



The Breeze

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Breezemont Mid-Summer Magic

With summer in full swing, it's time to take a look at our Breezemont days during Weeks 4 and 5. We said, "See you next summer!" to our friends who were first session campers and we welcomed our second session campers to join in on the fun – and there was plenty of it! It's wonderful to see parents and grandparents during your camper's Week 6 Visiting Day (August 1 – 5). Come join in the magic of mid summer at Breezemont!

Halloween in July



What's better than dressing in your favorite costume, being part of one of the hottest parades in town, and going trick or treating? Doing it in July at Breezemont, of course!

Here's what the **Cubs** liked about Halloween day:

Nathan I: "Being famous! I was Harry Potter!"
Noah B, Ewan M and Jesse R: "Trick or treating!"
J.P.T. and Thomas S: "Candy!"

Max C and Danny G: "I liked the trick-or-treat parade!"

Sam K: "I liked dressing like a shark."

Ryan A: "I was the Gingerbread Man."

Tyjae J: "I liked my trick or treat basket we made in art!"

Sean S: "I was a Yankee and I liked to trick or treat."

Liam C: "I liked trick or treating at archery!"

Austin S: "I was a cowboy."

Aidan S: "I liked the pictures on the Web site."

Rocco M: "I was a fireman."

Zack M: "I was Superman."

Dale K: "I had a party mask on."

And as for our **Chicks**: Rebecca, Kaitlin, Karinna, Holly, Ashley and Jordan liked everything. Morgan enjoyed trick or treating. Elaina was happy that everyone liked her costume and Shira liked the snack, juice and Halloween decorated cookies specially made by our own cook, Jermaine.

Who's Got Talent?

Our Upper Campers showed "their stuff" on the Breezemont stage as fellow campers and counselors cheered them on. Complete with tuxedo tee and top hat, Breezemont's own Emcee, John H., kept the show lively, with acts that included magic, jokes, cartwheels, push-ups, and lots of singing, dancing and break dancing to camper favorites such as *Barbie Girl*, *Dynamite*, *Hot & Cold*, *On the Floor*, *Hey Soul Sister*, *Tonight Tonight* and *Raise Your Glass*.

Here are the **Cougars** picks for talent:

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Ian H and Evan G: "I liked the cup stacking."
 Charlie E: "I liked the hobo play."
 Rocco L: "...action with nun chucks."
 Sam A: "I liked the nun chucks."
 Matthew B: "I liked the things that everyone did. It was fun to watch."
 Matteo P: "...the Dynamite song."
 Sam B: "...all the acts."
 Jackson L and Counselor Shane: "The Emcee was great!"
 Counselor Craig: "The vocal stylings of the ever incendiary Franklin Delano Roosevelt."
 (aka Matthew S.)



And as for the **Shortcakes**, they enjoyed:
 Katherine D: "...watching Brooke and Sarah singing *Barbie Girl*."
 Lucy D: "...singing *You Belong with Me*."
 Sophia F: "It was fun."
 Audrey G: "I got to dance."
 Elizabeth J: "I liked dancing on the stage."
 Erica K: "I liked watching *Barbie Girl*."
 Ellie K: "I sang *You Belong with Me*."
 Brooke M: "...when I sang the *Barbie Girl*."
 Sarah Sandor: "I got to watch the show with my friends."
 Samantha S: "Everybody clapped and I got to sing and dance to *Party in the USA*."
 Gigi S: "...watching the talent show."
 Sarah Serota: "...you get to choose what you want to sing, dance or perform."
 Michelle S: "I got to sing and dance."
 Abigail W: "...watching the finale."

Aloha from Junior Camp

Our Junior Campers had a wonderful time taking part in Hawaiian Day, as our Specialists planned so many terrific activities for our campers to explore. At the pool we played "beach ball volleyball" to the sounds of tropical music and tried out "surfing" with special kickboards. Meanwhile, on land we "boogied" with the kids under the limbo stick, made a conga line and took hula lessons. We also made beautiful colored pasta and flowered leis and played "hit the coconut off the palm tree." Of course, all of this activity made us hungry, so we enjoyed delicious, cold pineapple as our "luau" treat. Here's what the **Bears** liked about Hawaiian Day:

Olivia: "...swimming with the beach balls."
 Ava: "I loved the pineapple – yum!"
 Harli and Addison: "...hula dancing with Jenny and Jeana."
 Spencer: "...limbo and pineapple."
 Blake: "...surfing with Jesse."
 Sophia: "...beading the pasta necklace."
 Sarah: "...limbo."
 Giada: "I loved everything!"

