

# NABBY NEWS



WEEK 5 JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>

## MAGIC, A GREAT CHASE & MORE!

### THREE CHEERS FOR TEAM JERSEY DAY!

Our campers & counselors celebrated the sports teams & athletes they root for (or the local team they play for!) on a spirited Team Jersey Day! We listened to sports themed music in the morning and our counselors had to find sports themed items in a specialty themed scavenger hunt that had our campers clapping and cheering!



### THE WEEK AHEAD...

WEEK OF JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> - AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>



**IT'S GRIT NINJA WEEK! GET READY TO TEST YOUR GRIT WITH OUR FRIENDS FROM GRIT NINJA!**



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

TROPICAL LUAU DAY!

Wear your finest tropical outfits for a day in Nabby paradise!

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

SENIOR CAMP EPIC

Apache Relay!



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**

PIRATE DAY!

Aye mateys! It's a pirate's life at Nabby!

### THE MAGIC OF ERIC CONTINUES TO AMAZE!

On Tuesday, our Nabby campers were mystified and entertained by Eric Wilzig and his "Magic of Eric" show. Much has changed for both Nabby and Eric in the past 15 years he's performed here. For his first show at Nabby, Eric was just 16 and fresh off his appearance on "America's Got Talent". Now, he is 31, a brand new father, and an extremely busy magician with shows all over the USA.

As always, Eric had the campers wondering "how did he do that?" as he confounded them with his magic skills. He involved the Nabby audience in many of his tricks which thrilled our campers and counselors. From card tricks, to the locking trunk escape, to mentalism, campers were brought up on stage as participants or helpers. Perhaps the one trick that had the campers most in awe was when he levitated Issie from Wells up in the air! Another amazing performance from Eric on the Nabby stage!



## GREAT CHASE RACE!

Wednesday's EPIC event for the Senior Camp was the Nabby original, "Great Chase Race". The campers were divided into eight teams...four Red teams and four White teams. The object of the game is for each team to compete and earn points in 26 different challenges while racing across camp. Bonus points are awarded to the team that finishes first and achieves certain milestones. Challenges included sports & physical activities (basketball, hula hooping, dance moves, archery, soccer) as well as strategic & mental (state capitals, numerical and geographical quizzes to name a few). As the eight teams raced through these tasks, they were cooled off by water spraying fans and a watermelon treat activity hosted by Joe!

Two special achievements were reached by Zev in Tulane and Austin in Penn. Zev helped his Red #3 team to victory earning 50 points and a perfect score as he named ALL 50 state capitals correctly! Austin was instrumental in the White #2 team's second place with his bullseye in archery for 25 points.

The final tally this year was the closest in Nabby history with the first and second place teams separated by a mere 4 points! All the teams were congratulated for their tremendous teamwork and enthusiasm in one of Nabby's favorite competitions!



That winning moment for Red Team #3



Winning Captains Marc (Tulane) and Christina (Radcliffe) with Zev, our all star state capital champ!

## LIP SYNC BATTLE HEATS UP!

The counselor Lip Sync Contest continued this week with a pair of performances featuring duos with a rousing rap chorus. First up was Kalea from Amherst with her interpretation of Justin Bieber's "Baby". She had the audience clapping along to this popular song when out popped Brodie from Harvard with an upbeat rap section that the campers loved!

Next on the stage was Sammy from Douglas lip syncing "Bad Blood" by Taylor Swift. Nabby campers sang along to this fan favorite and were thrilled to see her co-counselor Maggie join the fun with a spirited rap.

The competition proved to be very close with Sammy edging out a win by the campers' vote. Next week will be the all-new "redemption round" featuring past competitors, vying for a spot in the semifinals. We are excited to see who takes the stage next!!



No "Bad Blood" with co-counselors Sammy & Maggie!



Kalea and Brody pumped up the "Beliebers"

## HAT TRICKS!

Hats off to our campers & staff for wearing their very best crazy hats earlier this week! Check out more photos in our mobile app photo gallery!



## NABBY NATURE: AN APPRECIATION FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Nature at Nabby is one of our most popular activities, offering a variety of experiences for campers of all ages. This summer marks the 27th year (wow!), the program has been led by Rick Lee, affectionately known throughout camp as "Ranger Rick". Rick is joined this summer by Patti and Mabel, rounding out an experienced and enthusiastic nature staff.

The nature program features two central locations - the Nature Center, featuring our own animals & reptiles, and the Nature Trail, where campers can explore the natural world. This summer, the Nature Center features a new outdoor animal community enclosure which has been a big hit with our campers. The enclosure allows campers to sit alongside rabbits, turtles, guinea pigs and lizards, and allows them to see how these animals & reptiles behave and communicate. The animals and reptiles at Nabby are all beloved, and this summer we have added more to love!! Three new rabbits (with many names suggested and still to be decided) and two new guinea pigs (Molly & Holly).

Of all the animals and reptiles, Ranger Rick notes that our bearded dragon, Shanti, and ball python snakes (Monty & Anando) are the most popular and our campers truly love to learn about them and hold them.

In addition to interacting with animals & reptiles, our campers truly enjoy heading to the nature trail. On the shaded trail, our staff leads animal tracking, campfires and a special visit to see the 'great grandmother tree", a 275 year-old yellow poplar that Rick notes, takes 10 campers to make a circle around its massive trunk! While animal tracking, campers love (and have been quite successful) to spot and catch frogs, newts and snails. Senior campers particularly enjoy taking longer hikes and making new discoveries along the way.

