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Summer Director

Dear campers, family, and friends,
Week 1 of 2015 is in the books, in our minds and hearts, and written in the history of CND! It was certainly the best 1st week of camp for the season we could hope for and that is because of all of you. I hope you get to practice the true meaning of being a neighbor and take the love you shared here at camp into your homes and community (and that you recognize the good neighbors you are already blessed with). Thanks for all the help straightening out the Chocolate Factory during our Big Event, because everyone loves a sweet and happy ending. We had a great week through our wonderful weather (for the most part) going to Archery, hanging out at the Pond - fishing and boating, loving the new pool cover at the Cool Pool, creating our night sky at Nature Crafts, caring for our new critters at the Nat. Lodge, with Nurse Karen who kept up healthy and happy, cooking up fun at Wilderness, experiencing our beautiful forests and field at Outdoor Nature, loving our meals with Theresa and Paula in the Dining Hall, and enjoying our wonderful new sign at Fr. Larry's Frontier. Our staff and volunteers have been waiting all year for this week and we are so happy it was as great as it was (and that is because of all of you)! So from the desk of the Summer Director my task for you; to bring what you love about camp to the world and bring yourselves back next summer!

Happiness, plenty of bug juice, peace and blessings,
Joel

From the RAC desk,

Week 1 at CND has come to an end, and from my perspective it was a blast! This week's theme was neighbors, and a lot of campers guessed it. It was evident in the nature of the programs; between cabin bonding, team-building and random acts of kindness, it was easy to see that everyone understood that neighbors are more than just the people who live next door. I don't know what to expect as this summer goes on, but after building such a strong neighborhood of staff and campers this past week, I'd say we're off to a great start!

God bless, Nathan DelMaramo

From the Desk of the Assistant Director:

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What a wonderful week we have had here at CND! We were so blessed with having a wonderful week weather wise. Everyone had the chance to visit Nikki at one of our newer program areas, Father Larry's frontier, and go mining for gems. At boating we had a blast doing relay races in the pond! In the wild wilderness we had the chance to learn what to do if anyone got hurt in the wilderness and made delicious baked apples! Corban taught us how to love all of the creepy crawly animals in the nature lodge and reminded us of how wonderful snakes can be in our world. On Wednesday we had a wonderful big event put on by our staff and boy was it funny! After the big event all of us danced our heart out to some Taylor Swift, Aerosmith, and more! As the week comes to a close I will take away so much from the campers here this week. We are so blessed to have had the opportunity to make a week to remember for these campers! I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and I hope to see everyone back again for the summer of 2016!

Peace, love and bug juice,
Ally Vorsheck

CABIN REPORTS

Dear Broken Arrow girls,

We had a lot of fun this week. Our water balloon fight against the staff turned into a boys vs. girls water fight! We got wagon rides and golf cart rides, and we won honor cabin on the first day. We made homes for homeless fairies, we worked together to figure out the code to help Ogg, and we enjoyed singing our telephone song for everyone! We set a record for most Pokémon caught in addition to most fish caught. We all held a tortoise like a hamburger and saw some cool things on our search for Bubbles! We had a campfire, roasted marshmallows, and slept outside in the Tree Village. Thank you for making my first week as a counselor a memorable one!

Erica

Dear Campers of Crooked Creek,

Avengers, assemble! Guys, it has been great being with you this week, and it has been a privilege to be your counselor. I have enjoyed getting to know each one of you. Brayden, your excitement and energy were great to see, and Alex, your passion was unparalleled. Ryan, your willingness to try new things was awesome, I'm really proud of how much you enjoyed swimming. Jacob, you did a great job being so helpful in assisting with waiting. Frank, I was really impressed with how you did the blindfold activity, and Chuck, I'm very happy with your attitude this week, especially in seeing you make new friends. Charlie, you did an awesome job with the ropes course and listening to Lexie. Michael, I'm really proud of the way that you rose to each challenge and that you stepped up to the plate to play goalie. Each one of you is awesome and special in such a unique way, just like a star. Shine bright and let your light go out to everyone around you. I'm happy and blessed to have you guys for my first cabin, and I wish you a great rest of your summer! I'll see you again soon, maybe!

