

SPARKS

Fall 2019



SUMMER



WE ARE COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS!

HELLO FROM JIMBOY

A letter from Jimboy giving you the scoop on all things camp.

This time of year is marked by a profound sense of appreciation for the summer that is past. God has once again lavished our camp with blessings that are more than we asked or imagined.

Each session was precious: the campers and counselors inspiring, happy, healthy, and safe. The facility was perfect: every system working better than ever (a remarkable thing to say for a 100-year-old camp). And the Alumnae Reunion in October was everything we hoped it would be (we have been thinking about it for more than five years). So as we look at the beautiful fall colors and breathe a sigh of contentment, we thank God and give Him the glory for a wonderful year.

While the 100th was amazing, we think the 101st will be even better and are making plans for some very exciting projects around camp. We are building a High Adventure cabin (for storage and hanging out during bad weather), a new platform for the big slide, and a new ropes course over Lake Edith (a part of Waterpark next summer). We are also structurally updating White Hall, Cabins 1-5, the Gym, and the Health Hut (repairs to make them stronger). Work has already started, and we will post updates as time goes on.

Thank you for reading the Sparks magazine. Thank you for reading the daily devotions on the website. Thank you for reading the blog. Thank you for your kind emails, letters, phone calls, and Facebook comments. You are our biggest fans, and everything we do is with you in mind. We hope you are already looking forward to this summer...our 101st...and the Best Summer Ever!

WITH LOVE, JIMBOY



ASK JIMBOY



Learn more about Jimboy! We asked him a few questions to kick off the fall. How do your answers compare to his?

REMEDY FOR MISSING CAMP:

Reach out to a camp friend...call, write, text, email, WHATEVER. Your camp friends always know how to bring you out of a funk!

BEST DOG BREED:

I'm a big fan of Doodles, Labs, and Heelers (but Heelers are not as sure fire a bet as the others).

DREAM ACTIVITY:

Concert on the Lawn.

FAVORITE PLACE IN CAMP:

Blob dock as the sun is setting or Dining Hall Porch (same time).

MEME OR MURRAY:

I can't tell you (it would hurt the other's feelings).

STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

Smile a lot, talk to everyone (especially the quiet people that need a friend), don't try to be cool.





DID YOU KNOW?

LEARN SOME COOL CAMP FACTS!



HOW WAS THE NEW SHEPHERD'S GAZEBO BUILT?

FIRST: We removed the broken gazebo (we burned it...super cool pictures).

SECOND: We found a good design (made it bigger, to last 100 years).

THIRD: Next, we decided on the foundation. This was tricky. We dug and found it to be very mucky. We then had to put in 60 piers (big metal rods that are "screwed" 50 feet into the ground) before we could pour the foundation and the concrete pad for the floor.

FOURTH: We installed the timberframe (with a big crane).

FIFTH: Then, we built the roof.

SIXTH: Next, we stained the wood (took longer than you'd think!).

SEVENTH: We added the medallion in the center (it was forged in Pennsylvania).

EIGHTH: Finally, we acid stained the concrete floor (after camp).



HOW IS A GREYSTONE T-SHIRT DESIGNED?

We start by looking at the camp calendar and mapping out when we want to give away t-shirts. Once we know when we will be handing out shirts, we do a TON of research; we look for images and designs we like online, saving good ideas as possibilities. We send the best ideas to our t-shirt designer for each shirt we want to design. After many edits, we are finally ready to print!

Sep 10 13:59

Our faces when we saw how many of you we get to hug again next summer!!! So...



Sep 09 09:46

We don't know who needs to see this on their Monday, but here's a picture of Ra...



Sep 06 09:35

Happy #NationalReadaBookDay to all of our Eno Summer Readers out there! So...



Sep 05 09:35

#tbt to the weeks where going to class meant Soccer and Metal Jewelry and F...



Sep 04 09:08

We're watching the updates and praying hard for all of our camp family who find...



Sep 02 10:18

Does Labor Day mean our days of post-Rest Hour watermelon snacking are offi...



Aug 30 09:30



HOW IS A CAMP INSTAGRAM POST CREATED?

There's actually a lot more that goes into posting a camp Instagram than you would think! We plan our posts out weeks (and sometimes months!) in advance after thinking through what kind of content YOU would be most interested in. We make sure our posts contain a little bit of everything - funny, serious, counselors, campers, parents, and even camp animals!

