



Tips from the OX

- Shower Daily
- When in doubt, ask yourself: WHAT WOULD OX DO?
- Drink Plenty of water.
- Do not be afraid of bees.
- Don't blow-up the cheese.
- Hi, Dad, I am going to be home late. Where is the remote?

A Day Bowling and Skating



What can be considered a single field trip can also be considered as two. For the third session of camp at GPBC we went bowling and ice skating. For many of the campers, bowling will certainly be the easiest of the two trips, not much skill is required in rolling a ball down a lane. As for ice skating, many already understand the hardship of skating for the first time on wheels, let alone that this skating will

be done ice. Not only is it cold when you hit the ground, but it is also very scary trying to balance yourself and stop at the same time. It was not surprising to see so many campers falling and hold on to dear life to the each other and the railings of the rink. But at the end of the day you see the faces of campers happily content with their bowling scores and their experience of skating in a nice air-conditioned room.



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As tradition goes, the GPBC campers camp out on the field; however, this time around cabins 5 & 6 decided to do it their own way. Many campers know the typical hiking trails; such as, Amir's Garden, The Old Pool, etc. so in an effort to give the campers an even

more realistic camp out experience, they added a hike to it.

"I know that the kids love camping out on the field, but as a cabin leader, it loses its' thunder by the fourth time," explained Zephyr, "so a few of us decided to get together and agreed to camp out at the

Old Pool, to give us and our campers a new experience."

When the idea was first introduced to the campers, they were all excited, it sounded like an adventure, but when it was time to load up the equipment, some campers almost wanted to change their minds.

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Zephyr Soccer

Scores:

Red & Blue—40

Yellow—38

Panda Says:

Always Wear Sunscreen in the Sun, we Don't want to get Burned!

“Make New

Friends, But Keep

The Old, Some Are

Silver, and Your

Other's Gold!”

Hike to the Old Dump

The usual hike to the old pool and Amir's Garden was suddenly set aside for the week and were treated to a new hiking trail to the Old Dump. The Old Dump doesn't sound too exciting but the massive amount of land that was used for the Old Dump was rather impressive. To make an estimate of the amount of land that was used I would have to guess it was the size of three football fields and as tall as a three story building. It took at least a twenty minutes to walk around the entire chunk of land.

The land is covered in dirt but from rumors that have been circulating around the park, remember these are only rumors, it looks to become a soccer field. There seems to be no exact date or any indication that any kind of construction will be occurring any time soon but the camp is hopeful that this will add a venue for our hikes and a new play area for the campers in the future.

If the land is not used for a soccer field, campers and Cabin Leaders would like to see the land turned into an

area that could accommodate basketball courts, a tennis field, and if there is enough room a large baseball field. It would definitely add a new repertoire to the list of activities that the camp offers. Of course, these are just ideas that the campers and Cabin Leaders would like to see but there could be a chance that this land could be useful for the future..



Quote of the Week:

“Inch by inch, life's a sinch, yard by yard, life is hard.” - Wizard

Why Did You Pick Your Name?

By Jonah Lazar, GPBC Gazette Reporter

Have you ever wondered why some cabin leaders chose their camp names? There are some interesting stories behind their decisions.

For instance, Hawk told us that he has picked his camp name because his father works for a company called Hawker Pacific. When asked if he could choose another camp name, he replied that originally, he wanted to be Falcon, but that was already taken by the former CIT. He also said that he would change

Mongoose's name to Sloth. Another nickname Hawk has is 5-time-champ.

Fly chose his name because he "...wanted to introduce himself as someone who is 'fly'." He said that he would like to change Ox's name to Puppy or Fluffy. Another name Fly is known as is Mosca, which means fly in Spanish.

Zephyr is another cabin leader with an interesting story to his name. He claims that when he read the list of potential camp names, he

looked for the hardest one to remember. Another name he would choose is wind, because he plays so many wind instruments. Zephyr would change Hawk to Falcon because he thinks it would suit him better. Zephyr got the nickname Super Counselor during session 5 of 2008 from his cabin.

As you can see, there are many different stories behind the cabin leader names.

What's yours?



Camper William Jordison trying on Sun's glasses while waiting to bowl.

Camping Out Cont...



In order to make it a little easier for the campers, the cabin leaders carried all the tents and they were just responsible for their own equipment, and as they all arrived, they were all excited to pick their spots. As the night rolled in, the cries of coyotes, the chirps or crickets,

and even the croaking frogs were all sounds of the night. It was a clear and warm night, and all the tents even chose not to use their rain guards just so they could see the stars clearly. After a few short and funny stories, everyone fell asleep from a long day and woke up early the next

day at 6:30 to take down their tents and hike back to camp, right on time for breakfast. Hiking to the Old Pool and camping out their seems like a great new tradition for our GPBC campers and hopefully more and more cabin leaders will give their campers the opportunity to try it at least once.

