery, the land belonged to the Cherokee Native Americans, which High Meadows officially acknowledged this year. While many campers, counselors, students, and teachers have come and gone over the years, memories continue to be made on the land across many generations. And throughout the summer, we will be acknowledging the major milestone with campers.
- Pictured below (from left to right): The McDonald family (c. 1944) in front of the Stone Cottage (an extension was added later), the four founders (2001), and a newspaper ad for the first summer of camp.



- This past week our value was **CONFIDENCE**. High Meadows campers have confidence in their skills and ability to explore and express themselves. High Meadows campers have the confidence to work and problem solve independently and have pride in their accomplishments. High Meadows campers have positive attitudes and enthusiasm and celebrate the differences in others. We emphasize confidence at the beginning of the summer in order to encourage campers to try new things and to have a positive attitude that sets the tone for their experience at High Meadows Camp. We hope that you take the time to discuss this and the other upcoming values of the week with your camper.
- Don't forget to "like" High Meadows Camp on Facebook, and "follow" us on Instagram @highmeadowscamp in order to keep up with the latest announcements and camp news.



~ Richard

- Grasshoppers are so excited to be at camp for an amazing first week! We have had so many fun activities pony rides, games in the woods, and learning basketball and soccer skills in Sports! To top it all off, we have enjoyed cooling off in the pool.



~ Anna and Linda

- Juniors had a wonderful first week of camp making new friends. being risk-takers, and trying new things. We learned new camp songs and had a splash down at the pool! Can't wait to see what Week 2 brings!





~ Jennifer and Steven

- Super Seniors have had a spectacular first four days of camp! We've been singing some camp songs including Tom the Toad, Ding Dong, and Twelve Days of Camp. We visited the water garden and learned about all the goldfish. We practiced our stances and shot a few bullseyes at the archery range. Some of us gave the tire swing a whirl and some reflected on their day as they walked the labyrinth. We played bomber ball and

water weasel and then cooled off at the pool at the end of the day! Whew! What a fun-filled, busy week we've had!



~ Annie, Max, Tina, and Tyler

Today was the first **LIVESTOCK** of the Summer! Livestock takes place every Friday on the high meadow for Senior campers and counselors who want to show off their talents, sing camp songs, and have skit challenges.



- **Quest** has had an amazing first week. Getting to know each other in our castle and having castle challenges (from costume contests to trivia questions) has been a great bonding experience for our campers. We loved choosing our first costume contest winner on Aloha Friday. We are learning the locations of our classes and having a blast beginning our Knighthood journey. We can't wait to have an even better week next week.
- During Senior Activity, we have played various games such as Bomber ball, Capture the Flag and Trolls Wizards Gnomes.

- Please remember that your camper must wear close-toed shoes to camp and that flip-flops are only allowed when going to and from the pool.
 - **Legend** has had an exciting first week of camp. They began with an exhilarating time signing up for the traditional classes as well as experiencing our new class, Affinity. In our classes, we have begun Knighthood and dipped our toes into the excellent opportunities brought upon us. We had our first Livestock today and got to watch and cheer on each other to close out an amazing week. Next week shall bring even more exciting opportunities.
 - **Legend River Trip** is Wednesday 6/8. Legend campers will load up on a bus and make the short drive to Victoria Beach on Lake Allatoona. What to bring: Close-toed shoes with heel straps (old tennis shoes are the best for protecting feet in the water), towel, sunscreen and bug spray
 - What to bring: Close-toed shoes with heel straps (old tennis shoes or Keens are the best for protecting feet in the water), towel, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle and lunch.
 - **Legend Overnight** is Thursday 6/9. This is a wonderful experience spending a night on campus under the stars. What to bring:
 - water bottle
 - a mess kit (we encourage using a reusable plastic plate, bowl, cup, fork/spoon) for dinner and for the cookout on Friday
 - sleeping bag and pillow
 - sleepwear and toiletries
 - attire for Unit Pride Day
 - any evening/morning medication must be turned into a counselor in the prescribed bottle and with any instructions needed. Please fill out and turn in the Authorization for Medication Form found on our website: <https://highmeadowscamp.org/registration/forms/>
 - You may email it to camp@highmeadows.org or print and turn it in to a counselor.
- No need to bring a second lunch on Thursday**, as we will be having the all-camp cookout on Friday afternoon.



Details: Legend campers will begin the evening with a group meeting where they plan the night. They will play a friendly game of Camper vs. Counselor soccer, enjoy a dip in the pool, eat a scrumptious meal prepared by the Counselors and CITs, enjoy some down time with games in the Barn Theatre and dessert, and finish the night with a ceremony prepared by campers and counselors. They will bed down for the night in a location of their cabin (castle) choosing. Rain or shine, we plan on having a great time!

| <u>Dinner and Breakfast Menus:</u> Vegetarian options will be available. | |
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| <u>Dinner:</u> Pre-dinner snack | <u>Breakfast:</u> A variety of fruit |
| Taco Bar | An assortment of cereals |
| Chips and Fruit Salad | A plethora of Juices & milk |
| Peanut-free Butter and Jelly Sandwich alternative | And of course... Donut Trivia! |
| Ice cream sandwiches or popsicles for dessert | |

CIT Corner ~ Rey and Danielle

- CITs have had an amazing first week. We participated in team building activities and spent some time in the woods making friends with camp creatures. We were successful with climbing the up and over wall, encouraging and celebrating one another as we went. We have created a solid unit ready to take on all challenges. We spent the last two days spending time with other units and building relationships with their campers. We look forward to an even better second week.

