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FCS Summer Camp Weekly Newsletter

Session 08



# Welcome

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## Welcome

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### Introduction

"The guinea fowl are invaluable members of the community and the kids have loved watching them grow up!"



Gillian Rosenzweig-Stein  
*Auxiliary Program Manager*  
*Summer Camp Manager*

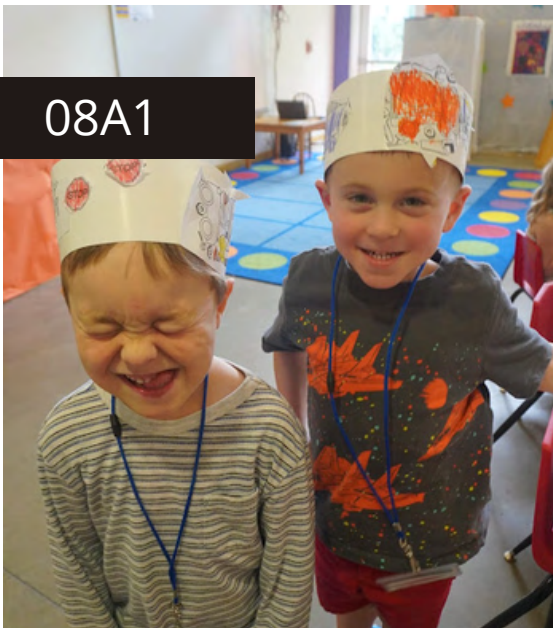
### Welcome to Session 08!

This summer has gone by in a flash. With one week left of camp, I find myself beginning to shift to school year thinking. Summer never lasts long enough in my opinion. There are always so many things on the to do list, and about half of them get checked off.

This week we held a guinea fowl graduation for our newest brood of birds. They have been dutifully cared for by our FCS Farms camps and are ready to explore outdoors. Though they're currently going by Guinea Fowl 1, 2 and 3 interchangeably, they'll be invaluable members of the community. The guineas got a warm send off to their new enclosure by many of the camps. They'll be staying there for a few weeks before they can be taught how to explore the campus safely.

I'm so grateful that our FCS Farms camps took on the care of our birds. It's exciting that they got to be a part of keeping them happy and healthy. It's not everyday kids get to work with live animals. I'm hopeful that next summer, the kids will get to work with another brood.

08A1



Little Explorers (Build It)  
Led By: Franny Ashcraft  
Assisted by: Jasmine Cerritos

Building things from scratch has never been more fun! Our builders learned how to make several different things such as hats and rainbow kites.

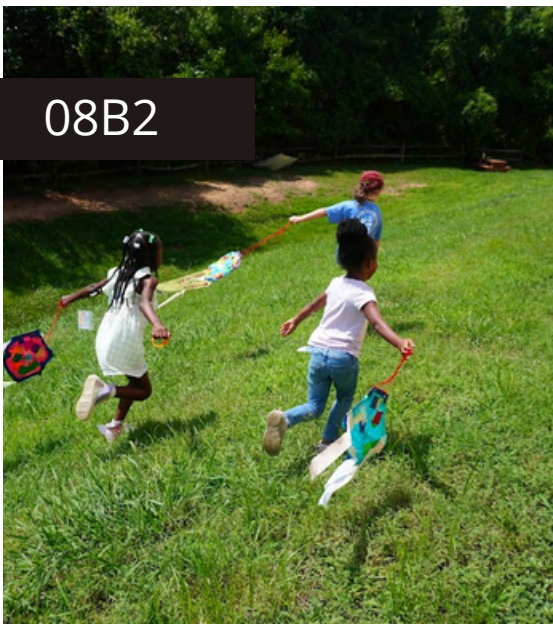
08B1



FCS Farms  
Led By: Taylor Washington  
Assisted by: Volunteer Evan

Campers learned to care for all of the living things on the FCS campus, including guinea fowl and plants. They also made farm themed crafts and hosted the first annual Guinea Graduation!

08B2



Spanish Club  
Led By: Brenda Alvarado

From maracas to traditional Guatemalen clothing, our spanish practitioners learned the importance of experiencing another language through culture and fun.