Peace,
Nate



CABIN REPORTS

To my colorful ladies of T-T,

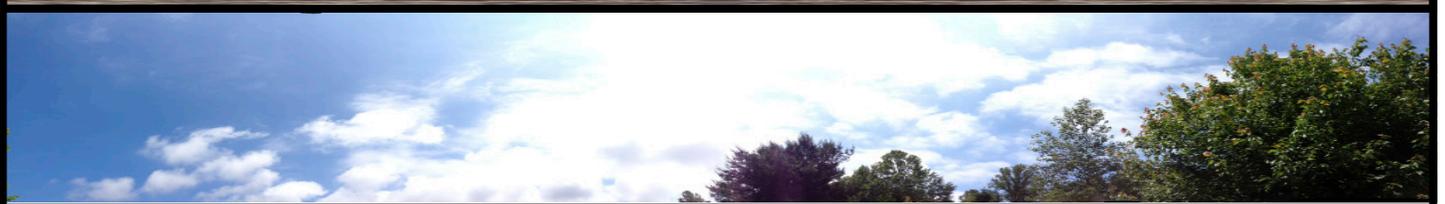
What a great week we had together! It was so nice getting to know all of you and seeing you grow as a cabin. Ashley, you showed your bow and arrow skills when you were the only one to hit a number at archery. Angela, you did a great job when we caught Pokémon at fishing. Thanks to your awesome throws, we beat the high score with 13 points! Molly, aka Captain Popcorn Dolphin, you were always full of energy, and you inspired our pirate theme. Lia, you were so excited to swim, and I'm glad we got to go to the pool so much. Grace, I loved hearing your many stories, and you were a pro at Target. Kirsten, I'm glad you liked Wilderness so much, even though your butter didn't melt when we cooked the apples. Finally, Ginger, you were so funny all week, and when we made fairy houses, you had very creative ideas. Thank you all for such a great week, and enjoy the rest of your summer

Amanda (aka Officer Grilled Cheese Dog)

To the boys of Longhorn,

It has been an amazing week at Camp Notre Dame. I think we made a lot of memories for the summer. I really enjoyed our game of basketball in the pool. My favorite memory is when you guys led me into a puddle while I was blindfolded. I know we will always remember our favorite bunny, Cinnamon (a.k.a Charlie, Jr.) We made so many other memories: when I walked into the cabin and was greeted by "HAPPY TUESDAY," all the stories I told about saints, the "Toothbrush and Toothpaste" song, when the whole cabin was mad at a tree, the Campfire Song and even the Cool Bug song. Playing Mafia in the cabin was always fun. And don't forget our favorite cabin rule: you will get dirty! I saw you guys form some real friendships this week. I hope this week was as special to you boys as it was to me.

Your counselor,
A.J.



CABIN REPORTS

Dear Diamond Bar Girls,

You guys honestly blew me away this week. All the crazy laugh attacks we had, training for the gold in Olympic speedwalking... We had so much fun. Natalie, what a camp pro you are. Thanks for helping our new friends out this week. Morgan, having you giggle all the time makes everyone's day even brighter! Maikayla—Mak with a K—you definitely won Mud Queen during our amazing hike. Sarah, you were a boating star! You really came out of your shell this week and showed everyone how amazing you are. Brooke, all I can say is you rocked your rainboots! Also, I hope you keep using our sign. Maria, oh goodness you are one crazy girl with countless stories about everything. Hope you had a great first week of camp. I love all you guys!

Peace, love and awko taco with extra awk sauce,
Emily

Dear Single Spur,

As my first cabin ever, I couldn't have asked for a better group of campers. Each and every one of you made this week memorable and fun in your own special way. We had so many fun experiences, from going to the pool to making it through the long Walnut Creek hike. Every single one of you never failed to make me laugh. I will never forget you guys!

