

ROCK OUT FINALE

Session EIGHT



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Inspiring 6 to 12 year-olds to lead healthy, happy lives.

We started this week with an activity called "Yarn Toss." A counselor poses questions to the group, for example, "Where did you go on vacation this summer?" and the yarn ball is tossed around the circle. As more questions are asked, the yarn becomes increasingly entangled as it travels around the circle to each camper until it forms a complex web. At the end of this activity, the counselors asked the campers if they were able to untangle the yarn. It was magical to see how campers took different roles to achieve this goal. Some provided instructions to the entire group, while others worked in pairs to untangle their area (pictured below on left). They all helped each other in this process, which set the tone for the rest of the week: encouraging and helping others. We saw this action over and over at the Rock Wall, on Stuart Field, and at the Hangar (UD's Bowling Alley) as teams competed in mini challenges and cheered each other on. We also saw campers support one another as they prepared for the end-of-camp Talent Show. It was displayed in subtle but deeply meaningful ways by inviting another camper to join an act, providing suggestions on what talents to prepare, and assisting another camper during the talent show. Our RECKids Camp mission is to inspire campers "to discover their best selves through playful inquiry, cooperative learning, and positive group culture." This week exemplified our mission through the diverse activities allowing for playful inquiry and cooperative learning coupled with our wonderful campers and counselors who created an environment that fostered a positive group culture. We thank you for choosing to send your children to RECKids Camp this summer. –Emily Wilk, RECKids Camp Director



ROCK OUT Highlights (Session EIGHT)



Interest Group Highlights



Interest group activities included relay races on Stuart Field, bowling at UD's Hangar, basketball drills and games, making rocks, and practicing for the talent show!

Swimming Highlights



Climbing Competition



Special Article by Rock Wall Instructor, Michaela E.

This week REckids Camp completed its first ever REckids Climbing Competition, and they ROCKED IT (pun absolutely intended)!

Campers competed in three rounds of activities including a team relay race, hide-and-seek carabineer challenge in the Bouldering Cave, and the 30 Second Challenge (climb as high as possible in 30 seconds). I was very impressed to witness how all the campers have improved their skills throughout the summer, including their knowledge of climbing technique and safety. It was heartwarming to watch campers help other campers as they gave suggestions on what climbing hold to use on the wall as well as cheer each other on even after they had finished their turn climbing. In the closing ceremonies, we distributed medals to the top finishing team, most impressive climbers of the day (some returning and some new campers), and to several others who did an outstanding job helping and encouraging others over the last two months. Rock on!

The Rock Wall staff wanted to share that they had a fantastic time working with camp and hope to see many campers at the wall soon!

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of "Where's Waldo?" with UD's Bookstore



Making Fossils from natural items found around campus



Talent Show



Thank you for an incredibly memorable, active, and fun summer at camp!

- The 2013 REckids Camp Staff

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