

PINGRY BIG BLUE SUMMER

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NEWSLETTER

BIG BLUE SUMMER SPIRIT!

Big Blue Summer Day Camp finished summer 2019 the same way it started — with spirit — and although in week one we were totally excited for summer to arrive, week seven brought a different kind of excitement. Summer 2019 was a summer of growing, learning, and new friendships. From the leadership skills our LITs acquired, all the way down to Minis jumping into the pool and swimming with more confidence than ever, Spirit Week was a graduation of sorts, with long lists of accomplishments and amazing memories to cherish for the rest of our campers' lives. BBS

Day Camp itself had a unique summer, with a new half-day format leading into a variety of awesome afternoon programming. All of our combined success called for a big celebration, and "Spirit Week" was just that! Each day this week, campers, counselors, specialists, and the leadership team all dressed in themed clothing. Monday was Camp Spirit day, Tuesday was Casual Spirit Day (PJs or sports jerseys), Wednesday was Whacky Spirit, Thursday was Throwback Spirit, and Friday was Summer Spirit. It was a week-long burst of enthusiasm which, along with curiosity, openness, and dedication, is a pillar of our summer Honor C.O.D.E., and a natural fit. We can't say that outfits worn by campers were a natural fit (actually, they were quite unnatural!), but as long as they wore spirit and enthusiasm on their sleeves, it fit absolutely perfectly!

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WEEK 7 THEME:
SPIRIT WEEK**

GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF BEING WET!



It was only fitting that Spirit Week included one of the most popular activities of the entire summer — gigantic inflatable water structures! The only thing more popular to campers this summer was the opportunity to drench their counselors, and they got that opportunity... with dunk tanks! It was a surprise that everyone was excited about, even the counselors as we endured another week of scorching temperatures!



Leaders-In-Training

This week, the LITs rocked spirit week by dressing up in their own personalized costumes fitting their personalities. Some of the activities they engaged in consisted of teaching the Mini's how to garden and how to plant. They also played Red Rover and sports with the Kinders. They love spending time with the younger campers! In high tech

they built a tower out of straws that was about 8 feet tall! It was so high, it touched the ceiling! The L.I.T's even wrote their own piece of the newspaper as the last week of camp challenge.

THE HONOR C.O.D.E.

Senior Group

The Seniors had tons of fun in their Music and Movement rotation this week. Ms. Dana taught them a game she learned overseas which consists of the Seniors moving according to Ms. Dana's physical or verbal commands. They were superstars, even when Ms. Dana threw in some curveballs where she moved and spoke at the same time. The Seniors crushed it and Ms. Dana got a workout!



CURIOUS

These campers were curious to hear about the wilderness survival skills taught by Mr. Minniti.



OPEN

The LITs were open to getting a little messy with the Minis during a sensory play session involving shaving cream!



DEDICATED

This camper was dedicated to building the best mini basketball hoop in the history of BBS Day Camp!



ENTHUSIASTIC

If you need to dress up for Whacky Wednesday, ask Mr. Corbey for tips. He clearly dressed with enthusiasm!



Junior Group

The Junior groups took the Water Bottle Flip Challenge to a whole new level in STEAM Art! Demonstrating the Honor C.O.D.E., specifically curiosity, the Juniors asked questions such as "what makes one water bottle flip easier than the other?" Although the challenge was a fun game to play with their fellow campers, they were interested in learning the science behind it.



Kinders and Minis

The Kinders had a blast with Ms. Rachel at STEAM Art as they experimented with baking soda and colored vinegar! The kids loved seeing how the colors mixed together. It was fizztastic! The Minis enjoyed their Hi Tech rotation with Mr. Billy, as they built structures out of straws and connectors. The only way to have more fun with straws is to use them on a milkshake!

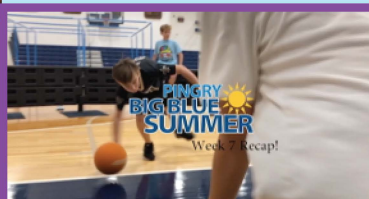


STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Cindy McArthur is our fearless leader here at Big Blue Summer and works hard year round to ensure that each and every camper has an unforgettable summer. All campers love spending time with her because of her infectious spirit for fun... and talent for silly faces!

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