

# THE CAMPER

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## Summer Director

Dear friends, family, and campers,

Well CND, Week 5 of 2015 has come and gone and we celebrate a fantastic week of memories, experiences, and fun. This has certainly been the best weather week I have ever had at Camp and I am so happy we got to share it together! I hope that our week at camp inspires you to search in wonder at God's many gifts given to us; in community, nature, in others, faith, and fun! We thank Fr. Jason for celebrating Mass, sharing a Cook Out meal, and beating me in the warm up to the Official CND Bottle Cap Race! Rachael's Best Big Event Ever had us working to build our very own Camp Disney! We had a great time at programs, looking at stars, the OCs playing in the dark, singing, laughing, and having an all around amazing time! We loved our meals with Theresa and Paula in the Dining Hall and a great week with volunteers, visitors, and staff. May our memories from the week stay with us whether they were from the pond, Fr. Larry's Frontier, on the hike, the Cool Pool, in Archery, or any of our beautiful areas of camp! So from the seat of the tractor my task for you; to bring what you love about camp to the world and bring yourselves back next summer!

Peace, a shake shake shake, and Blessings,  
Joel

From the RAC desk,

So it's the end of Week 5 at Camp Notre Dame, and some of the more significant (but less noticeable) things that happen here every day are finally starting to sink in. It's appropriate that our theme this week is wonder. It seems like everywhere I look I see something to wonder at: counselors going the extra mile for campers, cabin mates turning into friends... even God's smallest wonders such as these remind me just how much good He gives us in the time we spend at camp. I only wonder why it took five weeks to really hit me. May we all remember God's wonders as our summer continues.

Nathan DelMaramo

## From the Desk of the Assistant Director:

Hello friends,

As week five comes to a close find myself reflecting on our week together. We have had an amazing week making memories, sharing stories and laughing endlessly. I am so thankful that I was able to be a part of Week 2015. I have met so many wonderful campers that have made a lasting impression on me. This week our staff made wonderful programs for the kids. At wilderness Adam taught all of us what to do if we ever encounter a bear in the woods! At outdoor nature Brooke taught us how bees help the environment and we played different "bee" games! At the cool pool Caroline let us cool off from the heat and play different games with squirt guns. Overall, we were blessed with amazing weather, an amazing staff and most importantly, amazing campers. Thank you for being a part of CND summer 2015. I can't wait to see all of your beautiful smiling faces next summer.

Peace and blessings,  
Ally Vorsheck  
Assistant Director  
Camp Notre Dame 2015

# CABIN REPORTS

Broken Arrow

Dear Broken Arrow,

I had an amazing time with all of you this week! Samantha and Danielle were so helpful and always had smiles on their faces. Abbie did a great job at boating and really helped her cabin mates steer the boat. Ally was always so silly and always tried to make us laugh. Katelyn was so brave in the Nature Lodge and was willing to hold a lot of the animals. Reagan and Avalin came up with a cool hand shake and had some awesome dance moves at the dance. Leah found some really cool gems at Father Larry's Frontier and made a creative picture with those gems. Skylar and Chloe found so many clues on the Bubbles hunt and were like fish in the pool this week. We made some wonderful memories this week and I hope to see you all next summer!

Peace, Love, and Bug Juice  
Lexie

Circle B

Dear B Squad,

WOW. What a week we had! We made so many great memories and great friends. Jacob, you were awesome at Archery. Andrew Y, your love of reading surpasses anyone's I've ever met. Dominic, you had some sick moves on the dance floor. Nick D. and Ryan, you guys had a blast at the pool. Anthony, you were a ton of help this week, thanks! Andrew H and Jacob Bella, you guys got so muddy on the hike! Jackson, you kept me laughing all week! Jeremy, you loved the animals at the Nature Lodge. Nicholas Q., you were a formidable match-up on the soccer field. All in all, it was a truly fabulous week. Thank you all for coming, have a great school year, and I hope to see you all next year!

