

# PINGRY BIG BLUE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 13, 2018 - Week #4

## RAISING OUR GAME

### LEARNING TO WIN WITH CLEAR COMMUNICATION

Week 4 of Big Blue Summer Day camp was an instant hit with campers, and it's not a surprise — the weekly theme was "Games"! Campers got to participate in every kind of game imaginable from soccer to Simon Says, and with the keyword "Communication", we made sure that "Simon" had a lot to say! We challenged campers to not only use their physical and

mental skills during gameplay, but to also focus on ways in which communication comes into play. It's important to clearly communicate with teammates, referees, and even your opponents to make sure everyone involved is on the same page as far as rules, sportsmanship, and obviously the winning strategy (but only discuss that with your teammates)! Below are just a few of the games we played this week to drive home the importance of communication. Simon says, "Enjoy the newsletter!"

### WORLD CUP FEVER!



Dozens of campers gathered in the Middle School Commons on Tuesday to watch the World Cup of Soccer semifinal match between France and Belgium. It was the perfect way to celebrate Games Week and witness how some of the world's best athletes constantly communicate with one another during a game (although most of the communication was between player and referee!).



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WEEK 4 THEME:  
GAMES



### Camp Clue

Based on the popular board game, "Clue," our campers will roam around campus solving riddles and uncovering clues to figure out who stole the keys to the gameroom! All of our Counselors-In-Training are suspects, so they will certainly be getting lots of attention from their

curious campers' intense investigations! To find out "whodunnit", ask your camper for their findings!



## Escape Room

Our Leaders-In-Training got a special treat this week as a field trip took them to Escape Room Center in Bridgewater, where they worked together in elaborately themed rooms, finding clues, solving puzzles, and using props to help them complete their mission and escape the room. There are different degrees of difficulty, but it's no surprise that our LITs "escaped" a really tough room! Congrats LITs, and Counselors Keller and Kayla!



## CURIOS

Curious campers watched as Mr. Minniti instructed them on archery technique and safety procedures.



## OPEN

Campers were open to eating campfire burgers after a hike along one of our trails!



## Wild 'n Wacky Challenge

The energy was at peak levels when campers realized they were about to be contestants on a gameshow! We hosted a Wild 'n Wacky Challenge event, which uses team-oriented competitions that require strategy and cooperation. Campers and counselors showed that teamwork is key to success in the Wild 'n Wacky challenges, and everyone in the audience showed that they really enjoyed watching their friends get pie'd in the face!



## DEDICATED

LITs are dedicated to making storytime a great experience for their Kinder Camper counterparts.



**Thanks for a great Week #4 of Big Blue Summer Day Camp! Check out our weekly recap video, produced by Frankie Dillon '17 and C.I.T. Ram D.!**

## ENTHUSIASTIC

It wasn't hard to find enthusiastic volunteers willing to hop up on stage and participate in the Wild 'n Wacky Challenge!



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