The Cheese is on Fire!

Outdoor cooking, is not as easy as everyone hopes, or even imagines it is! Sometimes if there is not enough careful attention to details, even nacho cheese can kill you. Luckily for us, no one was harmed during the incident; however, some eyebrows were singed (we're just kidding folks) by the fiery cheese fumes that enveloped arts and crafts. This was a complete accident, caused by lack

of stirring it. When asked how such a tragedy could take place at such a well maintained establishment, there was no comment given by any of the witnessing staff members. "Crickety, it's huge!" exclaimed one camper as the can spewed cheesy goodness into the flames. The situation was taken into control and all was well in Nacho land.



No surprise at all that our campers are better bowlers than us!



Mongoose: What Grinds My Gears!

You know what really grinds my gears, that there are certain times during breakfast, lunch, and dinner when the pitchers run dry with water, the red, pink, and yellow drink and it is mongoose that has to refill the pitcher.

You know what really grinds my gears, the fact that our children never share with us the new ping pong table! Us cabin leaders want to play too!

But nooooo, fine you can have it!

Another thing that grinds my gears are the campers with their 3 am wake-up calls for the bathroom. I have to wake-up and so those another camper. As I have explained. When you are taking a shower take the time to use the bathroom while you are in there. will give you those extra minutes of sleep that you need.

Horoscopes

- Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan 19):
You don't get one... sorry...
- Aquarius (Jan 20—Feb 18):
Poke Zephyr because the stars alignment says it's a good idea.
- Pisces (Feb 19—Mar 20)
Always lick your ice cream, never bite it so you don't get a brain freeze!
- Aries (Mar 21—Apr 19)
Eat some pasta and French fries for a feast.
- Taurus (Apr 20—May 20)
Let Frost give you a hug, it's good for your soul!
- Gemini (May 21—Jun 21)
Knock on wood 12 times for good luck! If it doesn't work, sorry, I'm not always right...
- Cancer (Jun 22—Jul 22)
Give your best friend a gift, it is well deserved!
- Leo (Jul 23—Aug 22)
Hope like a bunny all day for leg strength.
- Virgo (Aug 23—Sep 22)
Find a pinecone and give it to Emma for her pinecone display.
- Libra (Sep 23—Oct 22)
Solve a puzzle today to prove mental strength.
- Scorpio (Oct 23—Nov 21)
Eat a hotdog at Pinks for fun.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22—Dec 21)
Play The Super Mario Brothers to relieve some stress.

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Ask Wolverine, He Knows Best!

Dear Wolverine,

What's your favorite type of snake?

- Johnny Doe, Cabin 13

Johnny Doe,

If that's even really your name! My favorite type of snake is the King Snake. The reason it's my favorite it because it's called a King Snake, so I would just as well assume it is the king of the snakes, and that my friend, sounds like my type of reptile!

Dear Wolverine,

What is your advice for the world?

- Anon Nymous, Cabin 11

Anon Nymous,

My advice for the world, is to make everything like camp. If everyone would have campfires, cabin chats, and meetings with me, Wolverine, I'm pretty sure all would be exactly as it should be. Peaceful and harmonious. Now doesn't that just sound wonderful?

Dear Wolverine,

Who is your favorite cabin leader, and why?

- ???, Cabin 18

Well ???



I can't even begin to compare my cabin leaders to each other. Most of them do such an amazing job and are very cooperative, so if I had to pick, I would say every cabin leader is my favorite. Not exactly the answer you were looking for, but it is the one you will get.

**RESPECT YOURSELF,
RESPECT OTHERS,
AND RESPECT THE
ENVIRONMENT!!**

**Beast Says:
Arrrrggghhhhhh**

Field Trip
Next Week:
Wild Rivers Water Park

Drink Plenty Of Water!

**Respect
Responsibility
Citizenship
Caring
Fairness
Trustworthiness**

Super Counselor, Mr. Zephyr's Campfire Corner!

What else can I really say, except that our campers are doing a fantastic job with their camper campfire. They are just as witty and clever as any of the Monday night skits. This week cabin 3 surprised us with their version of J.C. Pirate, which was a play on the original J.C. Penny skit, but done much better. Cabin 5 introduced another new skit "GPBC Juke-box" which included some of the new songs from this week including "The Boo Boo Song", and "Dirt Made My Lunch." Altogether, I can't help but think that next Monday the Cabin Leaders have a lot, and I mean a lot of work cut out for them. For such a great job that they did, they were rewarded with our favorite campfire snack, SMORES! No kid, and most Cabin Leaders have a hard time saying No to smores. I'm just glad that we are able to give our campers the opportunity to roast their own marshmallows and really toast their own smores in a real campfire!