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FCS Summer Camp Weekly Newsletter

Session 04



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Welcome

— Introduction

"Everything good, everything magical, happens between the months of June and August,"
- Jenny Han



Gillian Rosenzweig-Stein
Auxiliary Program Manager
Summer Camp Manager

Welcome to Session 04!

Summer is a nice change of pace from the regular school year. It can be a chance to slow down, relax and enjoy new experiences, but also a time for changes. Summer can also bring about a new sense of freedom, something our campers got to experience this week.

Our Analyzing Film camp had the opportunity to go see Ruby Gillman: Teenage Kraken. They are the first camp to embark on a field trip in recent years and certainly won't be our last.

Our other camps have been quite busy too. Campers have learned about different countries and got a taste of their cuisine. Others have been firing arrows, building shelters and LEGO towers, collecting bugs, dinosaur bones and making slime.

It's been a busy week here and I'm excited for more creative projects to come!

04A1



Little Explorers: Dino Fun
Led By: Brenda Alvaredo
Assisted by: Jasmine Cerritos

Junior paleontologists traveled 65 million years back in time to learn all about dinosaurs. From digging up fossils from the sand and ice to making their own dinosaur eggs, campers had a true Jurassic adventure.



04B1

Sports and Agility
Led By: Taylor Washington
Assisted by: Nicholas Lugo

Running and jumping, zigging and zagging, dodging and weaving, campers played games and practiced drills to gain speed, dexterity, and agility on the field and off.



04B2

Sticky Science and Creative Construction
Led By: Jazlyn Olivera
Assisted by: Jared McCord & Tyler Washington

Campers dug in to the science of everything slimy, sticky, and gooey this week, making messes with slimes and substances and building imaginative structures from common household materials.



04B3

Let's Travel Our World
Led By: Sandra Haw
Assisted by: Pat Clark

Jet-setting campers took virtual trips to Norway, Ghana, Japan, China, and Italy. Art projects, stories, songs, and iconic foods brought home the experience of travel.

04B4



Bugs All Around Me (Spanish Bilingual)
Led By: Mirsa Shulman

Future entymologists used their senses to observe all types of bugs, from butterflies to ants. Daily nature walks gave them plenty of specimens to learn from, and they made detailed drawings and art projects from their observations.

04C2



Building and Engineering with Lego
Led By: Todd Whitehead
Assisted by: Ani Arzoumanian

Lego lovers built beyond the instructions this week, making tall towers, detailed miniature scenes, speedy vehicles, monochrome art pieces, and culminating with a build featuring our very own guinea fowl!



04C1

FCS Farms
Led By: Patricia Soumoff

Our iconic guinea fowl received top notch care this week as campers learned all about their tending to their needs. Other projects included weeding, installing raised beds, and creating salt dough ornaments featuring natural decorations.



04C3

Wilderness Skills and Archery
Led By: Brian Belstock

Campers learned all about surviving in the wilderness, building shelters, finding water, identifying edible plants, and building a fire.

04D1



Analyzing Film

Led By: Daniela Rivadeneira

Assisted by: Crystal A. Robinson

Cinephiles explored movies beyond simply watching and enjoying, and critically examined filmmakers' choices to gain a deeper appreciation of cinema.

04D2



Archery and Wilderness Skills

Led By: Mark Evans

Assisted By: Volunteer Lazarus

Campers got to advance their archery skills to the crossbow, continuing to hone their wilderness survival abilities.



Volta shows off his Very Hungry Caterpillar creation.

Welcome

Try this @Home



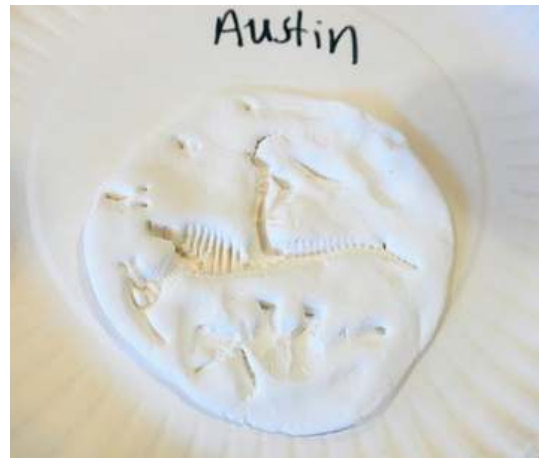
Here are some ideas that you can do at home!



