



# High Meadows Happenings

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CELEBRATING 50 Summers

## This Week's News

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We had a great first session at camp and we hope you had fun too!

Registration for Summer 2023 will begin in early December.

**HELP US MAKE CAMP EVEN BETTER!** Follow this link to our survey:

<https://form.jotform.com/221656428793971>

**And follow (and like) our Facebook page to stay informed:**

<https://www.facebook.com/highmeadowssummercamp/>

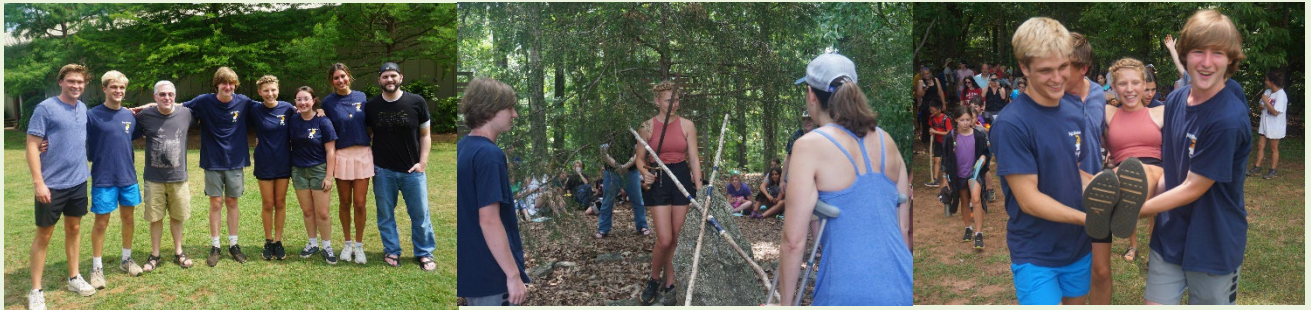
- **Last chance Lost-N-Found.** We won't hold on to it much longer! Claim your items at the Community Center under the porch. Items left over are donated to charity.
- Today was **MEDEVAL DAY!** The last day of first session. We had a parade where Seniors campers picked up younger campers and brought them up to the High Meadow where there were activity booths run by Seniors, CITs, and Program staff. After lunch, we gathered again for an All-Camp Livestock where the best talents from around camp had the opportunity to shine.



- **Tradition Highlight: KNIGHTHOOD.** 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 last and final overall level, **Knight**, is an achievement that few have reached in the history of High Meadows Camp, typically, only one or two per summer. 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 his/her 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, saying, "It is up to each individual camper to decide to engage in challenging themselves in particular classes and/or overall through the Knighthood program. Counselors teach and assess the skills for knighthood requirements but do not force the campers to participate if they choose not to do so. When I first mapped out the Knighthood program at High Meadows, I liked the feeling 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 be considered 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 Katie, the first camper to be Knighted this summer, and the 83<sup>rd</sup> in camp history!**



## This week's value was **RESPONSIBILITY!**

High Meadows campers understand and appreciate their responsibility to the environment, to their community, and to others. High Meadows campers practice personal responsibility and feel ownership of their actions and achievements at camp.

Questions to discuss with your camper:

- What is responsibility? What does responsibility look like?
- How do we feel when we act responsibly?
- What is our responsibility to the environment, to others and to our community?
- What is personal responsibility?
- How can we practice responsibility at camp?

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 had an amazing week! We painted clay, played water games as well as Ga-Ga. From riding the ponies to exploring to making new friends, this session was a blast!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/15 was Sports Fan Day!



~ Anna and Linda

- Juniors had a fabulous third week of camp! We got to show our counselors what we want to be when we grow up and participated in creating tie-dye masterpieces. We beat the heat playing water games in Unit Discovery and finished our clay pieces in Arts & Crafts. Overall, it was a fantastic end to 1<sup>st</sup> session. Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you back soon!



- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/15 was When I Grow Up Day!




~Jennifer and Steven

- Super Seniors had a fantastic week to finish the session! We completed our woodworking projects, learned some new camp songs, sang "Here to be Wild" (a parody of Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild") at Livestock, and enjoyed the Medieval Day festivities. We played Giants Wizards Trolls and water weasel to stay cool. We're super excited to see our returning campers next session and everyone else next summer!
- Congratulations to all our campers who successfully completed the No Screen Challenge by not using electronic media from Monday night to Thursday. Participants were awarded feathers hand-decorated by their counselors.
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/15 was Sports Fan Day!



~ Annie, Max, Tina, and Tyler

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  - Quest had another amazing week. We went to Lake Allatoona where we had great weather for swimming and a sandcastle challenge. Campers spent the late night on Tuesday playing water games and scavenger hunts. We finished off the evening bonding over popsicles and songs. The booths for Medieval Day were a huge success. This has been such an incredible session in Senior Quest, and we hope to see all the campers again next year. Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/15 was Outer Space Day!
  - Legend enjoyed a game of social ball while Quest was on the lake trip. We had two of our campers direct plays for their Knight in Performing Arts and one who got their overall Knight. Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/15 was Senior Citizen Day!





### **CIT Corner~ Rey and Danielle**

- The CITs had a great week! We helped on the Senior Quest late night and ran a successful booth during Medieval Day. We will miss our first year CITs who are leaving us but will welcome back many second years for 2<sup>nd</sup> Session. We are thankful for our time together.



**Thanks for joining us this summer!**

**We hope to see you again next year.**

**Discounted, early registration for 2023 will begin in December.**

**Please keep us updated with any address changes.**

**Summer 2023 dates:**

**Session 1: May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Session 2: June 19<sup>th</sup> – July 7<sup>th</sup> (no camp on July 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Session 3: July 10<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>**