



# 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 2020 will begin in early December.

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



- **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 an interview last year, 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 Perry and Ryan, the first two campers to be Knighted this summer!**



- **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 @highmeadowscamp in order to keep up with the latest announcements and camp news.





~ Jan

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/10 was **Hat Day!**
- We made Ants on a Log for snack on Monday!
- We made our Ants t-shirts this week!



~ Tierney

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/10 was **Cartoon Character Day!**
- We took group pictures and made picture frames during group time!



~ Travis and Anna

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/10 was **Alphabet Soup Day!**
- We tie-dyed shirts this week.





~ Jennifer and Rob

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 7/10 was **Neon Dance Party Day!**
- Congratulations to all of our campers who successfully completed the “No Screen Challenge”.



~ Annie, Tina, Rey, Max and Matt

- Our Unit Choice for this past Wednesday 6/19 was **Board/ Video Game Character Day!**

- Quest had a great time at the Lake Allatoona beach on Monday. We built sand castles, watched clouds, and cooled off in the water on a hot day!
- Quest also had an amazing late night on Tuesday. After a scavenger hunt activity, we took a dip in the pool, ate a nice Taco Bar dinner, and finished the night with s'mores around the campfire.

- While Quest was off campus on their Lake Trip, Legend had an Archery tournament. Congratulations to the winner, Charlie Y.
- 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

Super awesome final week of session two! Our spectacular CITs have been busy leading games and classes, wrangling young campers, and providing all around fun and excitement. A few CITs stayed for Senior Quest's evening, preparing and serving the food and s'mores for the night. We enjoyed two thrilling dress up days: Kitchen Utensil Day and Water Carnival Day. (Water Carnival Day is today, so don't be surprised when your CIT returns home soggy.) On Tuesday, the CITs hosted Senior Legend campers and shared with them what to expect as they transition into CIT-hood (real word). On Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year CITs attended CPR/First Aid training and are now certified for the next two years. In other news, both CIT groups finished their instructional videos this week, sharing woodworking safety and High Meadows traditions with future counselors. Finally, two CITs have finished their time in the CIT program this week. Congratulations! We know you'll be amazing counselors. Can't wait to see you in action next year.

As always, thanks for reading. See you right back here for Session 3 next week! Bye.  
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## **SPECIALIST SPOT- GRACIE AND ERIC-** A brief recap of what all the Specialist activities did with each Unit!

- **Nature**~ Elena and Josh
  - This week in Nature, Grasshoppers learned the story of the Grandfather Tree, the largest and oldest tree at camp. Grasshoppers used their senses during fire day while roasting marshmallows, playing “tipi tag”, and listening to camp legends.
  - This week in Nature, Juniors went on a bug hunt- observing cool creatures and exploring new places at camp. Juniors used their senses during fire day while roasting marshmallows, learning fire safety, playing “tipi tag”, and listening to camp legends.
  - This week in Nature, Super Seniors went on a bug hunt around camp and made nature bird feeders out of pine cones. Super Seniors also got to experience a traditional camp fire day, roasting marshmallows, singing camp songs, and listening to camp legends.
- **Traditions**~ Grace
  - This week in Traditions, Grasshoppers made their own ball n’ cup, did ring toss, and colored in a camp creature map. They also joined together with Nature to roast marshmallows.
  - This week in Traditions, Juniors and Super Seniors played a brand new game called “Babble” and joined with Nature to roast marshmallows. Juniors also made their very own maps of camp.
- **Arts and Crafts**~ Dax and Cate
  - This week in Arts and Crafts, Grasshoppers painted and colored their clay fish and also designed their own ribbon wind chimes.
  - This week in Arts and Crafts, Juniors painted their clay pinch pot fish and created their own sea creatures out of egg cartons.
  - This week in Arts and Crafts, Super Seniors painted their fish bowls and created colorful cats’ eyes with yarn.
- **Sports**~ Tristan and Fiona
  - This week in Sports, Grasshoppers played a dinosaur egg scavenger hunt and water weasel, where their groups had to use teamwork and strategy. In the activities, they practiced good sportsmanship and encouragement of their peers.
  - This week in Sports, Juniors played SPUD, soccer, and capture the flag. These games all exercised different skills such as speed, throwing, working as a team, and strategy.
  - This week in Sports, Super Seniors did stations of basketball, soccer, dodgeball, a game called pirates’ treasure, and a neon-themed dance party- all exercising different parts of the body and skill sets.
- **Discovery**~ Ben and Hayleigh
  - This week in Discovery we searched for hidden ducks near our class area and then reused packaging materials and tape to build duck houses, testing to see how dry the duck would stay when a cup of water was poured on the house. We experimented with another chemical reaction, combining hydrogen peroxide, yeast, warm water, soap, and food coloring in reused plastic bottles to make 'elephant toothpaste,' which oozed out of our bottles for a long time. Last, we played 'Find Your Partner' by using questions to discover the name of the High Meadows animal or insect written on a piece of paper taped to our backs. When we found our identity we searched for our match within the class.
- **Archery**~ Jackson
  - This week in Archery, we had our Super Seniors compete in the Archery Tournament. Kids demonstrated the skills they obtained and had fun.
- **Woodworking**~ Andy and Cam
  - This week in Woodworking, Super Seniors finished up their projects (ranging from tanks to cars to sailboats to planes), putting the finishing touches together by using wood glue, crafts, and decorating the projects with paint.

**Thanks for joining us this summer!**

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

**Early registration for 2020 will begin in December.**

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

**Summer 2020 dates:**

**Session 1: June 1 – June 19**

**Session 2: June 22 – July 10 (no camp July 3)**

**Session 3: July 13 – July 31**