To post a camp Instagram, we look back at our previous posts to see how many people "liked" them (that's how we know what you like to see, so if you enjoy a post, give it a heart, and we take notice). We then use a platform called "Later" to schedule out everything for our upcoming posts - everything from the photo to the caption to the emojis. We can even schedule Instagram Stories! Then once the day comes, it's as simple as one click to send the post through. From there all we have to do is sit back and engage with those of you who comment and send us messages - that's our favorite part!

WHAT HAPPENS TO WATERPARK DURING THE WINTER?

After Labor Day, a couple of lucky guys on our Maintenance Team take a dip in Lake Edith to remove all of our fun Waterpark toys! While it looks like the Blob and Mount Edith are just floating on the water, they're actually clipped to anchors way down on the bottom of the lake. Our guys unclip the Waterpark elements and attach buoys to the anchors, so they know where to clip them in when reinstalling the Waterpark fun in the spring.

The smaller elements can be taken out and dragged on shore. The larger ones, like the Blob, are towed by the Party Barge all the way to Putt Cove so we can easily remove them without damaging the elements. Once they're out of the water, each Waterpark inflatable is pressure washed, dried, and put inside for hibernation!



DID YOU KNOW?

THE FUN FACTS CONTINUE



HOW DID SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING GET STARTED?

After World War II, Virginia Hanna purchased swim docks on Lake Summit, and campers have been doing Synchro ever since! Campers used to ride a bus to the swim docks; the water was often cold, and it could be hard to see the Synchro dances in the murky lake. The Watershow was on Watersports Day, just like now!

In the late 1980s, we built the small pool, and Synchro became even more popular. This summer, 215 campers took Synchro and performed in our big pool, which was built especially with Synchro in mind.



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE HORSES IN THE WINTER?

After the last session ends, the horses start their vacation. For most of the horses, this means having their shoes removed so that their feet can have a good long rest; then, they head out to pasture. Twenty-four horses hang out in pastures around camp and eight horses stay in our Thunderhead pasture for the winter. Older horses stay close to the barn so that we can keep an eye on them and make sure they are pampered and healthy. Very soon, all the horses will be growing their thick winter coats to get ready for the snow!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ICE HUTS

Our Ice Machines miss you! Sharing a friendly letter from your best snack pals.

HELLO CAMPERS (AND CAMPER MOMS AND DADS)!

It's your friendly, neighborhood ice machine, Scottie (Scotsman Ice Machine) in the Greystone Gym Ice Hut. It's been pretty quiet around here lately. Stix, Beans, and I were having a little chat, and we decided that if we wrote a note to you guys, we wouldn't feel so lonely. We really miss hearing the laughter, music, and the bugle during camp days.

Beans said, "You know, we don't get out much, so what can we talk about in our camper note?"

Almost simultaneously we all three said, "Let's talk about our service to the campers!" Because if there's one thing we love, it's being here for you every day. We checked some facts and figures courtesy of Beans (he's our bean counter you know), and came up with some interesting facts we'd like to share.

During all sessions this summer, you snacked on 4,329 cheese sticks, 2,443 bags of Beanitos, and 2,024 granola bars.

Now before you can say "wowzers!", let us offer you some perspective on those food item counts. If only the campers in Upper Tentallow 4 (and no one else), had one cheese stick every day, that would equal the total cheese eaten for the summer. It would take only half the campers in the Upper Tentallow to eat all the Beanitos and granola bars consumed.

What does it mean? It means that you campers ate wholesome, healthy meals in the Dining Hall every day and only a few of the healthy snacks we provide... YES! And don't forget, you took advantage of the awesome Apple Cart daily as well.

There you have it. A few facts to "munch on" while you enjoy home, family, and friends! We look forward to seeing you next year.

**LOVE,
STIX, BEANS, AND SCOTTIE**



HOW TO KEEP YOUR FAITH AT HOME

During the summer, you get into some great habits when it comes to spending time with Jesus. When you go home, it can be harder to keep that faith alive. This month, try to add just one of these things to your daily routine:

GO TO CHURCH

If you don't already have one, find a church you love and invite friends to go with you. Find a youth group at the church, and go with friends to help you stay committed.

