

PINGRY BIG BLUE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 6, 2018 - Week #3

SENSATIONAL LEARNERS

A "WILD" WEEK OF SENSORY ACTIVITIES!

When you feel laser-hot sun rays relentlessly beaming down onto your shoulders, and you can barely keep your eyes open without the help of sunglasses, it means that spring is officially out of the rearview mirror, and long gone. Week 3 of Pingry Big Blue Summer Day Camp was off to a scorching start, as temperatures reached 95+ degrees

at The Basking Ridge Campus on Monday. But if it weren't for the blistering summer heat, getting sprayed by one of the Pingry water sprinklers wouldn't be so sweet! Feeling those extreme hot and cold temperatures was a lesson during "Animals Week" because our keyword was "Senses." Campers participated in a number of sensory activities that encouraged them to explore their five senses, and learn about how certain species of wildlife use their unique senses for survival.

BBS ART GALLERY



This week, we set up a gallery in the Lower Commons to display some of our campers' artwork. Along with the red, white, and blue that you'd expect around Independence Day, campers also made mosaic interpretations of their favorite ice cream flavor, and were tasked to choose colors that accurately conveyed its delicious-ness!



BBSDC
WEEK 3 THEME:
ANIMALS



Below is a little taste of Big Blue Summer Day Camp Week #3: "Animals Week."

Rizzo's Wildlife World

There's no better way to start Animals Week than to host a presentation featuring, you guessed it... animals! Rizzo's Wildlife World of Flanders, New Jersey brought some scaly, soft, smooth, and slightly slimy friends for all campers to feel with their own hands (which were washed immediately following the show!).

Sensory Stations

Campers' senses got a pop quiz this week when we set up 3 sensory stations—one each for touching, smelling, and hearing. For "touching," campers stuck their hands in mystery boxes and had to guess the contents. They also stepped barefooted into plastic boxes filled with household items such as shaving cream, cooked pasta, and flour. Similar activities were created for smelling and hearing exercises, and campers were happy to hear that we did not prepare a "taste test" exercise for them!



CURIOS

Curious campers went on short hikes to explore the many ecosystems that exist right here on campus.



OPEN

This young camper was open to touching all sorts of exotic (and friendly!) critters.



The Inaugural BBSDC Color Run!

For the first time at Big Blue Summer Day Camp, we organized a color run, where campers took packets of washable colored powder and tossed them through the air, creating colorful, visually stunning cloud patterns while leaving vibrant neon poof patterns on campers' and counselors' clothing (and faces!).



DEDICATED

Daily swim lessons have campers dedicated to pool safety as they track their progress as young swimmers.



Thanks for a great Week #3 of Big Blue Summer Day Camp! Check out our weekly recap video, produced by Camper Annika B. and Frankie Dillon '17!

ENTHUSIASTIC

Campers don't get much more enthusiastic than when a Kona Ice truck pulls up to Bristol Gymnasium after a week of 90+ degree weather!



FEATURED COUNSELOR



OUR YOUNGEST CAMPERS MAY RECOGNIZE STAFF MEMBER JOCELYN P. FROM AFTERCARE ON OUR SHORT HILLS CAMPUS, WHILE OUR C-T-T'S KNOW HER AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BIG BLUE SUMMER DAY CAMP FAMILY!

CLICK HERE FOR OUR WEEK 3 VIDEO!

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