



AROUND THE WORLD

Session **FOUR**
2013 UDCR RECKids CAMP

FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

When planning for this week of “Around the World,” the counselors and I decided to highlight a new continent for each camp day. We researched games, words and sayings, sports, and art projects from a wide range of countries. I must say that we never anticipated how this week would end: our camp transformed into a zoo! I mean a literal zoo, not a figurative zoo...

As part of Future Flyers age-group time on Wednesday, our older campers chose for their final activity to create a zoo—with them being the animals for our younger campers. I’m not exactly sure what inspired this idea, possibly the animal masks they created on Tuesday or the discussion of the different animals and their habits from around the world, maybe yoga moves inspired by animals, or pretending to be dolphins and diving for sticks and rings at the bottom of the pool. Maybe? Again, I’m not sure what the spark was for this idea but I did notice that our campers shared their own sparks this week as they took their concept and created an extremely memorable and fun afternoon of animal facts, sounds, and costumes. Some of our campers came dressed to camp in their own animal prints, while others spent significant time creating animal masks and reviewing their animal facts that day.

Friday’s zoo experience helped to reaffirm that our camp is a safe place where campers are able to be themselves, be silly, and share their own unique talents and ideas. I cannot wait for the next four weeks of camp to watch our campers grow, share more of themselves, and witness more camp magic unfold.

– Emily Wilk



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