LETTER FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Campers learned to "Live RED, Love BLUE" this week at RECKids Camp. On Friday in a scavenger hunt planned by our oldest campers (Future Flyers), a team of six campers finished the course in near-record time and attributed their success to a key lesson they had learned throughout the week: teamwork. This memorable moment serves to illustrate how our camp programming is informed by the concept of "backwards design." When planning projects and activities, counselors ask themselves: What do I want the campers to learn? What do I want the campers to remember from this experience two years from now? Through thoughtful planning our counselors developed experiences and fostered positive relationships with our campers that highlight teamwork, community, and our UD spirit!
WEEK IN REVIEW

During session one as part of Morning Stretch, our counselors facilitated discussions on the meaning of UD Pride and what it means to be a Flyer—to be a friend, to help someone in need, and to play cooperatively in a team. Our campers made their very own “sheet sign”—a UD housing tradition stating, “RECKids is cool. UD is the best school.” Campers toured UD’s 388-acre campus (not all of it, of course!) with the Admission’s Office and were exposed to the architecture, green spaces, and history of UD. On the tour, they visited a classroom in which one of our counselors took a course in the spring semester. The campers played basketball and volleyball in the RecPlex Gym, climbed at the Rock Wall, participated in a fitness class, and competed in UD Olympics on Stuart Field. In addition, campers swam in the Aquatics Center and spent time outdoors making bird feeders with pine cones, honey, and bird seeds for a service project called “Flyers Helping Flyers.” The week was filled with educational activities and hands-on projects that embraced our camp values: to participate, be kind, and have fun!
REMINDERS

- Please make sure each camper brings a water bottle, two snacks, and a lunch every day.
- Please complete Session ONE Feedback Form online or return it to the Check-in/out Binder.