READ YOUR BIBLE

You don't have to read a ton - just a little every day.

SUBSCRIBE TO AN ONLINE DEVOTION

Camp has devotions on our website and when you subscribe, they will be emailed to you each day (click on the Devotions section to find them). Many of our staff also subscribe to She Reads Truth or First Five. There are tons of great online devotions out there. Find devotions you enjoy and have "Morning Assembly" every day.

MAKE A SPOTIFY PLAYLIST

Get together with your cabin and add in your favorite praise songs. Press play whenever you need encouragement!

MEMORIZE A VERSE EVERY WEEK

Start a group chat with your cabin to memorize a verse together. Take turns picking the verses and hold each other accountable.

PARTICIPATE IN FUN CHRISTIAN EVENTS

Concerts (like Drew and Ellie!) and Christian conferences are a great refresher.

PARTICIPATE IN A BIBLE STUDY

You can invite your friends over to do a Bible study together. There are tons of great ones to choose from. Visit your local Christian bookstore, and they will help you.

PRAY

Talk to God every day, off and on throughout the day, as if He is your best friend...because He is! Prayer can keep you connected to God no matter where you are.

HANG UP OUR SUMMER THEME VERSE

Check out an updated version of last year's summer theme verse on the next page. Cut it out and hang it on your wall so that you can see it all the time.

With
GOD,
WE CAN DO
immeasurably
MORE THAN WE
COULD *have ever*
IMAGINED.

Ephesians 3:20



A TOAST TO 100 YEARS

Ten decades ago, Dr. Joseph Sevier dreamed up a place,
To teach girls to swim, filled with God's glory and grace.

Fast forward a bit, and we're all still here!
So we knew we had to celebrate this 100th year.

So we hustled and planned - there was no time to rest!
1,999 of you packed your trunks, and you deserved the best.

From countdowns to candles, it really was the greatest show.
Party hats, foam pits, and fireworks had us hitting the woah.

We danced and had DMCs and sang really loud,
We celebrated all things camp in style - good ol' Joe would have been proud!

The surprise extras were great, but you know the best part?
The people that made up the "bubble;" you campers and counselors have our hearts.

Our "High Hopes" were worth it, we'll be reminiscing on this one forever,
But 101 is coming, and it's going to be another "best summer ever!"



SUMMER 2020 CONTEST!

DESIGN THE PERFECT CABIN MOMENT

Summer 2020 is coming, and we are thrilled to celebrate our 101st summer at camp! This year, you won't want to miss your chance to enter our Design the Perfect Cabin Moment contest! What does that mean? Well, it's up to you! Think about the coolest thing you could imagine for your cabin to do at camp. Is it night blobbing? Having a Putt Cove luau? Switching places with the Group Leaders for the day? If your idea is chosen as our winner, we will help you pull off your fantastic idea this summer!

What do you need to know to enter the Design the Perfect Cabin Moment Contest? Follow these instructions:

- 1 Go to our Contest Form to submit your idea:
<https://campgreystone.wufoo.com/forms/perfect-cabin-moment-contest/>
- 2 Please include your name, what session you will be attending in 2020, and details about your Cabin Moment. Please include as many details as possible about the Moment: what you will do, when it will take place, and anything more you can tell us.
- 3 You can submit a Cabin Moment by yourself or with a group of friends.
- 4 You must be coming to camp in 2020 to win the contest.
- 5 Questions? E-mail sarah@campgreystone.com.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: JANUARY 15, 2020





S'MORES ALL YEAR LONG

Why limit yourself to just enjoying s'mores in the summer? Try one of these ideas for a s'mores alternative you can savor at home.



S'MORES VARIATIONS

- Use dark chocolate, Brie cheese, and peaches for a savory s'more option.
- Replace your Hershey's bar with a Reese's Cup to add some nuts.
- Switch Solveig's lemon curd recipe for the chocolate.
- Make a Salty Caramel Bacon s'more: use a Salted Caramel Chocolate Square plus bacon with the marshmallow and graham cracker.

