

Camp Kentwood

Issue #6 July 29th, 2011



Bon Voyage



Ms. Nathan



Ms. Dillon

Wow... What an amazing six weeks, sailing through our sea adventure with the passengers of S.S. Kentwood. From our fun at the beach to exploring the Florida Everglades, our excursions were a hit with all the passengers. It was truly an honor for us to be Captains of the S.S. Kentwood this summer.

As directors of the 2011 Summer Camp we would like to thank each and everyone for allowing us to have fun and expand the horizons of your children. Together with the help of our team captains we were able to make the summer a fun, safe and enjoyable adventure.



Ms. Bigos

Camp is my favorite time of year and this year truly justified it! We went on awesome field trips, constantly exercised, and created some really cool crafts, but that wasn't even the best part! The best part of this year was spending the summer with a great group of kids. They grew so much both physically and socially! I am very pleased at how much they have accomplished in the past six weeks. All of this could not have been accomplished without Mr. Nelson and Ms. Dougherty. I thank you, for spending this amazing summer with us. For those campers who are leaving us, we wish you well for the upcoming school year and hope to see you next summer. To our Kentwood students, see you in a few weeks!

Stateroom One

A Summer of Fun



Josh enjoys time on the recess field.

The last week of camp was filled with a ton of adventures. We explored the ultimate water slides at Paradise Cove at CB Smith Park. Wednesday morning campers enjoyed a delicious and healthy breakfast and watched "The Incredibles" while they lay on blankets and enjoyed wearing their pajamas all day.

Friday was the much anticipated water extravaganza. Campers splashed their way to the top of the Thunderstorm waterslide and demonstrated great sportsmanship with the water balloon tossing with their new friends. The day ended with a delicious barbeque. Captain Trujillo, Captain Mentz, and Captain Taber would like to wish our campers a safe and enjoyable rest during the next few weeks. Good luck and good sailings!



Mr. Trujillo helps Branden put the final touches on his cup tower.



Gabrielle lounges in the pool at the water park.



Michael is excited to be at CB Smith Park.

"I made a lot of new friends during summer camp."

Stateroom Two

An Unforgettable Summer



Ms. J and Rachel hang out on the playground.



Aden gets splashed on the lazy river.



Ryan smiles at CB Smith park.



David keeps an eye on his cup creation

Our last Ahoy Mateys go out to our campers of Stateroom 2. Campers enjoyed our last week of fun in the sun. The crystal clear waters of Paradise Cove cooled us down on a hot summer day. Wednesday, campers devoured waffles, muffins, orange juice, and made our own chocolate milk during our morning brunch. Thursday's pool day was also a success when campers were keeping up with the South Florida heat.

Our water extravaganza was the perfect culmination to our six weeks of fun on the SS Kentwood. Captain Nathan and Captain Motta would like to thank you for allowing us to be part of this incredible journey. We look forward to seeing you next summer or if you are lucky, during the school year.

**"Camp rocks because of the field trips."
- Aden**

Young Adult



Matt holds on while going down Big Thunder.

Time sure flies when you're having fun! We can't believe that we just finished our last week of camp. The week began with a trip to the beach and boy, the waves were awesome! Wednesday was our annual trip to Rapids. The day was wet and wild! The campers had a blast riding ALL of the slides! Once again, Big Thunder and Black Thunder were the favorites. Our fitness program came to a close, but all of their hard work has paid off!

This week was "favorite week" for organized sports and crafts. The campers voted on what activities they wanted to take part in. The winners for organized sports were: dodge ball, basketball, and everyone's all-time favorite wall-ball. Campers created various crafts merging all of the items we used throughout camp. They came up with some really cool creations! We also went hiking and enjoyed some tasty ice cream treats. Camp ended with a great barbeque and water games. We hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer!



Brian cools off from a hot day at Rapids Water Park.



The water park gets a big "thumbs up" from Tommy.



Jianna relaxes in the wave pool.

Overnight

Theme Park Mania

Overnight was Orlando bound! There was a lot of high flying action this week upon the closing of overnight camp! In Orlando, we started off by making a splash at Wet'n Wild. The campers rode high speed water slides called the Black Hole, The Surge and The Flyer. It was a hot and steamy day perfect for floating down the lazy river. Everyone, even Mr. Sporkin, tested their fears and enjoyed all the slides!

Morgan makes a new friend at the theme park. (Right)



The campers start the day by dancing to conga music. (Below)



The group takes a moment to pose for a picture.

Overnight

On Saturday morning it was off to breakfast followed by a dip in the pool at our hotel. It was good to be cooled off before the biggest journey yet... Universal Studio's Islands of Adventure!

As we walked in, we were greeted by an energetic percussion band. They handed everyone maracas and the campers all danced in a Conga Line. After taking a well deserved bow for the passersby who stopped to watch the fun, we strolled over to Dr. Seuss Land, where we were spinning from one page to another on the Cat and the Hat ride. The campers passed by bright colored statues and giant lollipops as they went into Posiden's Temple. What an exciting show! It was filled with water, explosions, fireworks and lasers.

The absolute highlight of the day was just around the corner. Everyone's jaws dropped at the sight of Hogwarts' castle! It was amazing to see every little detail of the Harry Potter books and movies in real life. We sipped on Butterbeer, dueled on the Dragon Challenge rollercoaster and even rode our broomsticks through the castle. Who would have thought we would see a snow-covered village in Florida? After lunch it was off to Comic Book Land, where some dared to verse The Hulk on his super high speed rollercoaster. Some even ventured on it a second time!

It was a great weekend to end our run...as the campers awoke Sunday morning, there were many happy faces remembering the great memories of the summer. They all exchanged addresses and phone numbers as good-bye hugs were shared. On behalf of the Overnight Staff, we all thank you for making this the best summer of Overnight at Kentwood ever!



The overnight campers are excited for the Dr. Seuss Ride.



Everyone smiles for a group picture at the theme park.

