

中華文化青少年夏令營-July 6th, 2011

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2nd to Last Day! Final day for newsletter!

明天就是最後一天。希望大家都快樂！不要忘了這幾天的活動和交的朋友～保持聯絡喔！

Canoeing

By Belinda Chiu

Even though it started raining in the morning, that didn't stop the kids from canoeing! Although it was A LOT of hard work and black hands at the end, it was still very FUN~ I went with the yellow team for today. As we went to the loading area, the group was separated in two groups of four and one group of two. Unfortunately and fortunately, I was in the group of two. >< I thought it would be harder for two people to row the boat while the others have four people working. Nevertheless, my group had really great teamwork and was able to beat the other two teams. Yayyy!! I think we went around 8-9 laps around the pond. Since it was the second time the children went canoeing, most of them were able to not get stuck in the reeds; there were some exceptions. Overall, I found canoeing to be one of my favorite activities.



Short Blurbs about Yesterday's Events
Belinda Chiu

Sorry! Totally forgot to add some more articles about some events yesterday. So, I will briefly go over them now.

-High Ropes!

Yesterday, I decided to check out the Highs with the Blue group. When I got to the place, I was mind-blown. The activities to do in the high ropes are SUPER high.... and I'm afraid of heights. So, unfortunately, I did not participate in the event but the boys in the blue group did! There were three different sections one can do: the catwalk, the leap of faith, and multi-rope cable walk (uhhh... I don't remember the correct name for the last one, but we'll go with what I wrote). As much as each event look scary and difficult, it seemed like getting up to these activities was a challenge. Most of the boys struggled to climb the ladders (or something of that sort) in order to reach the actual section. Even so, I thought it was courageous that the boys, or anybody really, tried to go and finish these activities.



-Kevin, the Professional Archer

Yesterday evening, we got to meet Kevin! He's a professional archer and was also able to show us some very cool and interesting tricks. Many of the children, as well as me, were amazed at his accuracy as he was able to shoot most of his target in one shot. There were many different acts such as ones with balloons, actual targets, cans, and more. After the archery performance, Kevin answered questions and gave a speech regarding to his condition. I liked how Kevin was not afraid to answer to some questions and was genuinely willing to help. His speech was also inspirational as he talked about life and the concept he created called AIR: accountability, independence, and reason. I found many of his points to be correct. It was a good performance and I wish him the best of luck!



Campfire
By Bonita Tseng

Although it was raining, the idea of a campfire happening did not disappear. After dinner everybody prepared for the campfire. It was sure to be a very fun activity. There were to be performances such as dances and skits by the teams. There was also already planned music starting with YMCA and Low. While waiting for the activity to begin, various team groups began to practice their skits or performances. Then the show began. Everybody was hyper and eager to see the teams perform. They performed their team cheers and skits. It was a truly funny evening. Especially with the counselors as the MCs. They cleverly incorporated the act or dance number into their dialogue. Everybody had a special light-up stick that could go around their necks and had eight light-up settings. Even the Camp Oaks staff performed. At the end of everything, after YMCA, everybody danced to the next songs on the list. When the lights came back on, there was a head count before everybody left to their beds. Despite it being our last night here, everybody was glad to have met those that they have and the good, bad, and ugly will be cherished memories.

Due to nighttime and darkness,
pictures are limited. Sorry about that!



M4 Counselor Interview
Jason Hewitt



Favorite Activity:
Archery
Favorite Color:
Blue
Would you come back?
No.
Pet Peeve:
petty arguments
What is the weirdest thing that happened?
guy drama....

What is your embarrassing moment at camp?
Slipping on wall climbing
Why did you come?
It's a cultural enriching activity that molds the creative young minds of the future.
What are you going to do after college?
Go into the industry and be an engineer

F3 Counselor Interview
Celina Chen



Favorite Activity:
High ropes, not doing it but watching
Favorite Color:
Purple
Why did you come?
Want to have fun
Will you come back?
Probably not...
Pet Peeve:
bluntly rude people

What is the weirdest thing that happened during camp?
Listening to my kids' strange stories
What is your embarrassing moment at camp?
Singing "Huan Le Nian Hua"
What are you going to do after college?
Manage a hotel or be an elementary school teacher and dance teacher at night

M4 Student
Roger Wu



Favorite activity:
Canoeing
Least favorite:
Calligraphy
Favorite color:
Green (same as my group color!)
Will you come back?
Probably yea...

Pet Peeve:
Little kids arguing in my cabin
What do you want to do in the future?
Something science-related!

F3 Student
Sydney Nagahiro



Favorite activity:
Archery
Least favorite:
Canoeing...
Favorite color:
Green!
Will you come back?
Yes!

Pet Peeve:
Ehhh... I don't know...
What do you want to do in the future?
I want to be a professional soccer player!!