S'MORES MILKSHAKE

5 scoops vanilla ice cream
3 tablespoons whole or 2% milk
1 tablespoon Greek yogurt
6 jumbo marshmallows
Graham cracker crumbs for topping
Shaved chocolate for topping

1. Place the marshmallows on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Place on lower rack of oven, and broil marshmallows until nice and brown on top, between 30 to 60 seconds. Remove pan from oven and gently turn the marshmallows over, and broil until they are golden brown. (Keep an eye on them because they burn very quickly.)
2. Combine the ice cream, milk, and yogurt in a blender; blend well. Add the marshmallows and blend until they are broken up and distributed evenly.
3. Pour the shake into two glasses and top with graham cracker crumbs and shaved chocolate, as desired.



S'MORES DIP

1 cup chocolate chips
8 large marshmallows
Graham Crackers for dipping

1. Preheat the oven to 450.
2. In a cast iron skillet, add the chocolate chips. Snip the large marshmallows in half and top the chocolate chips with them. (You could also use mini marshmallows.)
3. Once the oven is heated, add the skillet to the oven. Bake for 7-9 minutes, or until the marshmallows turn golden brown.
4. Serve with graham crackers.



CAMP'S FAVORITE HOLIDAYS

You can find a national holiday for almost anything these days! With all the celebrating we do at camp, we think these holidays were created with the Greystone girl in mind. Celebrate camp fun all year with us!

NOVEMBER 3: Sandwich Day

NOVEMBER 5: National Donut Day

NOVEMBER 11: National Sundae Day

NOVEMBER 17: Take a Hike Day

DECEMBER 1: Eat a Red Apple Day

DECEMBER 7: Letter Writing Day

DECEMBER 13: Official Lost and Found Day

DECEMBER 28: Card Playing Day

DECEMBER 30: Bacon Day

JANUARY 1: Polar Plunge Day

JANUARY 21: Squirrel Appreciation Day

JANUARY 31: Backwards Day

FEBRUARY 2: National Tater Tot Day

FEBRUARY 9: National Pizza Day

MARCH 7: National Cereal Day

MARCH 10: National Ranch Dressing Day

MARCH 23: Puppy Day

APRIL 12: Grilled Cheese Day

APRIL 23: National Picnic Day





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UR STAFF!!



STAFF STATS: OUR SUMMER STAFF ENJOYED MANY MOMENTS WITH YOU:

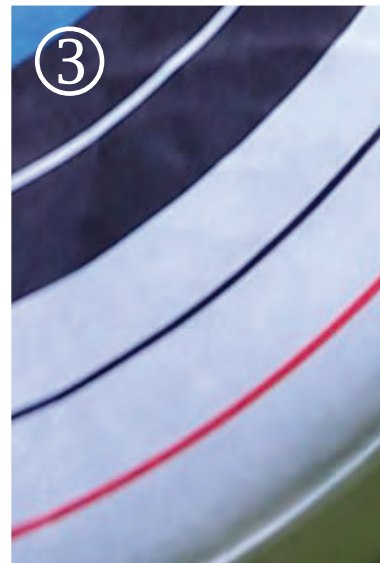
209 shared meals with YOU!
358 prayers prayed over camp
3,562 different devotions given
14,940 tables cleared
12,000 classes taught

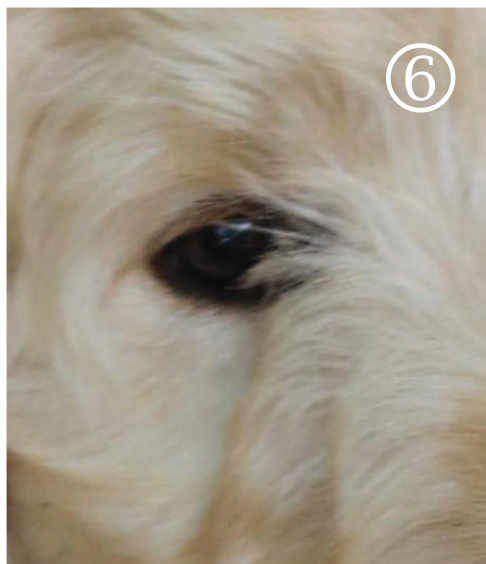
63 special trainings to teach activities
120 flags called
180 dances danced at Morning Assembly
3,360 letters from home in mailboxes
24,000 pieces of candy at Candy Shoppe

QUIZ: WHAT IS IT?

USE YOUR DETECTIVE SKILLS

Think you can figure out these camp pictures? Take a look at the zoomed in image and see if you know what it is. Check your answers on the next page.