Aidan



# CABIN REPORTS

T-T

Dear T-T,

Thanks for such an amazing week. I loved watching all of you bond and grow together. I know we all made some life-long friendships. Sira I loved watching your face light up at every program; your smile was contagious. Ellie I loved your spirit and creative ideas and games. Natalie and Camryn, you both had a blast at the mud hike. Maddie and Brenna, it was such a wonderful at dance party with all of your crazy dance moves. Peyton and Regan you did such a great job at archery. Kaitlyn, I absolutely adored the pet rock you made at nature crafts. Theresa, even though no one caught a fish, you did an awesome job answering the trivia questions at fishing! Last but not least, Sarah and Ava I loved your energy throughout the week and I think you both swam very fast during the very intense pool noodle relay. Could not have asked for a better week! I hope we will get another chance to “bring it on in”

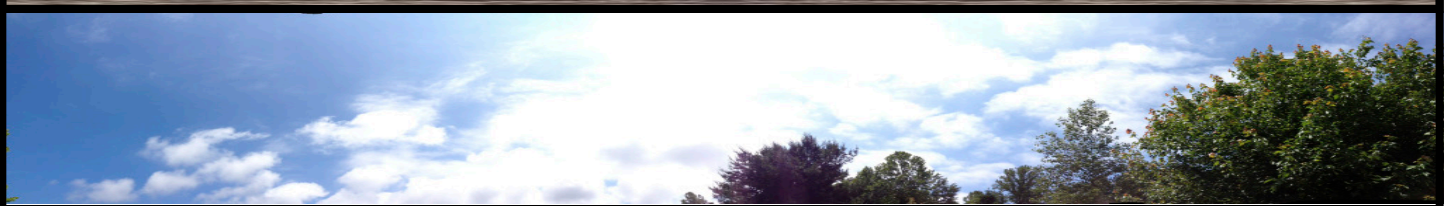
Peace, Love, and Doughnuts,  
Stacey

Crooked Creek

Dear Crooked Creek,

Crooked Creek, best cabin I’ve ever had the pleasure to be with. Mason and Hank, you two came up with the most random things to say and I do not know how you came up with it. Cameron and AJ, the way you two inspire people to have fun is incredible, keep it up! Tanner, your art skills blew my mind, you better draw me as a hero one day! Jason and Jacob, you two are amazing, you will do everything that includes having fun. Owen, you’re awesome; you like to play games and you love the spirit of it, don’t lose that. Carter, you just blow my mind with your facts; it’s not even funny. Zack and Ethan, you never stop asking weird questions and you know what, that is great. Thank you all for the amazing week!

Ron



# CABIN REPORTS

Diamond Bar

To the Lovely Ladies of Diamond Bar,

We had so much fun this adventuring with all of you this week! Maddie and Grace Anne, thank you so much for using your camp knowledge to help out your cabin mates who were new to camp! Francesca and Eva, we're pretty sure camp has never seen two girls as excited and enthusiastic about everything the way you two are! Taylor and Sarah, thanks for keeping us constantly laughing through all your shenanigans, especially that corn-dog giraffe you made! Olivia and Erin, we had so much fun rolling through the field with you to the dining hall—you're both hilarious! Lindsay, we appreciated your constant enthusiasm, and thanks for leading our team to victory in the pool noodle races! Amelia and Jamie W., we were so impressed by your awesome gymnastics skills! Jamie G., thank you for your constant smile and kindness to everyone this week. You girls faced your fear of spiders this week, learned a little Spanish, mastered an awesome clapping song, learned how to scare away elephants, got covered in mud, danced your hearts out, and most of all, and made some awesome memories and awesome friends. Thanks for a great week!

Love,

Michelle and Irene

PS. Remember to bring the rope with you in the wilderness





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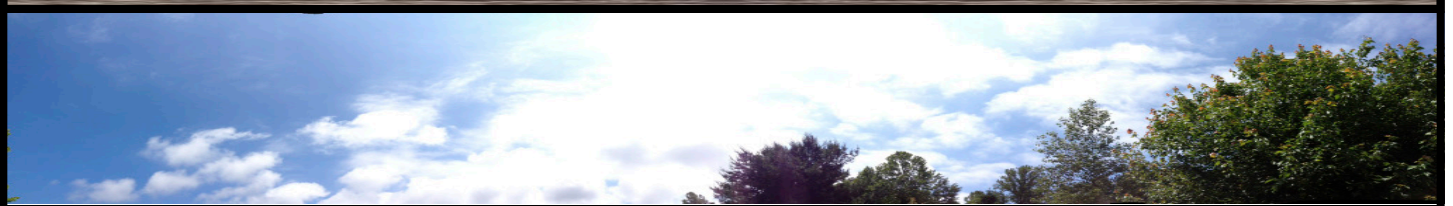
Lazy S

