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JESTER JIM ROCKS CAMP NABBY!

RAISE A RACQUET AT NABBY TENNIS!

Tennis at Camp Nabby has always been one of the most popular sports activities. Led by head counselor, Dave Graham, and his assistants Chris Cahan, Jack Fields, and LIT Alec Tangredi, both the senior and junior camp programs are in full swing.

Dave grew up in Idaho where he won the high school state championship and played collegiate tennis for Boise State, where he was the Big Sky Conference champion. When not at Nabby, he coaches a high school team in Northern California. Chris and Jack will both be entering their freshmen year at Miami and Penn State respectively, while Alec will be a sophomore at Hen Hud.

About ten years ago, to add to its senior tennis program, Nabby introduced 10 and under tennis for campers going into 2nd and 3rd grade. As an introduction to tennis, these campers play on smaller courts with appropriately sized racquets.

With tennis booming at Nabby, who knows? Maybe one of our campers might be a future US Open Champion!





JESTER JIM!

This week, the Nabby stage welcomed the ever popular Jester Jim who thoroughly entertained the campers. From the "music" he created with the crazy sounds offered up by the campers to his incredible juggling skills, Jim had the campers laughing and completely engaged for an hour of pure enjoyment. One of the highlights of the afternoon was watching Jim juggle balls using his arms, legs, head, stomach, elbow and tongue! The latter three body parts were camper requests!

And, yes...he even juggled plungers!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of August 3rd - August 7th **SPIRIT WEEK!!!**

Monday, August 3rd

THE MAGIC OF ERIC (rescheduled from last month)

Wednesday, August 5th

THE GREAT CHASE RACE Senior camp

Friday, August 7th

TEAM JERSEY DAY Wear a shirt showing your favorite college or pro team!

WACKY SOCK DAY!



We guess roommates share everything as evidenced by counselors Samantha (Rock Wall) and Paige (Gymnastics). Either that or their





We had a lot of campers with their dogs faces on their socks, but Luca, posing with his furry friend, had both his face and his dog's on this pair! We wonder if the dog wore the matching



Sisters Caitlyn and Emily With their unicorn and Wonder Woman socks

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

By Nathan in Brown, after a successful lesson in the pool... "This practice thing actually paid off!"

WHAT'S SHAKIN' AT THE ART SHACK

Each week head counselor Janice Tota has a new theme for the Art Shack projects. Check out our campers' work!

This week's theme was "Galaxy...Far Far Away" and the junior campers made these creative and colorful space themed projects.





Last week, Nature was the theme and the senior campers created these adorable birdhouses in their interest period.



KUDOS KORNER

Thank you for all your wonderful emails! We're excited to share them with our staff each week on our Kudos Korner bulletin board. Our hope is to continue making this summer a fun filled experience for your children!





STAYING COOL AT THE HYDRATION STATION

With the summer heat in full swing, Camp Nabby counselors are always encouraging the campers to hydrate often. Our Hydration Station is a shady area where groups can have their snack and cups of cold water to beat the heat. We also have numerous water fountains around the campus where campers can refill their water bottles. On that note... please remember to label all water bottles!





EXPLORATION AWAITS ON NABBY'S NATURE TRAIL

Led by our very own "Ranger Rick", the nature program at Nabby is full of exploration, discovery and adventure each and every day! For an amazing 24 years Rick Lee has been instilling a love of nature in all our campers. Campers of all ages love to visit the Nabby Nature Hut, which is home to chickens, bunnies, turtles, emperor scorpions, snakes, a friendly snapping turtle Bo Jangles and the ever popular Scurry, the bearded dragon lizard!

Away from the Hut, Rick and his knowledgeable assistants Doug McCarthy and Ava Briccetti, enjoy taking campers on our famed Nature Trail to form even deeper connections with their natural habitat. Built in 2002, the trail is expanded every summer and features bridges, a mud bath and lots of walking paths. While on the trail, campers look for animal tracks (they have spotted deer and fox this summer) and take hikes along the stream where they can wade in the mud, catch frogs and spot wild raspberries! A special treat that campers can look forward to this summer on the trail is a campfire marshmallow roast, because we all know that Nabby campers have s'more fun!