Sincerely,
Sam "Funwrecker" Corritore

To the ladies of Ranger Post 2.0,

We've done a lot this week, and I've enjoyed all of our adventures including holding a funeral for a fish, finding a gallon of salsa, hiking, and making me laugh until I fell on the floor. Addie, Megan, Delaney, and Emma- thank you so much for your constant enthusiasm and positivity that brought so much joy to our cabin. You ladies kept me entertained since day 1. Paige and Kloey- I loved pioneering the waters of Walnut Creek with you! Bella- whether on the blacktop or the pool, I'm glad to say that camp's reigning knockout champion is from RP 2.0! Isabella- you brought so much to this group, and it seemed as if you had already known these girls forever! Toni, Abby and Madi- I wish that I had as much energy as you all do! Thanks for being there with your ideas, your laughter, and your willingness to help. I had so much fun with all of you, and I couldn't have asked for a better way to kick off the summer than with all of you in RP 2.0!

Peace, love and bug juice,
Michelle



CABIN REPORTS

Dear Older Campers,

You are all such an amazing group of young adults. We loved watching all of you grow this week and learn to not be afraid to be yourself. We shared many memories that will last for many years to come. This week was a whirlwind of fun, from the Walnut Creek hike to GAFAHH (Games and Fun at Hilbert Hall) to our fake campout to our night at glow bowling. We enjoyed watching all of you set camp records. We can safely say that no one at camp has ever eaten 25 black licorice jelly beans or stuffed 13 marshmallows in their mouth during Chubby Bunny. We hope all of you continue to live your lives to the fullest. We hope to see all of you again next year as Older Campers or CITs.

Best of luck!
Stacey, Rachael and Jack

Questions for Ogg:

Q: Ogg, What do you do during the winter?

A: I like to build snow forts and igloos for myself to sleep in. Camp is still beautiful in the winter!

Q: Dear Ogg, If you can see everything at camp, what color are the socks am I wearing?

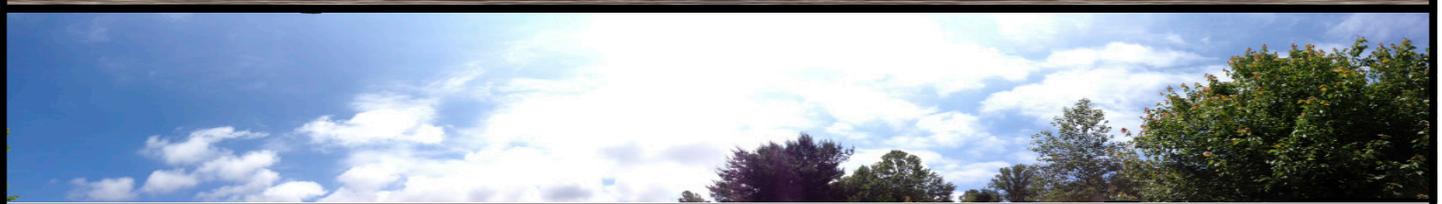
A: Trick question. You're not even wearing socks!

Q: Ogg, What's your favorite program area?

A: I love all of them, but my absolute favorites are Outdoor Nature and Wilderness!

Q: Dear Ogg, Have you talked to Bubbles lately?

A: I have--I just invited her to come answer these questions with me, but she said she had plans to play with Broken Arrow.



CABIN REPORTS

Q: Dear Ogg,I have a lot of questions.

1. How many seconds are in a year?
2. How many people are in camp?
3. How many eyes do you have?
4. How many fish are in the pond?
5. How many times have you been seen?
6. Can I see you?
7. Do you wear clothes?
8. What do you eat?
9. How many years have you been at camp?
10. How many blades of grass are in camp?

Sincerely,
Grace and T-T

A: To Grace and T-T,

1. There are 31,536,000 seconds in a normal year.
2. As I write this, there are about 120 people in camp. But over the years, thousands of people have been at camp!
3. I have several thousand eyes. I try to keep the exact number a secret.
4. Right now there are 675 fish in the pond, plus 1 on the end of a fishing pole.
5. I've been seen thousands of times, but most people who see me don't know that they're looking at me because I blend in so well.
6. I don't like to go out in the open, but you might catch a glimpse of me in the woods!
7. No, but I use mud and sticks and leaves to cover myself instead.
8. During the summer, Theresa gives me the leftovers from the meals and I eat those.
9. I've been at camp since before camp was founded! I've lived on this land for as long as I can remember.
10. Right now there are 823,097,323,874 blades of grass in camp. I have Andy from Outdoor Nature working on a grass census this summer.