Dear Awesome S,

This was the most incredible week! You ladies are absolutely hilarious and I'm so glad we got to spend this them together. It was a party every day, all day! Brynn, you were so great at the ropes course! It was so cool to cheer you on as you finished the entire tension traverse. Brooke, the dream catcher you made at Nature Crafts was so beautiful. I hope it holds your dreams of camp so you can remember all of the fun we had! Chelsea, we had so much fun singing on the wagon ride! I'm pretty sure you know the lyrics to every song; you kept us singing all week! Kylie, you were a star at the dance this week. Thanks for showing us all how to do the whip! Megan, I can't believe you held a cockroach at the nature lodge; that was crazy cool! Racing our tortoises, Finn and Tommy, was real fun too! Shaefer, fishing was wonderful this week! I'm so glad you managed to catch a fish! Mia, you were so fun at Wilderness during the animal program. Congrats on winning the animal game with Kylie! Emma, I'm so glad you were able to come this week! You were a hero at glow stick volleyball when we had to duct tape the net back together! Lindsey, you're so sweet and you really came out of your shell this week. Shaela, we had so much fun on the camp out! Your stories were so funny; we couldn't stop laughing! Abigail, you were amazing at archery this week! You did a great job getting us letters so we could create our cabin theme, Care Bears USA! Evelyn, this week's mud hike was definitely the muddiest ever! You were spectacularly muddy and set an example for all the other cabins! I can't imagine a more fun group of ladies to hang out with this week. I love all of you and I'm going to miss you so much! You're so wonderful and kind and fun and I hope you come back next summer!

Sincerely / Care Bears USA!

Jackie S



# CABIN REPORTS

RP 11

This week has been great. Each and every single one of you brought something special into the cabin. All the memories we have created this week will last as a lifetime. Sydney and Kendall, I loved hearing you both read at night. All the snacks you two had was unbelievable. Julia, you were so quiet, but anytime you said something, it always made me smile. Also, thank you for always helping with the spelling. The whole cabin could count on you for that, including me. Lexi, thank you for always bringing a smile to every program. I've never met someone so active before. The fact that you have your boating license is pretty cool. Jezabel and Katelyn, you two were amazing. I could always count on you both if I needed anything. Thank you so much for all the help. Madison and Serenity, the hike was so much fun with you two. You are some pretty fast walkers, or maybe I'm just slow. Mary Kelly, McKenzie, and Gianna, I couldn't separate you three for anything. It was like you three were connected somehow. In the beginning you guys didn't talk much, but through the week, you opened up more, and I'm glad you made it out of your shells. Little miss Emily, you were always talking—or screaming! Half the time I was screaming or yelling with you! Girls, thank you so much for an amazing week. From the programs, to the Big Event and dance, to the hike, all are memories I won't forget. I was blessed to have all of you this week. I can't wait to see you all next year!

Love,  
Janet

Longhorn

Hey guys,

What an awesome week! I will always remember all of the good stuff we did. Joey, I am still amazed at how you took down all six cans with one shot at Target. Tyler, you were the muddiest camper during the Amazon hike and you are amazing at boating, and helping the others out. Grant, you made some amazing stuff at Nature Crafts. Lucas, you were great at finding gems at the Frontier. Robbie, you had great aim at Archery. Nathan, you had some excellent skills at Target! Chris, you really knew what to do at Wilderness. Johnathan, it was amazing how you overcame your doubts and completed the ropes challenge. Stephen, you were really good at the "buzz buzz go make honey" game at Outdoor Nature. Isaac, you did great at fishing. Aiden, it was a pleasure to meet you and I hope to see you next year. You guys were an amazing cabin and I hope you all had a week you will remember forever.

Sincerely,  
Andy



# CABIN REPORTS

RP 12

Dear RP 12,

This was definitely one of my favorite weeks at camp. We grew so close in such a short amount of time, and there was never a dull moment. Grace and Maddy, you two were always cracking jokes and making people laugh with things like unicorn horns, stomach aliens, crazy faces, and poop stickers. Sydney and Kenna, you two were inseparable this week, and I'm glad you both had a great time. Gracie and Sarah, you were both great with the rabbits, whether it was Dusty in the nature lodge or all of the frontier bunnies. Emily and Cassidy, you both made awesome dream catchers and nature crafts. Elizabeth, I still can't believe you were the only person to catch a fish when we went fishing. Stella, I'm glad you had such a great time at wilderness and on the wagon ride too. Abby G, you were awesome at archery and I wish we could have gone every day since you loved it so much. MaryBeth and Madi, you two were always in the front of the pack on our hike no matter the terrain. And Abby W, I loved dancing with you during all of the One Direction songs at the dance. I hope that I never forget how awesome this week was, and I hope you all come back to camp next year.