And our **Bobcats** enjoyed: Eating pineapple, hula dancing, watching the volcano explode in Nature, the flower leis and singing Sponge Bob and Patrick in Sports with Specialists Jess and Dave. And, of course, the **Braves** had a terrific day:

Jonathan N: "I loved the luau!"
 Gabriel L: "Surfing! Yes! I love it!"
 Nate F: "The conga line was so fun!"
 Jack H: "We got to play with beach balls in the pool."
 Alex W: "I liked the surfboarding!"
 John Henry S: "...swimming with the beach balls."

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Upper Camp Sports Challenge

Who's up for a good sports challenge? Why our Upper Campers, of course! Our Breezemont sports challenge focused on team-building skills and camaraderie.



Teams were given a bag filled with sports equipment – shirts, pinnies, flags, etc. They needed to get their team across the field and back by stepping only on the sports gear.

Since teams were not given enough equipment to go the distance, campers had to work together – sharing and passing the gear to reach their goal. Taking first place were the **Flickers**, followed by the **Doves** and the **Chicks**. What a great showing, girls!

And here are the standings for our **Obstacle Course Challenge**:

- 1st Place: **Archers** (average time per camper 22.6 seconds)
- 2nd Place: **Doves** (“ “ “ “ 27.3 seconds)
- 3rd Place: **Chicks** (“ “ “ “ 28.3 seconds)

Our counselors got to participate, too. Here the **Archers** took first (1:18), the **Hunters** came in second (1:20) and the **Cougars** captured third (1:35). Way to go, guys!



Upper Camp Baseball/Softball Week



For the first time, Breezemont Sports Specialists held a week-long baseball/softball clinic for our Upper Campers. The clinic was made up of 5 stations – wiffle ball, batting with a machine, throwing and fielding with a machine. Groups were divided into small teams of 4 – 5 campers per station, so that each child could get the most practice with each skill.

Campers rotated from station to station in 8 minute intervals. Specialists Todd D., Clark P., Scott H. and John H. kept the kids engaged and excited about learning each new skill and reinforcing current skills. And now here's a fun fact to share with your camper. The leader of this baseball/softball clinic is a former professional baseball player. Breezemont's very own Todd DiVittorio played professional baseball for the Wembly Athletics in Perth, Australia. G'day, mate!

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Bubbles, Bubbles Everywhere

Breezemont campers just participated in our annual camp-wide bubble-blowing event. Everyone is so enthusiastic about this special event! In the morning, Elizabeth of the **Flickers** took first place for the largest bubble, followed by Lizzy of the **Doves** and Andrew of the **Pumas**. And for the most bubbles per blow, TJ and Jack of the **Hunters** came in first, followed by Shayla and Bella of the **Flickers** and Jessica and Emily of the **Doves**. Now, as for our group effort, the most bubbles by an entire group first place title was captured by the **Archers**, followed by the **Hunters** and **Pumas/Flickers**.

In the afternoon, the **Cardinals'** Sophia and Kayla took first and third place for the largest bubble. Charlie of the **Cougars** took second place. And for the most bubbles per blow, Lucy and Piper of the **Cardinals** came in first and second, followed by Sarah S. of the **Shortcakes**. First place title for the most bubbles was captured by the **Cougars**, followed by the **Shortcakes** and the **Cubs**.



Upper Camp Soccer Week

Our Sports Specialists planned a great Soccer Week for our Upper Campers, where the kids visited a series of stations that helped them build their soccer skills. Here's what the **Cardinals** had to say about all the terrific things they learned:

Emma S: "My favorite part was shooting goals."

Abby Z: "I liked scoring goals on people."

Sydney L: "The stations were fun."

Sophia V: "I learned new soccer moves and got better at the ones I already knew."

Sophia S: "I liked kicking the ball through my friend's legs."

Alexa F: "We got to practice our soccer and shooting goals was awesome!"

Sarah M: "I did a good job dribbling the ball."

Sammy G: "I kicked the ball in the net when the goalie was there."

Piper G: "It helped me to learn soccer and try my best."

Hallie R: I practiced passing the ball to other people.



Tennis Times

Ask almost any Upper Camper about Breezemont's tennis pros and you'll hear, "They really keep us moving on the court!" Specialists Mike G. and assistant coach Lucas B. bring a dynamic program to the courts that keeps the kids engaged while having fun. Campers learn and practice the fundamentals – forehands, backhands, overhead volleys and serves.

Campers practice proper movement and eye/hand coordination with games like Pickle Ball, Pac Man or Ms. Pac Man and the Harry Potter game on the tennis courts. They also apply these skills on the platform courts, where they use wiffle balls for easier hitting and longer volleys.

Each lesson begins with a warm up, then on to skill development with a visual demonstration, and is followed by application of the skill in a game. For example, the game Jail helps campers develop their forehand skills; Alligator, their overheads; Graduation, their volleys; and Pizza, their forehands, backhands and volleys. Ask your camper about his or her favorite game.