With so many years spent at Nabby, what does Rick hope to share and pass on to our campers? "My goal is to develop and inspire a genuine respect for the natural world. If our campers learn to enjoy and understand more about the environment, they will do their best to protect it".



Ranger Rick with nature staff members Patti (left) and Mabel (center)

# SEEN AROUND CAMP....

Big Pool Fun!



Bucket Games! On Crazy Hat day many of our youngest campers enjoyed wearing bucket hats and playing bucket ball!

From instructional swim to free swim fun with the slide, diving board and basketball hoop, our campers really enjoyed being back in the big pool!



Are you ready for some football? Our senior campers sure are! They are loving this interest period activity!

**PUPS**

Our campers loved making keychains in art and working with play-doh. We had fun cooling off in the pool and enjoying ice pops. We can hardly wait to explore the nature trail next week!

**CUBS**

We had so much fun with Allison, the camp photographer, when she showed us all the buttons on her camera and we got to see ourselves through her lens. It was awesome!! It was also a special treat to explore the nature trail and enjoy s'mores!!

**SMITH**

The Smith girls were amazed & excited to win a Spirit Week award for "Most Original". What an honor!!! The actual award is so cool - it is a beautiful hand painted birdhouse that we are planning to display in our bunk so we can always remember our dear "Granny Smiths".

**VASSAR**

Our campers really enjoyed the "Magic of Eric" show and were amazed to see a camper levitating! We also had fun playing sharks & minnows with coach Matt in soccer & creative games with Paige.

**CORNELL**

It was such a fun week for our girls! We tried a new dodgeball game called "Protect the Pig" that was super fun. Our campers were so happy to earn a Spirit Week award for Best Song. They worked so hard to learn the words and now they sing it all the time!

**WELLS**

Wells was honored to receive a Spirit Week Award for "Best Mascot"...with the one and only New York City as their official mascot! "Wells-come to NY" was so much fun to sing and perform!

**AMHERST**

Our girls really enjoyed playing soccer this week. We also had a great time at aerial adventure with many of the girls reaching the top of the rock wall! That's quite an achievement!

**SKIDMORE**

Our girls were very excited to be back in the big pool! We really had fun playing dodgeball games with other groups this week and were most excited to win a Spirit Week award for "Best Costume"!

**BATES & BRYN MAWR**

We did something cool and combined our groups this week! It was double the fun getting to know new campers and playing together all week. We especially loved gaga and a fun simon sez-like game called "ships and sailors".

**YALE**

Along with the Cubs, we won "Best Cover Song" for our catchy Yale Train song performed during Spirit Week. The boys were all excited! We loved making s'mores with Ranger Rick and playing a silly "bucket ball" game with Paige.

**COLGATE**

Our art projects this week were awesome, especially the monsters we made using coffee filters. A few Colgate boys tried the zip line for the first time and many are putting their head in the water and making progress in the pool.

**PRINCETON**

We are halfway through our 7th inning wiffle ball game and the score is 17-18. The boys are really hitting the ball!! In our hole-in-one contest, we now have 34!!

**STANFORD**

The boys are learning new sports and have been working on our throwing and catching skills. It was a hot week and we made sure to get shade, lots of water and tons of fun!!

**BROWN**

The highlight of our week was heading out on the nature trail with Ranger Rick. Once we were there, we enjoyed exploring and ending our class sitting around a campfire and enjoying s'mores! They were delicious!

**HARVARD**

From last week we really wanted to share that we spent time with Science Dave and experimented with dry Ice in water and had the chance to blow up balloons using air from a bottle. That was super cool and something we had never done before. Of course, we can't leave out spending time on the nature trail and enjoying s'mores.

**DARTMOUTH**

We enjoyed learning and playing two new games this week - foursquare and handball. It was the first time, but for sure not the last time we will play these fun games!

**WILLIAMS**

We introduced the boys to the game of handball and it has quickly become their new favorite sport. We look forward to playing it many more times this summer!

**BARNARD**

We were super proud to win a Spirit Week Award for "Best Performance". We loved learning & singing our Big Time Barnard song. It was our first time playing the Senior Camp Epic, Great Chase Race, and our campers finished 2nd and 3rd overall which was really great!

**RADCLIFFE**

We played some fun "retro" games this week. First, we enjoyed playing a childhood favorite called SPUD and then, we actually played Mario Kart by creating a race course with mushroom obstacles and places to pick a star!

**DOUGLASS**

Along with our friends in Radcliffe, we played a real life version of Super Mario Kart with a race track, Mario themed music and some of the challenges and prizes. It was so creative & fun. We were beyond excited to also win an award for Spirit Week - the "Most Spirited" for the Douglass Ducks!!

**JACKSON**

This week we played the boys from Penn in volleyball and we came out victorious! We also had lots of fun playing "duck duck splash" to cool off!

**COLUMBIA**

The boys were pumped to see their counselors on stage accepting the Spirit Week award for "Best Banner" Yeah!! Tennis Racquet Baseball (TRB) is one of our favorite games to play and this week we defeated the girls from Jackson in a game!

**DUKE**

The Duke boys played softball on the big field and worked on our fielding skills and one-hops in a game called "pepper". Our swimming skills have improved to the point that we tried playing water polo, putting our treading water skills to the test!

**TULANE**

Many of our campers were on the winning Red #3 team in the Great Chase Race, which was awesome. They were great teammates! We also played flag football this week and had a great time!

**PENN**

We hosted our annual Penn Warrior Challenge (wrestling activity on your feet using "flags" that need to be pulled off to win) and the boys really showed their speed and agility. Everyone participated and competed in at least two matches. We were thrilled to win an award for "Best Dance" during Spirit Week! Way to go Penn boys!

