



Camp Sidney R. Baer

As usual, the specialists planned great activities for us this week! In art, campers made collages, pompoms and puzzles. They made and devoured mud cups (complete with a worm!) in cooking. During nature, campers again went on treasure hunts, this time for the pieces of the hilt of Captain Green Jeans' pirate sword. In teambuilding, campers had to work together to tie a bow around a tree without letting go of the rope. Every camper got a chance to try fencing this week. During Israel Alive, campers did a Tisha b'av activity about Jerusalem and read the story Tale of 5 Balloons (and loved receiving and playing with balloons!). And the week ended with a fantastic Israel Day planned by Yael, Tal and Hagar.



Teen Camp

Teen camp had such a fun week! We went on an all-week adventure to Chicago! We went to so many different places. We got to go to a Cubs game, the beach, Willis tower, Navy Pier and so much more. It was a trip of a lifetime and we made so many memories.



Camp Nat Koplar

What a summer. We are approaching our last week of camp and have had so much fun! We finished up or "turtles for tots" presentations from the Missouri Department of Conservation Powder Valley. Our swimming has been the best ever at Koplar this year with almost every single kid jumping off the diving board! We are finishing up our rock segment in Nature and music art and yoga have been Camper led! Everyone is doing their part to make a great community at Camp Koplar!

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Chots' Shot

We run 11 weeks of J Day Camps. We pack as much as we possibly can into each day and in the blink of an eye we are just about at the end of our summer – with only two weeks left.

This past week was a good one. We fenced, sculpted, played soccer (and a bunch more sports), grew friendships and forged new ones. We swam and we laughed a lot. We learned about Israel and tasted falafel. Heck, the weather was even on our side this week with almost no humidity, I almost forgot we are in St. Louis. In short we had a lot of fun playing and learning together.

Remember, you can see more pictures of this week by going to grantbarberphotography.com and clicking on the "J Day Camp 2018" link. The password is **JDayCamp2018**.

Happy Camping
Chots

Quick Hits from around **Camp!**



Essman Gadol

We had a fabulous week of Camp Essman Gadol! To start off the week, we used straws to make blow paint art and we also made pet rocks in art. We did an obstacle course in which we were tied to a partner. It was a lot of fun! We played a drama game called big booty which was a tongue-twister, number-clapping game, and during focus campers had the opportunity to play basketball or do melt-a-beads. In tag, campers learned about Shabbat, braided and made their own challah and decorated challah covers. For Essman Extravaganza, campers split into groups and made their own puppets to present a puppet show. Later in the week, campers baked their own cake in a mug, played a scavenger hunt and compliment game in teambuilding, played musical chairs, and made their own Rube Goldberg chain reactions. On Friday we welcomed in Shabbat with fun dancing and music as well as a slideshow of pictures displaying our fun week.



Essman Katan

What a fantastic week we had at Camp Katan! Monday's mitzvah was compassion (rachmanut), which blended in so nicely with all of the other values we have been building up over the last weeks. We revisited last week's ideas about repairing the world when a real trash truck came to visit and talked about how we can have compassion on those in our community in order to repair it.

Our Wacky Wednesday dress-up was "Purim in July," which brought all sorts of fun costumes, from sports enthusiasts to animals, from royalty to fantasy. It was so awesome to see how people expressed themselves as they celebrated. We used the costumes to talk about differences with our campers, and that led to discussions about how we can show compassion to others. It was a wonderful week filled with growth and learning! It has been delightful to see the social and emotional exploration of students as we go through the different weeks this summer, and we are so grateful to share in these weeks with you.



Maccabi Sports Camp

This week in Maccabi sports camp we have enjoyed a variety of sports. The kids' favorites have been soccer, kickball and hotbox. We enjoyed a water obstacle course in swim lessons as well this week which was pretty fun. Everyone had a great week, and we can't wait to do it again.



Scott Gallagher Soccer Camp

At the beginning of the week. Our theme was have fun while playing soccer! The campers loved to play World Cup. We also did juggling and dribbling exercises! All games and activities were inclusive formats! Games we played were Sharks and Minnows, everyone is it and technique activities. The young campers were great, very respectful, and fun to work with. We enjoyed the week tremendously!



Hyman Multin Sports Camp & Girls Got Game

This week in addition to our traditional sports, campers had the opportunity to experience fencing. Campers learned the basics of fencing along with hand-eye coordination and warm-up activities followed by fencing bouts conducted and supervised by Fencer Academy instructor(s).

This week, we also had a special camp called Girls Got Game. This all-girls camp group had the opportunity to participate in field hockey, soccer, basketball, tennis baseball, volleyball and more. You go girls!

Our week culminated with an all-camp special event, Israel day. Campers rotated to stations featuring Israeli culture, trivia and sports.



Gymnastics

This week campers accomplished new gymnastic skills on the beam, floor, vault and bars. Campers learned how to achieve cart-wheels, handstands, leaps on the beam, back hip circles and strong castings on the bars. At Shabbat, Gymnastics Camp got to show their friends their cheer & dance they worked all week to perfect.



Pottery Camp

This week in Arts camp we welcomed back Deb, our local pottery expert. The campers dove into experiencing the throwing wheel and had some wonderful results with practice and dedication! We made funky dudes, cute fuzzy and weird things and even a treasure chest to hold our most prized possessions!



Sculpturama

This week our creative campers took their ideas from 2D to 3D! They started off with making papier-mache jelly fish, then they made miniature sculptures by hand with clay. The campers had a blast and were really hands on. To end the week they took live casts of their hands. They definitely showed that no project was too advanced for them!