

NABBY NEWS



WEEK 7 AUGUST 10TH - AUGUST 14TH

BELLY FLOPS! PAJAMAS & ANIMALS MAKE FOR A WILD WEEK!

NABBY GOES WILD FOR ANIMAL KINGDOM DAY!

Our first-ever Animal Kingdom Day brought some new furry and feathered friends to Camp Nabby! Campers and staff got into the spirit from the start, arriving in animal costumes, ears, spots, stripes and plenty of creative animal-inspired looks.

One of the biggest highlights of the day was a special petting zoo, giving our campers the chance to meet animals we don't get to see at camp every day. Adorable baby goats, lambs, pigs, ducks, bunnies and even a few emus came to visit! Campers were able to get up close with these gentle animals, petting and feeding the sheep and goats, taking them for walks, cuddling with the bunnies and spending time with the always-popular baby pigs.

From our animal-themed morning entertainment to all of our special visitors, there were smiles and excitement everywhere you looked. Our first Animal Kingdom Day was definitely one wildly fun day at Nabby!



2027 ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!!! JUST FOR NABBY FAMILIES!

Secure your spot and enjoy early savings for next summer. Check your email for details and deadlines!

THE WEEK AHEAD...

WEEK OF MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH - THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH



MONDAY AND TUESDAY - AUGUST 17TH & 18TH!
SENIOR CAMP EPIC - COLOR WAR!

Our Senior Campers will compete in a variety of activities and our Junior Camp will join the fun!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH
LIP SYNC FINALE!

SUNG BEATS BEAT BOXING SHOW!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH
NABBY SPIRIT DAY!

Join us in your Nabby colors to celebrate a wonderful summer together!

NABBY SEND-OFF SHOW!

BACK TO BACK VICTORY IN THE BELLY FLOP CONTEST!

The much-anticipated Counselor Belly Flop Contest made another big splash at Nabby this week! Twenty-one brave counselors, including plenty of new faces, stepped up to the diving board and gave our cheering campers their best, biggest and most creative flops.

Keeping a close eye on every splash was our esteemed panel of judges, including three former Belly Flop champions, who had the difficult job of scoring each contestant and determining who would move on.

After an entertaining opening round, the competition narrowed to our **Top 4: Ben from the Swim Staff, Abd from Tulane, Mollie from Bates, and defending champion Teresa from our Swim Staff.** As the competition heated up, Mollie and Teresa wowed the crowd with a series of acrobatic flips and flops that ultimately sent the two of them into the championship round.

With the title on the line, both finalists pulled out all the stops! Mollie impressed with another daring acrobatic flop, while Teresa once again showed why she's become a Belly Flop favorite. In the end, the campers' cheers helped crown Teresa our 2026 Belly Flop Champion, making it back-to-back victories!

But our campers weren't quite ready for the show to end. Moments after Teresa was crowned, chants for **"BELLY FLOP! BELLY FLOP!"** filled the pool area and our champion happily gave the crowd the encore they wanted!

Congratulations to Teresa, Mollie and all of our fearless competitors for another unforgettable edition of one of Nabby's most entertaining traditions!



BEHIND THE LENS: CAPTURING THE MAGIC OF NABBY!

Every day at Camp Nabby, hundreds of moments are captured in photos and videos, from big celebrations and camp traditions to friendships, accomplishments and the little moments that make each day special. Behind the cameras this summer are photographer Allison and videographer Julianna, who have done an outstanding job bringing the stories of camp to life and sharing them with our Nabby families.

For Allison, who also has her own photography business, one of the best parts of the job is getting to know campers throughout camp.

I get to interact with every single camper here on a daily basis. Everybody looks at you and smiles! It's the best job in the world when kids look at you and smile."

-Allison

But some of Allison's favorite photos come when campers seek her out to share something they're proud of—a new swim band, reaching the top of the climbing wall, winning a trophy or accomplishing a personal goal.

"I love when they show me what they're proud of, and I'm proud of them, and then I get to take pictures and show their parents so their parents can be proud. It's an awesome, wonderful cycle, and I love being part of it!"

-Allison

Allison was also joined part-time this summer by talented photographers Amy and Kelly, both familiar faces who have worked at Nabby in previous summers and now have photography businesses of their own. Together, they helped make sure there was no shortage of smiles, action and memorable moments captured throughout camp.

New to Nabby this summer is videographer Julianna, who is entering her senior year at Fairfield University and majoring in Marketing with a minor in Film. Julianna has spent her summer telling the Nabby story through video, from activities and special events to traditions, friendships and camper milestones.

"My role at Camp Nabby has been so rewarding and transformational," Julianna shared. "Not only do I have the privilege of capturing milestones and core memories of the campers and Nabby community, but I have been able to emphasize how impactful Nabby is in forming forever friendships and opening doors of growth."

-Julianna

She added that the joy she sees throughout camp makes her job especially rewarding:

"The Nabby activities, traditions and spirit allow producing content to naturally be very fun and exciting!"

-Julianna

We're so grateful to Allison, Julianna, Amy and Kelly for helping capture the smiles, friendships, accomplishments and unforgettable moments of Summer 2026. We hope our families have enjoyed seeing camp through their lenses and reliving a little bit of the Nabby magic along the way!