QUIZ: WHAT IS IT?

FIND OUT THE ANSWERS!

How many did you figure out before checking the pictures? Nice work!





HORSIN' AROUND WITH OUR FAVORITE PONIES



WHAT DID
THE HORSE
SAY WHEN
IT FELL?

I'VE FALLEN AND I
CAN'T GIDDY-UP!

WHICH SIDE OF
THE HORSE HAS
THE MOST HAIR?
THE OUTSIDE!



**HOW DO THEY VOTE IN
THE HORSE SENATE?**

WITH A YAY OR NEIGH.



**WHY DID THE HORSE TALK
WHILE HIS MOUTH WAS FULL?**

HE HAD BAD STABLE MANNERS.



**WHAT DO
YOUNG HORSES
WRAP THEIR
FOOD IN?**
ALUMINUM FOAL.



WHY DID THE PONY HAVE TO GARGLE?
BECAUSE IT WAS A LITTLE HORSE!

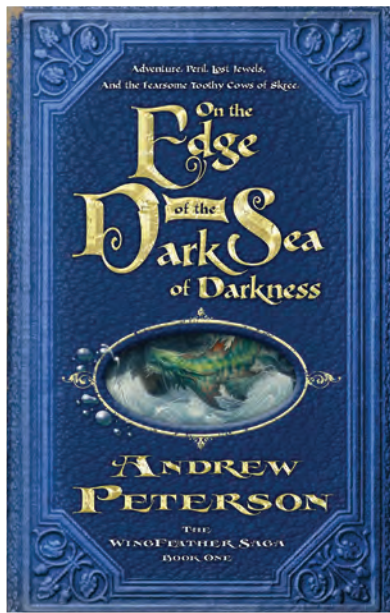




READ A GOOD BOOK THIS FALL

Enjoy some fall weather and curl up with a good book. Get in touch with some of your camp friends to see if they would like to read along with you - it could be a Cabin Book Club!





ELEMENTARY:
**ON THE EDGE OF THE DARK
 SEA OF DARKNESS**
 by Andrew Peterson

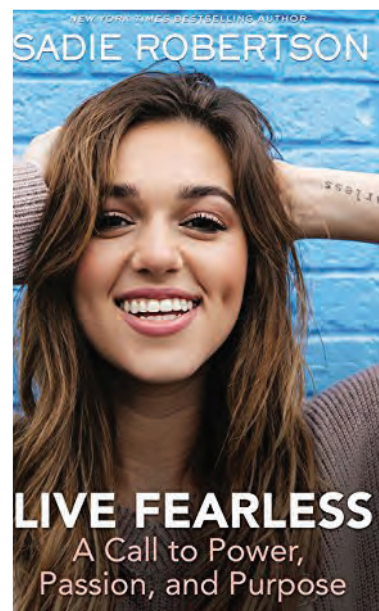
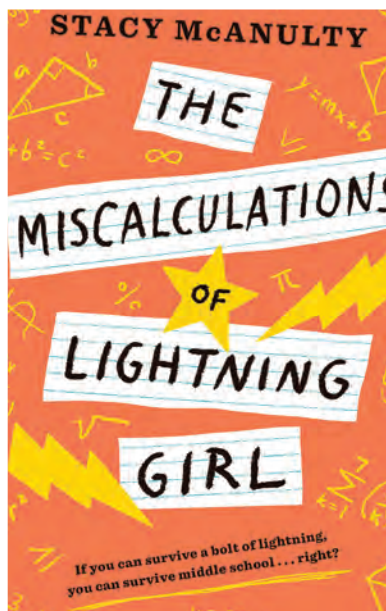
THE GREEN EMBER
 by S. D. Smith

MIDDLE SCHOOL:
FISH IN A TREE
 by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

**THE MISCALCULATIONS OF
 LIGHTNING GIRL**
 by Stacy McAnulty

HIGH SCHOOL:
RADIANT
 by Priscilla Shirer

LIVE FEARLESS
 by Sadie Robertson



HOW TO: MAKE A FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

Along with hair tinsel, friendship bracelets were all the rage at camp this summer! If you want a refresher, or are trying to teach your friends at school, take a look at this photo tutorial and become a friendship bracelet making machine!

