

PINGRY BIG BLUE SUMMER

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NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING INDIVIDUALITY, TOGETHER CAMPERS EXPLORE THEIR IDENTITIES WITH FUN ACTIVITIES!

Pingry Big Blue Summer Day Camp's week 3 theme was "Dance to Your Own Beat" and although campers took this quite literally during our dance-themed activities (as they should!), they also understood that all of our activities involved celebrating each camper's unique identity and what that identity adds to the fabric of our camp as a whole. Big Blue Summer is proud to have campers from all over the world on our campus, so there are a lot of identities to celebrate! In the beginning of the week, counselors emphasized the importance of

campers expressing their own individuality. Each camper decorated a large puzzle piece with things that are important to them and represent their identity. After Monday, the activities became more and more group-oriented. The puzzle pieces were eventually put together to visibly symbolize how different each camper is and how awesome the end result is when we all grow, learn, and work together. Other activities included making personality circles where campers learn facts about their peers' lives, and painting a mural on which campers get to add identity-themed artwork onto other camper's identity-themed artwork, conveying that when we are together, we all enhance one another's experience. Thanks to all of our campers for being themselves, working as a group, and enhancing the amazing experience that was week 3!

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WEEK 3 THEME:
DANCE TO YOUR
OWN BEAT**

SHHH... SILENT DISCO!



The main event for week 3 was the Silent Disco where campers wore headphones with three channels on them, each playing a different song! The headphones also have LED lights that correspond to each channel so you can see who is listening to the same song as you! It was a week of being curious about fellow campers and open to celebrating differences. Silent Disco sure was a celebration — albeit a very quiet one!



Leaders-In-Training

This week, our young Leaders-In-Training really showed us that they are not only dedicated to leading our Kinders and Minis through rotations, but also curious and open to personal growth and making the most of their time as LITs at BBS Day Camp. A highlight of the LIT's time with the Minis was the outdoor scavenger hunt, where they guided Minis around and looked for stones, sticks,



puddles, and about a dozen other nature-related items. Another highlight for the LITs is when they impressed Ms. Dana in their Music & Movement rotation, actually learning to read music from scratch! Great job, LITs!



THE HONOR C.O.D.E.

CURIOUS

These Minis were curious to see how Ms. Rachel would make volcano art in their STEM art rotation.



OPEN

These campers were open to a communication and trust-building exercise involving being blindfolded in the forest and led by a partner.



DEDICATED

The CITs showed their dedication and leadership skills by running a successful game of Four Corners in Bristol Gymnasium.



ENTHUSIASTIC

It's not hard to be enthusiastic about pool time when it's 90° outside, but those big smiles and peace signs got these campers in the newsletter!



Senior Group

In celebration of the USA Women's soccer team winning their World Cup game over the weekend, the Senior group played their own version of World Cup. They focused on having respect for their teammates and opponents. Players with different skill levels had to come together and use each of their specialties to be effective as a group. Congrats to the USWNT and congrats to our Senior group for a great week of teamwork!



Junior Group

Through learning the power of music in different songs and activities in their Music and Movement rotation, the Junior group challenged themselves in connecting music to their own self. They shared what kind of music they listened to and how they feel when they listen to it. Their openness to talk about their interests only got stronger as the week progressed, forming bonds that made each activity more enjoyable and productive.



Kinders and Minis

The Kinders and Minis spent a lot of time with the LITs this week. Together, they did scavenger hunts, storytime, and sports. With "identity" in mind, the Kinders shared books they loved and read them with one another. The Minis really enjoyed coloring their puzzle pieces, and were one of the first groups to put together their "Identity Puzzle" and hang it up!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Sarah Gagliardi '22 is a Big Blue Summer lifer, having been a camper, L-I-T, C-I-T, and now a fantastic counselor! Sarah is very active in musical theater, having appeared in productions of *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and more! Bravo on another great week of camp!

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