Love,

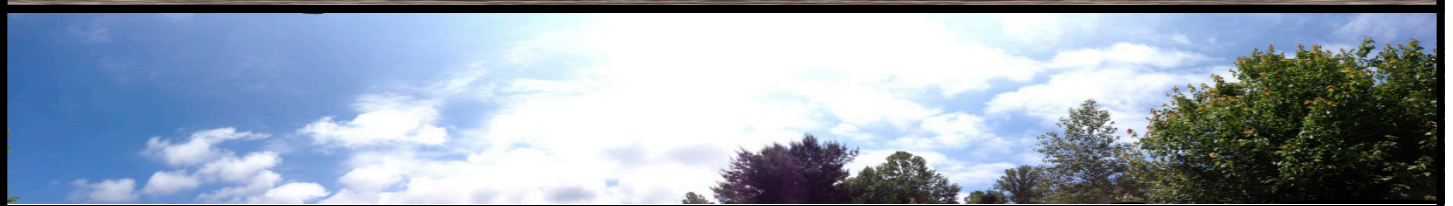
Amanda

Single Spur

Dear Single Spur,

What can I say, it was a unique week starting with seven and ending with six. Even though Tony couldn't stay the whole week, he was still an awesome part of our cabin. Everyone had a blast this week from Jake flying all over the place in "buzz, buzz, go make honey," to Ezra rocking it at Target. We also had Simon and Nolan our beasts at basketball, but while Nolan owned the blacktop, Simon ruled the pool. Alex, we would see you putting on a show at the ropes course and always having a great time. Finally Travis, the master story teller, always entertaining us before bed. I had a great time with all of you and I am never going to forget you all. Have a great rest of your summer.

Matt



# CABIN REPORTS

## Older Campers

Fam,

Oh, what a Week 5 it has been. We're not sure that any amount of words can describe the vast amounts of fun and tomfoolery that we've engaged in this week. Our shenanigans began on Sunday with a rousing game of chicken in the hen house. It was a well fought battle, but the boys managed to snatch the victory. Yet, this was nothing compared to our intense game of capture the flag. Boys v. Girls. After a crazy hour, the girls let the boys win. We celebrated our vivacious battle with well-deserved s'mores and spider dogs at the fort. On Tuesday morning, we let our artistic juices flow at R.A.C when we drew our guy in the sky, JC. On Tuesday, we learned all about Bobby's world, and we learned how to make good lines. One of our favorite parts of the week was when we all stepped into the light. It not only shed light on our individual situations, but it strengthened our bond with each other as a whole. It reminded us that we are never alone, especially not at camp. On Wednesday, WE WENT ON A HIKE! Even though the water was a bit chilly, our jumps off of the tunnel made it fire. We triumphed through sandless beach, to one of the most satisfying lunches all week- even if it was a bit small. You all rocked that big event. Your silliness and humor suspended our disbelief to the point we thought we were actually in Disney World. We've never seen a group of campers go so hard at the dance- it was incredible. But, the night wasn't over yet- we capped it off with some awesome Glarchery. We all stepped outside of our comfort zones at the nature lodge, whether it be holding cockroaches or some scaly friends, we are so proud of all of you. And we even got to roast some marshmallows to celebrate. We ended our nighttime escapades on a strong note with our scavenger hunt that lead to the glool/ pizza party. It was the perfect way to end a perfect week. We arrived at camp as individuals, or maybe even small groups, but we quickly changed from 28 people into 1 family. As we observe the group, we have been able to watch you form life lasting bonds with each other. Even though we have to say goodbye, and our line may get messed up, don't forget what we have to do. Some tears may be shed as we part ways, but remember this: Oh how lucky we are to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. And if you take one thing away from this week, let it be this: we can't bring the world to camp, but we can bring a little bit on camp to the world - and bring yourself back, next year.

Squad Goals, Peace, and Love Always  
Sarah, Cait, and Corban.