The Nature Trail is truly a special place for all our young explorers. At the end of every walk through the trail, Rick and our nature staff encourage all campers to say "Thank You Forest" for an amazing outdoor discovery experience.

Rick devotes the summer months to Nabby, but in the off season, Rick Lee's Nature Awareness School is in full gear as well as his Wilderness Survival and Primitive Tools and Crafts classes. He has visited many schools and organizations throughout the years with audiences ranging from tiny tots to high school seniors. Hopefully you will be able to see Rick at various fairs and farmer's markets throughout Westchester...you might get to meet and greet Scurry and Bo Jangles!!!



Ranger Rick, leading a group of campers on the Nabby Nature Trail



Ava with Monty, the Ball Python snake



Doug, with Scurry, the bearded dragon lizard



Ranger Rick with snapping turtle Bo Jangles

We loved getting splashed with water at the Water Park. There was a lot of screaming going on when the bucket overflowed and splashed us. The animals sprinkled water on us and it tickled. This was a great extension to our swim period.

There were a lot of holes-in-one this week as we played miniature golf. We all had our own style of holding the golf club and hitting the ball. Some of us had more fun just taking the ball and pushing it through the tunnel. A fun time was had by all of us.

We happily hopped and raced across the Nabby Fields. We raced to the tree like a bear, like a horse and like so many different kinds of animals. We were laughing so hard when we were racing like those animals.

The counselors started reading books during snack time. We just love listening to the books as we are eating snacks. It brings us to different places.

The girls are going deep into Space for Spirit Week!

The girls from Wells went all out on Wacky Socks Day and wore some crazy pairs of socks!

There were a lot of wet bodies as we ran around at the Water Park. We had such a good time and so many laughs. We can't wait to go back there.

We were "a splishing and a splashing" in the puddles at the Water Park. It felt so good to get the bucket of water dumped on our heads.

Arts and Crafts was voted the favorite this week. In honor of the rocket ship going to Mars on Thursday we created an alien spaceship and a spaceship painting. What a "blast"!

COLGATE
This week we started using the track and seeing how fast we could run. We ran from one side of the track to the other. Each one of us is trying to beat our time from the week before. We all want to hit our personal best.

We learned how to play soccer by having Coach Caroline teach us the rules of soccer. We had so much fun. We cannot wait for our next lesson. She is such a good coach.

Hockey was absolutely the sport for us this week. We not only learned the skills of hockey we also learned that you can do some cool trick shots.

BROWN

We pretended we were Tarzan swinging on the vines on the Nature Trail. We also loved stomping through the forest.

DARTMOUTH

We absolutely had a great time with the obstacle course in gymnastics. We went over things, under things and through things!

This week we added new girls to our group. We played the Name/Game and that helped all of us learn each other's first name. We also had a great time playing "Chicken Ball". We played with a rubber chicken. We can't wait to tell our parents about it and try it with them outside!

We've been very "creative" in Arts and Crafts. We have a busy week because we started our Capture the Flag Competition. We are having a great time this summer!

We are beating the heat in the pool after earning our blue bands and now we're learning to dive. We had a wonderful time playing "Capture the Chicken". That chicken sure was rubbery!

We have been working on Spirit Week perfecting our song and dance. We cannot wait for it!

The Columbia boys were "knocked out" playing junior baseball!

We had a great time with relay races between the red and white teams. We had to spin with our heads on a bat, throw a ball in a cup, bounce on a large rubber ball and sprint back to tag the next runner! The red team barely beat the white team in a photo finish!

We are having a great time playing Spike Ball. Our games are becoming intense. We got a kick out of watching Eric and Luke singing, "I'm a Little Teapot". We were all cracking up.

We love playing Tennis Racquet Baseball. We are on a hot streak now. We won two in a row. Let's go Red!!!!!!!

We started our basketball tournament this week. We're looking forward to see who will win the first game.

GROUP SCOOP