



# High Meadows Happenings

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## This Week's News 770-993-7975

We had a great second session at camp and we hope you had fun too! Registration for Summer 2019 will begin in early December.

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- Today was **Water Carnival Day**, a wet and wonderful way to end our second session!



- **Construction Update:** Our animals have finally returned to campus and are adjusting well to their new home. The basketball court also got used for the first time this week for a friendly game of dodgeball with the Seniors campers. The crews are still putting finishing touches on landscaping and roads, but those should have little to no impact on camp.



- **Special Visitors Highlight**- This week, we had not one, but two of our founders visit us. Jay Dickerson and Mike Drake both stopped by to say hello and catch up with long time camp staff. While they were, they took the time to put their handprints on our tipi that is in progress.



- **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 recent 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 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 Jake, our first camper to achieve Knighthood this year as well as the first since 2015.**



• This week's value was **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.

High Meadows campers encourage their peers and appreciate those who do things differently.

Questions for parents to ask their campers:

- ~ What does exploration mean to you?
- ~ What did you explore at camp this week?
- ~ What new experiences did you have at camp this week?
- ~ How did it feel to try something new?

Don't forget to "like" High Meadows Camp on Facebook, and "follow" us on Instagram and Twitter @highheadscamp in order to keep up with the latest announcements and camp news.



~ Jan

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/11 was Hat Day!
- Ants got to use their own mini waterslide for some cool-down fun!



~ Dani

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/11 was Disney Day!
- Each camper made their own picture frame this week.





~ Kaela, Celena, and Travis

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/11 was Neon Jungle Day!
- We tie-dyed shirts this week.



~ Jennifer and Ryan

- Congratulations to all of our campers who successfully completed the No TV Challenge.
- We performed "Welcome to High Meadows", an original creation by Jennifer, at the all camp Livestock today!
- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/11 was Mythical Creatures Day!



~ Annie, Tina, and Warren

- Quest had a great time at the Lake Allatoona beach on Monday. We built sand castles and cooled off in the water on a hot day!

Quest also had an amazing late night on Tuesday. We started the night with some team-building activities, took a dip in the pool, ate a scrumptious sandwich bar dinner, and capped the night off with some delicious S'mores while learning some classic High Meadows songs.

- Quest and Legend's Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/11 was Pun Day Fun Day!
- We had our Arts Show on Thursday where campers from the Woodworking, Arts and Crafts, Dance, and Performing Arts classes got to show off their hard work from the session



### CIT Corner ~Hannah and Andy

The CITs have had a phenomenal final week of the session. They have gained more valuable experience working in the different units of camp, helped provide a fun evening for Senior Quest, and enjoyed some friendship/togetherness on the ropes course during Wild Woozy. Be sure to ask them about it. We would like to congratulate the CITs that are finishing up the program this session, and we look forward to congratulating many more next session. We expect great things from all of you next year as counselors. Yay! Happy Water Carnival Day!

With Love,  
-Hannah and Andy

Another reminder: CIT overnight Thursday 7/19. All 2018 CITs are welcome!





**Thanks for joining us this summer!**

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

**Discounted, early registration for 2019 will begin in December.**

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

**Summer 2019 dates:**

**Session 1: June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Session 2: June 24<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup> (no camp on July 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Session 3: July 15<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>**