Ever Changing Caribbean Weather

A mixture of intense heat and passing thunderstorms kept campers on their toes this week. They battled the heat with evening programs such as waterfront and a camp wide slip and slide. As the storms rolled through passport groups banded together to compete in boat making competitions and games such as Human Figures (pictured below).

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WEEK THREE: CARIBBEAN CRUISE

This week campers took a trip down to the Caribbean to board the Owahta Cruise Line. As you might expect, things went a little crazy as fellow ship goer, Zoey (played by counselor Ruth), destroyed the ship because they ran out of shrimp for her shrimp cocktails. This left the campers shipwrecked and needing to fish for food, transport water and find and a way back to McGraw in time for Friday pick up.
Surviving a Deserted Island in Nature

Campers worked in groups to out-survive each other in nature. Groups had three tasks to complete: build a fire, build a water transportation device, and build a raft to safety. The only tools the campers were able to use were the materials found in their pockets when they woke up on the deserted island. This included one box of matches containing 15 matches, a piece of string 6ft long, and a saw found on the island that needed to be shared between the groups. The senior campers built the most successful fires, cadets built the most successful rafts, and juniors built the most successful water transportation devices.

Cruise Line Festivities

Before Zoey left our campers shipwrecked they were able to enjoy some of the amenities of the 5-star cruise line with the staff of Owahta Cruise and other cruise guests.

Campers were spotted rock climbing, deep sea fishing, making treasure maps, and relaxing at the world famous spa. At fishing they learned about knots and how to make sure the fish in your story became bigger with every re-telling. At the spa they enjoyed mud treatments, a nail salon, and Caribbean music. Our on-ship rock wall challenged campers all morning while the maps made in art camp came in handy after the shipwreck.

Thursday Night Dance Party

On Thursday after building rafts to safety and finally returning to cozy Camp Owahta, campers celebrated with a beach side dance party. “Kidz Bop” hits filled the air as campers danced along the water’s edge with counselors, Director Maria, and Camp Pup Chelsea. They took turns creating signature dance moves, teaching their peers, and remembering moves of campers and staff past. After a long tiring day, the campers and staff joined around a camp fire to tell jokes and stories, sing songs, and create memories and friendships that would last a lifetime.