Want to see more? Be sure to check out our photo albums and camp videos in the Camp Nabby Mobile App, and visit our YouTube channel for even more videos from throughout the summer!



Allison



Julianna



Allison, Julianna & Amy getting ready to capture the Apache Relay!



Kelly getting ready for Pirate Day!



Julianna capturing the "Voices of Nabby"

Some of Allison's favorite photos from this summer!



CELEBRATING OUR 10 AND 5 YEAR STAFF

This week, we celebrated some very special staff milestones at Nabby!

Theresa marked her 10th summer at Camp Nabby, a decade made even more special by sharing many of those summers with her children, Raymond and Emily, who spent many years as Nabby campers. Over the years, Theresa has worked in both the office and kitchen and has become an important member of our Dining Room team, helping provide snacks, lunches and treats for our campers and staff each day.



We also honored an amazing group of 5-year staff members: Elsa from Radcliffe; Roxy and Francesca from Amherst; Jake from Columbia; Bobby from Aerial Adventure; Paul from Brown; Alex from Dartmouth; Maggie from Vassar; Leslie from Swim; and "Music" Mike Soprano! Each received the coveted "Going the Extra Mile" T-shirt along with plenty of well-deserved applause!

Congratulations to Theresa and all of our 5-year honorees! Thank you for your dedication, energy and all you do for Camp Nabby. We are so grateful to have you as part of the Nabby family!



LIP SYNC SEMIFINALS

The Counselor Lip Sync Battle semifinals took the Nabby Stage this week with two performances that had plenty of family flair!

Ty kicked things off with a fun-filled rendition of Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," featuring some very special guest stars—Nabby moms performing alongside their Nabby campers! The adorable performance had plenty of smiles, dancing and cheers from the crowd.



Next up, Julia from Jackson teamed up with her brother Max from Duke for an energetic performance of "Cruisin' for a Bruisin'" from Disney Channel's Teen Beach Movie. With campers from Penn and Jackson joining them as backup dancers, the group had everyone clapping along!

Two great performances, lots of Nabby spirit—and now we can't wait to see who moves on to the finals!



CAMPERS' CHOICE: PAJAMAS & CHIPWICHES WIN THE DAY!

For our first-ever Camper's Choice Day, we put the decisions in the hands of our campers—and they chose Pajama Day! Campers and staff arrived looking cozy in their favorite PJs, making for a relaxed and fun-filled day around camp. Campers also got to choose their special dessert, and Chipwiches came out on top! Pajamas + Chipwiches + a day chosen by our campers made for a pretty perfect day at Nabby!





PENN HUNTS DOWN ANOTHER VICTORY!

All eight Senior Camp groups were on the hunt this week for our annual Senior Camp Scavenger Hunt! Campers scoured Nabby completing a hilarious mix of challenges, from finding retro group Spirit Week plaques, rubber chicken, twins (!) and dirty socks to cleaning their bunk, spotting a counselor disguised as a sloth, and snapping group selfies at the Nabby letters and with a member of the Bertino family. The competition came down to the wire, but for the second year in a row, the boys of Penn proved to be Nabby's ultimate scavengers, narrowly defeating the Jackson girls for the victory! Congratulations to Penn and all of our Senior Campers for a spirited afternoon of teamwork and fun!!





Each week, we'll ask our campers a question about their summer at Nabby and share some of their answers.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

WHAT ANIMAL WOULD YOU BRING TO CAMP NABBY, AND WHAT ACTIVITY WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?

Be sure to check out more *Voices from Nabby* on our *Camp Nabby YouTube channel!*



Parker, Sophia, Remy, Eliza - Amherst

Parker: "I would bring a dog and go swimming with it!"

Sophia: "I would bring a sea-turtle to camp to swim with!"

Remy: "I would bring a puppy and I would go to cooking with it!"

Eliza: "I would bring a dog to play soccer with!"



Margo - Amherst

"My favorite activity to do with a cat is pillow jumper!"



Caroline - Bates

"I would bring a dog to play soccer with!"



Rose - Bates

"I would bring a fox to camp and I would do arts and crafts with it!!"



Kayla - Bates

"I would bring a kangaroo to camp and I'd do the pillow jumper!"



Clark - Colgate

"I would bring a monkey, and what activity we would do is arts and crafts!"



William - Colgate

"A dinosaur, gaga! And I would always win because dinosaurs are so slow!"



Asher - Colgate

"I wanna bring... it's a big one though, a lion! I wanna go to Aerial Adventure with him!"



Layla - Radcliffe

"I would bring a starfish so I could play with it in the pool!"



Sienna - Cubs

"Unicorn, I want to do gymnastics with her!"



Asher and Jordan - Harvard

"We would bring a hyena and bring it to nature!"



Ty - Williams

"I'll bring my pet crested gecko with me, and I'll play with him in the park!"



Lucy and Julia - Jackson

"We would bring a cheetah cub because we could play frisbee with it and it could run in its peak energy and go super fast and catch it in the air!"



Diego and Chase - Stanford

A hamster because it can dig worms!"



Ryan - Dartmouth

"I'd bring a monkey and do Grit Ninja with it!"