



# The Backyard Blurb



## A Note from the desk of Camp Director Jim Cappello

A full four weeks have gone by and everybody at the 'Yard' seems happy, content and from what many of the parents tell me...tired!

Our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have all been to the Streeter Pool. All of our first and second graders have been to the Madison Theater, while our oldest group in camp, our CIT's, have ventured into Pennsylvania to have a day at Camp Speers, our Y affiliated sleep-away camp. And as I write this right now, the CIT's and the 56'ers are at "The Rock" watching the Lady Liberty of the WNBA defeat the Atlanta Dream (I hope!)

We have Camel Beach and Tomahawk Lake as well as the Bronx Zoo, Water Day and Camp Carnival coming up. So, stay tuned...you don't want to miss a thing! *(Thank you ,Aerosmith for that inspiration!)*



## ***FUN IN THE SUN AT CAMP SPEERS-ELJABAR***

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**Joke of the Day**  
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## 1st & 2nd Grade Boys

## "The Flying Monkeys"

The *Flying Monkeys* have been having a lot of fun this past week. We went to the Madison Theater to see *Cats & Dogs*, which the kids really enjoyed, and took a trip to Streeter Pool to cool off and have a good time.

Back at the Backyard we've been staying cool by going to play games Inside. We also watched *The Incredibles*. The kids have been getting along great and many have become good friends. Here's to another great week!

- Juan, Sean, Kyle, and Brandon



SCENES FROM THE SANDBOX

## 1st & 2nd Grade Girls

## "The Bumblebees"

The last two weeks have been fun-filled and exciting! We went on several field trips: Streeter Pool, the Madison movie theatre to see *Cats and Dogs*, and the Morris Museum where we witnessed a girl being cut in half right before our eyes! With the incoming hot and humid weather, we try our best to stay hydrated and inside the air-conditioned Y. We play many games in the studio and the gym. Coloring, beads, dance routines, necklace-making, a water balloon toss...you name it! Each week is more exciting than the last, and we hope that it continues for the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,  
Sarah, Hadleigh, Sam, Caitlin, and all the volunteers =)

### Reminder to Parents:

Please remember to pack your daughter a lunch that they will like! Many complain that they don't like the food that they are given. Also, please label your daughter's orange shirts as they get mixed up easily in the changing rooms. Thank you!



BUMBLEBEES BUZZING IN THE HALLS OF THE Y



## 3rd & 4th Grade Boys

## "Team America"

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Team Americas are having tons of fun at camp this summer. We have practiced our high dive at Streeter Pool and had a blast at a magic show. We have been perfecting our kickball skills and scoring goals in soccer. Our latest creation in arts and crafts was posters depicting our group spirit, decorated with markers and Glitter.



**FISHING FUN**

-Olivier & Sean

## 3rd & 4th Grade Girls

## "The Sweet and Sassy Girls"

The number of Sweet and Sassy Girls have only been rising. We now have an amazing 21 girls in our group. Together, we ventured to cool off at Streeter Pool, played group games like detective, octopus tag and monkey in the middle. We shared a lot of laughs during the Magic Show at the Morris Museum as even two of our girls (Kayla Chame and Krista Vargas) got to participate on stage. Woo-hooo!!! We are all looking forward to more fun in the Backyard.



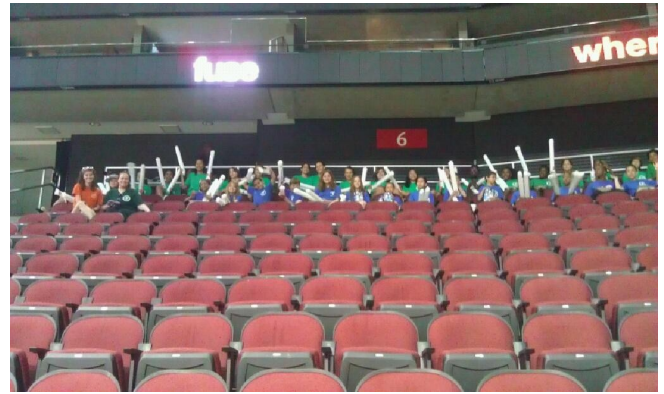
**MAGIC AND COMEDY AT THE MORRIS MUSEUM**



-Rachel and Carlyssa

## 5th & 6th Graders "The Mighty Fighting Peacocks"

My name is Gary and Annie and I are the counselors for the fifth and sixth grade boys and girls. This has been another excellent week with the campers. They have really enjoyed playing games in the gym together such as Man on the Moon and Spud. They have all been actively participating and we have been having fun getting involved with them. Today we went to the New York Liberty game in the Prudential Center with the CITS. It was camp day for the game so there were thousands of other campers at the arena. The kids were all having a blast playing with their noise makers. Annie and I were glad to be apart of it.



**CHEERING ON THE NEW YORK LIBERTY**

Until next time,  
Gary and Annie

## C.I.T's "Crazy Insane Team"

The CIT's have been enjoying their summer so far and are looking forward to the upcoming trips. They have recently gone to Camp Speers in Dingmans Ferry, PA. There, the CIT's went canoeing, swimming, and participated in archery. At the Lady Liberty game the CIT's had fun cheering on team Liberty. Our campers of the week for last week were Jonathan Medina and Victoria Michael. Lindsay, EJ and I are confident the rest of the summer will be the best yet for the "Crazy Insane Team". -Ryan



**CIT'S IN THE BACKYARD**



Answer to the **Joke of the Day:**

