LETTER FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Aloha! This week we highlighted two essential components of UD’s tradition: a welcoming community and entrepreneurial spirit. This week also included a lot of movement, mostly in the form of dance. Our counselors introduced themselves on Monday showcasing their favorite hula move followed later in the week by campers making their own hula skirts and participating in a Zumba class led by one of Campus Recreation’s Fitness Instructors. It was exciting to see how both counselors and campers were willing to try something new and felt comfortable displaying their favorite dance moves in the Zumba class.

I believe one of the reasons campers and counselors were so willing to dance and try new skills throughout the week, whether it was on the Rock Wall, the basketball court, or in the Art Room is because on Monday morning we co-created this week’s camp rules or as we called them, Commitments to Community (C2C). Campers wrote how they would live in community this week, which included, “play with someone who looks lonely, be kind, and have fun.” Campers lived out these commitments until the very end of camp. During the lemonade stand, I watched one camper, whose role was to manage the lemonade station, run to another camper, whose role was marketing and advertising near the entrance of the RecPlex and say, “You’re doing a great job! We are getting a lot of business! Keep it up!”

Our campers learned throughout this week how to support each other and create a welcoming community, while also embracing their acquired business skills from this week’s entrepreneurial lessons. Our counselors majoring in business and marketing shared how to create a business plan, implement a marketing strategy, make and sell a product, and earn a profit. The camper’s careful planning, winning lemonade recipes, and selling strategy (which also included a bit of hula dancing) brought in $74.60, which will be donated to the Dayton Children’s Hospital.
WEEK IN REVIEW

This week not only included our lemonade stands and a Zumba class, we also created sand art and an underwater sea mural, which was home to various underwater creatures such as sharks, fish, seaweed, and 3D jelly fish. Campers also made their own chalk paint and decorated the sun deck of the RecPlex. In addition, campers participated in a simple yoga practice, hula hoop circuits, and a pool-noodle hockey game. Along with swimming each day, campers also climbed the Rock Wall and competed in a sand castle building contest and hula trivia race. It was a very active week and alive with Hawaiian spirit and fun in the sun!

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