Specialist Mike says he modifies the program based on age. Campers K – 2nd grade work more on close-to-net hitting, while campers in the older grades participate more in round robin play and competition. Congratulations to **Hunter** Brent D. and **Puma** Andrew B. for their victories in the Pickle Ball tournament. Meanwhile, the competition in the **Doves** and the **Flickers** continues.

Coach Mike is the Assistant Men's Tennis Coach at Purchase College. He was ranked one of the Top 20 Boys in the 16s Age Group in the USTA Eastern Conference and #1 in Singles at Rye Country Day School. Assistant Coach Lucas is a Fairchester (CT) Athletic Association All League Player who played on The Masters School tennis team all four years. He will play club tennis at Emory University in Atlanta this fall.

Breezemont Breaks Goal for Friends of Karen

During Week 5 our second session campers joined in on our important Friends of Karen Swimathon/Walkathon to help children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. In the first session, campers and staff worked so hard that we broke our \$400,000 goal by swimming and walking. Now mid-way through the summer, Breezemont campers and staff are still going strong.

Throughout the 27-year partnership between Breezemont and the Friends of Karen Foundation, thousands of Breezemont campers have helped to make a difference for kids. Keep up the good work, campers and staff!
www.friendsofkaren.org

Waterfront “A, B, C’s”

Ever wonder what skills are required to pass “C” water, move to “B” water and get into the ultimate “A” water for free swim? Here’s how it breaks out.

C: We all start here to get comfortable in the water (3 ft)

B: 5 laps, 30 seconds of treading (5 ft)

A: 8 laps of strong, perfected crawl stroke, 30 seconds treading (8 ft)

At instructional swim, lessons conducted in each level follow Red Cross swimming guidelines.

Be proud of your camper on the waterfront! He or she has worked really hard to make progress in the water!

Catch the Spirit



Our Upper Campers are all doing an awesome job “catching the spirit” of summer camp at Breezemont. Many groups are in the running for top spots. At the close of session one, the **Doves** took the lead with 150 Spirit Points. At the close of Week 5, the **Flickers** took the lead, with **175** Spirit Points!

For parents of second session campers, groups accrue Spirit Points by working as

a team, showing group spirit, and completing spirit-related activities.

Taking to the Skies

Our **Junior Camp** is so adventuresome! We sent four Mylar balloons into the air complete with a postcard from Breezemont requesting that the finder call in to report its landing location. Wow did those balloons go the distance! The first balloon found was from the **Broncos** and it landed on Long Island. Where will the **Braves**, **Bobcats** and **Bears** balloons be found? They also launched their own rocket!

Book Nook News

What is America’s favorite cookout food?
a. hotdogs b. burgers c. chicken d. corn
The **Pumas** had the most correct answers to this question. It’s b. burgers – according to a *CBS News* poll. For the second week in a row, the Pumas made the Book Nook Wall of Fame. For our third Trivia Quiz, the **Flickers** knew that there are 16 members on the U.S. Olympic Softball Team. Way to go Flickers!

If you are new to Book Nook, it’s Breezemont’s lending library where campers can get a library card, take out a book, and do some fun activities like word searches and mazes. We even have a reading log that campers can complete to get a certificate for being a Champion Reader. Campers, please remember to return your library books! And parents, Book Nook accepts gently used books -- so if you are cleaning out your shelves, we will gladly give your old books a home. Just

drop them at the front office.

Favorites from the Flickers

Our **Flickers** enjoy camp so much, that – without *The Breeze* even asking – the girls decided to tell us their favorite activities:

Shayla C: Film/Video, Art and Wilderness

Annie H: Platform Tennis, Film/Video, Wilderness, Gaga and Archery

Bella G: Art and Dance

Shirin D: Dance and Art

Aly K: Dance, Art and Film/Video

Rhianna G: Dance and Film/Video

Elizabeth P: Film, Film and Film

Zoe L: Dance and Cricket

Olivia V: Film and Cricket

Melissa K: Gaga, Film, Tennis, Archery

Jordan Z: Soccer, Dance, Gaga

Amelia E: Film and Platform Tennis

Sydney K: Platform Tennis, Art, Wilderness and Cricket



Junior Camp Mini Olympics

Who's got Olympic spirit? Why our **Broncos, Braves, Bears and Bobcats** do! Our Junior Camp Olympic teams competed in 5 land events and continued in the pool with water relays. Champions in the soccer kick were the Bears in blue. Masters of the octopus relay were our Broncos in red. The Bobcats in green brought home the gold in javelin throw. The obstacle course was conquered by our Braves in yellow. And coming in first in baton relay were the Bobcats and Braves in orange. During our snack time awards ceremony each mini Olympics participant received a special certificate.