STEP ONE

You'll need four different strands of embroidery thread. For patterns, use a doubled length of thread. Cut each color to a length of 72-inches. Hold the cut pieces together, fold them in half, and then make a 3/4-inch long slip knot at the fold.

STEP TWO

Using a safety pin, pin the loop to your jeans to keep it steady.

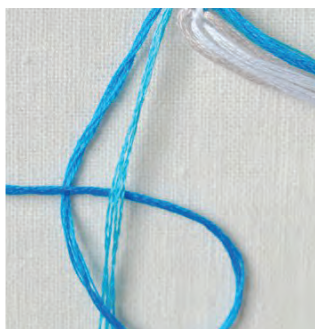
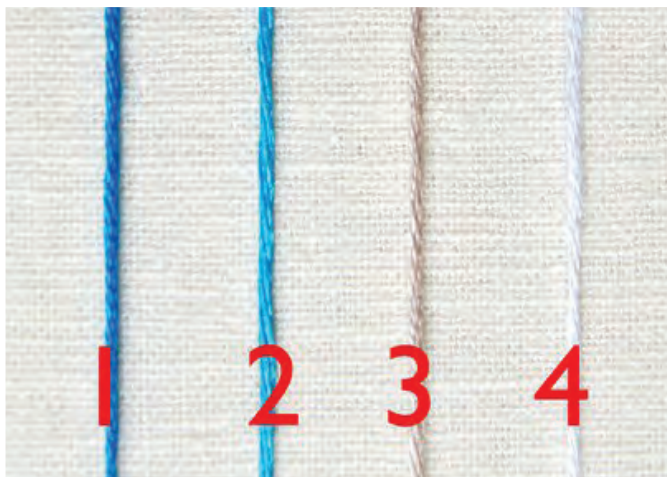
STEP THREE

Arrange the threads as instructed in the pattern. In the example, the thread order would be: 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1.

STEP FOUR

To make a friendship bracelet, you'll need to learn how to make left knots. Place a piece of thread (in this case thread #1) over the piece of thread to its right (in this case thread #2) in a sort of a "4".

Pull the end of the thread through this "4" loop creating a knot. While holding the right thread taut, pull up the left thread to form a tight knot. Repeat once more.



STEP 5

The right knot is pretty much the same in a mirror image. Place a piece of thread over its left hand neighbor in the “P” shape shown above. Pull the thread’s end through the “P” to form a knot.

While pulling the left thread tightly down, pull the right thread up to form a taut knot. Repeat this once to make a full Right Knot.

Remember both the left and right knots are actually made up of two knots each.

If you are tying more than one Right Knot in a row you will use the same thread (in this case, thread 1) to tie the knots along the row from right to left.



SO TO MAKE A CHEVRON BRACELET, FOLLOW THESE STEPS BELOW:

1. Using doubled thread and at least 3 colors, arrange the threads in a mirror image. For instance, if you were using four colors, arrange the threads like this: 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1.

2. Starting at the far left side make a row of left knots stopping in the middle of the bracelet when the colors start repeating. For instance, in the four color example above you would tie three left knots.

3. Starting at the far right side, tie a row of right knots to the middle. When you get to the middle of the bracelet, you will meet up with the thread from step 2. Tie this with a right knot as well. You will always be tying one more knot in step 3 than in step 2. For instance in the four color example above you would tie four right knots in step 3.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the bracelet is the desired length.



PULL OUT THOSE GOGGLES

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MAY NEED THEM!







MAKE EVERY WEDNESDAY A WILDLIFE WEDNESDAY



SPEAK WORDS OF THANKFULNESS

As we are nearing Thanksgiving, there is no better time to remember the lesson of Thankfulness that we talk about at camp each summer. Remember the story of the 10 lepers and the one who returned to say thank you (Luke 17)? Now is a great time to say “thank you” to those around you. Start with:

- **YOUR COUNSELOR.** Pull out your Green and Gold and write her a letter to tell her how much you loved your summer with her.
- **YOUR TEACHERS.** Surprise your teacher with a letter thanking her for something you enjoyed learning recently.
- **YOUR PARENTS.** Ever think to say “thank you” to your parents? Put a sticky note somewhere fun where they will find it while you are at school.
- **YOUR CAMP FRIENDS.** Write a letter or send a text to let them know how much you appreciate them.



FOLLOW ALONG WITH US THIS YEAR



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