Make Your Own Fossil Prints

How do we know about creatures that existed millions of years ago, before cameras or pictures or writing, or even humans? From fossils! Fossils are remains or impressions of living creatures that have turned to stone.

Of course, dinosaurs are long gone, but you can make your own fossils from present day plant life. Use Model Magic or another air dry clay to make a flat patty, then press your leaves, pinecones, sticks, or other objects into the clay to make a mark. Let it dry, and you have a fossil!



Left: Avi and Austin create footprints with dinosaur toys

Top: A teacher helps a camper to press a pinecone into the clay

Above: The completed fossil print!

Film Review

Guest writers: the Analyzing Film campers!

PRO MOVIE REVIEW

This movie, Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken, was decent because it was a copy of Turning Red, the traditional coming of age, horrifying transformation movie.

For Ruby's whole life, her mom told her not to go into the ocean, but when she did she turned into a ginormous kraken. If you like fast paced movies this is not for you, but we think you might like it because you want to see if this movie is for you.

Ruby's family has a pet named Nessie, who is super cute and extremely loyal. Ruby's mom also has a brother named Brill and our class collectively agreed that uncle Brill was by far our favorite character because he was really goofy.

For our next pro, if you like sparkles there are a lot of sparkles. Ruby tried to ask her crush Connor out to the prom with a confetti cannon which took a nosedive and only spiraled downwards after that. In our opinion, we thought the way they make mermaids so narcissistic was absolutely hilarious - our favorite line was so clearly, "I'm a mother flipping mermaid!" and the fact that the krakens had body armor and laser eyes.

Overall, there was a lot of destruction and we liked that, so we rate it around a 5/10, so you could watch it.



Riding in the car to our field trip

CON MOVIE REVIEW

Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken was NOT a good movie. First, it was almost a direct copy of the movies Turning Red and Luca. The plots were very similar with the mother-daughter love from Turning Red. It was similar to Luca with Ruby realizing she was a sea creature that she feared.

The plot was very slow paced and had plot holes. It certainly took its time developing the plot and characters. In the end, when Ruby goes to prom she magically has a prom dress on. Also, Ruby was sniffing all the time when she didn't even have a nose.

The music wasn't connected to the plot as well. For instance, when the fight scene was happening, the music was happy even though they were losing the whole fight. Additionally, for a Dreamworks movie the animation was surprisingly subpar; they all had rounded faces and were drawn awkwardly.

Overall, the film was not that good and didn't live up to our expectations, and completely ruined the Kraken. Our collective rating is a solid 2/5. Thank you for your time.



Checking out the movie poster before going in

How to Build a Fire

***Note** - *ONLY try this with supervision of a grown-up in a safe place like a fire pit!*

Building a fire is an essential survival skill for warmth, cooking, and protection from the elements. But do you know how to arrange your fuel so that it ignites quickly and continues to burn for a long time?

Read our instructions to learn how!



The first thing you will need to do is to collect fuel. While logs and larger branches make great long term fuel, you will also need to collect dry leaves, wood shavings, or paper for **tinder** (small things that catch fire and burn quickly) and small thin branches for **kindling** (larger material that burns for a bit longer, but still ignites readily).



Next, you will need to set up your fuel. In addition to fuel, fire needs oxygen to burn. You will arrange your kindling around your tinder in shape that allows lots of oxygen to reach the tinder as it burns. This will make the flame burn high and hot, so that the kindling and then the large fuel can ignite. Some common shapes are teepees, lean-tos, and log cabins.



Now that you have your fire all set up, it's time to light it! Using a match or long lighter, light the tinder. Carefully feed small twigs into the tinder. When the small twigs ignite, add progressively larger twigs until your kindling catches fire. Eventually, your larger fuel will ignite and you will have a roaring campfire and you can roast marshmallows!

Please practice fire safety and completely extinguish all coals and flames with water when you are finished.

Welcome

Listening In



Ever wonder what our campers say about their experience?



CAMPERS SAY...



CLARA

I made a kente cloth pattern with the colors of Ghana.



BRYSON

I have monster hands from the kinetic sand!



NATI

I got a butterfly on our nature walk and it's black.



JONAS

Shooting arrows was my favorite. I got so much better since the first time I did archery.

...THE BEST THINGS



GRAM

My Lego vehicle is a Piggymobile with a bread compartment and a pig inside and a propeller on the back.



BRYCE

My favorite was learning all about the guinea fowl. You can tell the males and females apart by their different calls.





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- Samantha McKay
- Ethan Clarkewallis
- Lottie P-K





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takers, and
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