

Summer Spotlight

Mini Camp Newsletter

Welcome to Summer!



Our 37th fun-filled year of Mini Camp began with our Open House on Sunday, June 19th. It was a wonderful opportunity for all of our campers and

their families to get a sneak preview of the summer's fun. Campers had a chance to see their camp room, meet their counselors, and get acquainted with new and old camp friends. We ended the morning festivities with a family-style sing along with Bill and the promise of an exciting camp experience!

The first two weeks of camp were filled with the excitement of **Music Week**, and the anticipation of celebrating Uncle Sam's birthday on the **4th of July!**

Here's to many more weeks of summer fun!

Music Week

On **Friday, June 24th**, we celebrated **Music Day** at Mini

camp! Everyone came with their very own musical instruments and together we created the "Mini Camp Orchestra." The campers were strumming, blowing, striking, and shaking their instruments with glee! Our conductor, Bill, led the ensemble in a number of lively songs, including "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" and "Put Your

Instrument in the Air." Our oldest campers even learned some songs on the ukulele! As always, Bill and his musicians received rave reviews. Bravo Mini Campers!



Helpful Mini Camp Reminders

1

SWIM SHIRT

Please pack a swim shirt along with a bathing suit for your child. This provides added protection from the summer sun.

2

SNEAKERS & SOCKS

Please have your child wear sneakers and socks every day to camp. This will make it easier for them to comfortably navigate the outdoor play areas. (FYI: Velcro helps greatly to promote independence when dressing & undressing.)

3

CAMPER'S NAME

Please print your camper's name on all items sent to camp (lunch bags, towels, backpacks, socks, etc.) to help avoid any confusion and mix-ups!

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ABSENCES

If your camper is **absent** due to illness or a planned absence, please email Paula: farbrookminicamp@gmail.com



Happy Birthday, Uncle Sam!

This week was spent preparing for our 4th of July celebration that took place on Friday, July 1st. To celebrate Uncle Sam's 240th birthday, the campers sang songs such as "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Put Your Flag in the Air," and "Back in the U.S.A." The birthday boy himself, Uncle Sam (Bill), entertained us with stories and songs. During our annual Mini Camp parade, campers displayed their patriotic headbands, flags, and hats that they had made earlier that week. The parade was led by our counselors who dressed up as Uncle Sam's good friends: George Washington, Yankee Doodle, Betsy Ross, the Liberty Bell, and a Bald Eagle. The festivities were topped off with yummy red, white, and blue popsicles. What a delicious 4th of July celebration! Happy birthday, Uncle Sam!

SPORTS WITH MARILYN

Once again, our sports counselor, Marilyn, has been leading the Mini Campers' athletics program. She begins each session with a warm-up routine that includes stretches, songs, and dance to prepare the campers for fun-filled games and activities. So far, Mini Campers have enjoyed games like "Tug of War/Hug of War", "Red Light, Green Light," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," and playing with the parachutes. Marilyn always makes fitness an exciting experience for our campers!



COOKING WITH REBECCA

Our chef-in-residence, Rebecca (known as "mom" to Tess in Bill's Group) has been whipping up some tasty summer delights with our campers. During Music Week, Mini Camp chefs got to create "On top of Spaghetti, all covered with cheese and meatballs...." What a delicious treat!

