

# PINGRY BIG BLUE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 20, 2018 - Week #5

## BECOMING THE PERFECT STORM ACQUIRING SKILLS TO THRIVE, RAIN OR SHINE

On the Sunday before Week 5 of Big Blue Summer Day Camp, the Basking Ridge area experienced some thunderous rain showers to break up a streak of eight straight days of sunshine. As a day camp with outdoor activities planned by the hour, it was a reminder to be prepared for anything, and it was an appropriate beginning to "Weather Week" at Big Blue

Summer. With a keyword of "flexibility," campers learned about the importance of being flexible and having the ability to adapt to change. This week, we encouraged our campers to be flexible, much like water, which takes on the shape of any container it is poured into. Below are some activities and events that we participated in to drive home the importance of flexibility and the ability to thrive in a variety of scenarios. (We also used most of these activities to splash lots of water on one another!)

### PADDLEBOARDING



This week, our Leaders-in-Training found themselves navigating through the calm waters at Spruce Run Reservoir in Clinton, NJ, by way of Yellow Dog Paddle. Most of the LITs had no previous experience, but quickly adapted to the balance required from the paddleboard, and went off exploring the lake in perfect weather.



**BBSDC  
WEEK 5 THEME:  
WEATHER**



**JUNIOR B WITH THE VICTORY!**

### Cardboard Boat Race!

A staple at Big Blue Summer Day camp is our camp-wide Cardboard Boat Race! All week, campers were brainstorming boat ideas, putting together blueprints, and ultimately building their boat out of recycled cardboard. All teams tried to adapt their creation to the harsh conditions of Beinecke Pool! There are three qualification stages: 1) Will

the boat float? 2) Can the boat float with a counselor in it!? 3) Can a counselor paddle across the pool in it!? Three cabins passed all the tests, but only Junior B's vessel was still intact at the time of the final race, so they were awarded the victory!



## A Real Weatherman!

We were thrilled to welcome local weatherman and meteorologist, John Marshall, to campus this week! Mr. Marshall taught campers about water cycles, tornado and hurricane patterns, and what goes on behind the scenes at a weather station. Campers were able to ask questions at the end of his presentation and they also got a chance to explore the capabilities of a high-tech greenscreen. The forecast is very promising for these young campers!



## CURIOS

Curious campers watched as their peers performed a short skit during their STEAM story activity.



## OPEN

LITs were open to learning and practicing different photography techniques.



## DEDICATED

The Junior B group showed they are dedicated to exploring and expanding their art project skills!



## ENTHUSIASTIC

Campers showed their [very loud] enthusiasm this week during our water slide inflatables activity!



## Yoga Time!

There's no better way to physically represent this week's keyword "flexibility," than to practice the ancient art of yoga! All campers, from Minis to L-I-Ts, got a lesson from Ms. Wheeler on yoga's basic poses and breathing patterns. Yoga can be beneficial to the body, mind, and spirit — and almost as impressive — it can make a dozen middle schoolers approach zen-like concentration in a matter of minutes! Namaste! ☀️



**Thanks for a great Week #5 of Big Blue Summer Day Camp! Check out our weekly recap video, produced by Frankie Dillon '17 and L.I.T. Dimitri H.!**



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

**NAIAH ATULOMAH '18 AND SEAN TAN '18 ARE BIG BLUE SUMMER STAFF LIFEGUARDS. NAIYAH AND SEAN HAVE A COMBINED 20 YEARS OF COMPETITIVE SWIMMING EXPERIENCE AND WILL BE ATTENDING JOHNS HOPKINS AND WILLIAMS, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE FALL.**