08B3



Escape Room and Puzzles  
Led By: Keely Kozak  
Assisted by: Ani Arzoumanian and CIT Jasper

From cracking codes to solving puzzles, students in this camp put their brains to the test with a new mystery each day!

08B4



Cooking and Baking  
Led By: Crystal Shay Robinson  
Assisted by: Jared McCord and CIT Neena

Our young chefs this week worked on all different kinds of foods, hot and cold! Make your own granola? How about assembling s'mores? There were even some delicious frozen treats as well! These campers get to experience all of that and more in this two week camp.

08C2



Magic & Wizardry  
Led By: Ethan Clarkewallis  
Assisted by: Tyler Washington

Tons of spells were cast from our wizarding campers. The magic never ends! They made wizard hats, dragon egg bath bombs, and fairy jars among other magical experiences.

08C3



Origami and Papercraft  
Led By: Sandra Haw  
Assisted by: Nicholas Lugo

Master paper folders soared through this camp making paper airplanes, hats, and competing over who can make the tallest paper towers!

08D1



Filmmaking: Comedy  
Led By: Abby Wilson  
Assisted by: Alex Andrews

Making a movie in 5 days is no easy feat, but these multi-talented teens were up for the task!

Check out our collection of short films in our 2023 Summer Camp Video playlist linked below!

### **The House of Laughs**

starring Asa, Avery, Earl, and Isaiah

### **It's All Sophie's Fault**

starring Birch, Em, and Sophie

### **Magician Fails at Magic**

starring Anderson, Dean, and Avery



08D2



High School Test Prep (Language Arts)  
Led By: Samantha McKay  
Assisted by: Alex Andrews

Getting ready for their high school tests included vocabulary, analogies, reading comprehension, and much more. They navigated a prolific amount of test prep skills this week through practice tests, word games, and having fun along the way.



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Try this @Home



Here are some ideas that you can do at home!



# Banana Pudding Pie

Simple ingredients. Messy hands. All of the fun!

Every baker starts off using packaged ingredients at some point, and the ease of making fun dishes at home is inspiring for our youngest chefs.

Simply mix up your favorite pudding mix, add bananas, Cool Whip, and crunched up vanilla wafers for a delicious treat!



*Top: Using a manual or electric mixer to make creamy pudding*

*Bottom: Assembling the banana pudding was as easy as pie!*





# Paper Engineering

Solving problems is the entire basis of this scientific field, and our campers got to explore some of that using something as simple as paper!

Making a building is no easy feat, and when you challenge children to make one with paper, it activates several things within them.

How tall can they build it? Do they keep it simple or use complex folds? How can they prevent it from falling over?

Scientists learn from experimentation, and so should your children!



*Circles and triangles are very strong shapes to use in building*



*Discussion is an important part of teamwork!*

# Caring of a Guinea Fowl

June 15, 2023  
Baby guineas are called keets, and they hatch ready to run!



FCS didn't always have guineas, but we believe in doing it right. When we adopt an animal, we adopt them for life.



June 23, 2023  
A compact brooder box provides warmth, food, water, and a perch for them to exercise their leg muscles.

Check out the growth of our birds here and their graduation outdoors in our Camp Video Playlist!



July 18, 2023  
They moved into a larger bin with a heat lamp, and their personalities are already developing.



August 8, 2023  
At 10 weeks old, they're ready to spread their wings and fly outdoors!

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## Listening In



Ever wonder what our campers say about their experience?



# CAMPERS SAY...



**AMARI**

My favorite part of my camp was finding clues, solving puzzles and unlocking boxes!



**EM**

My favorite part of this week has been the people. They're very kind and funny.



**WESTON**

My favorite part of FCS farm was going on a nature walk. We collected leaves and made wind chimes out of plastic cups and leaves!



**ALICE**

My favorite part about this week was making banana pudding. I would recommend that all my friends make it because its really yummy!

# ...THE BEST THINGS



## RUBY

I loved making fairy jars and making dragon eggs. The dragon eggs are also bath bombs! I haven't put them in my bath tub yet but I will this weekend.



## ELI

Making origami paper airplanes and towers have been my favorite part of this week





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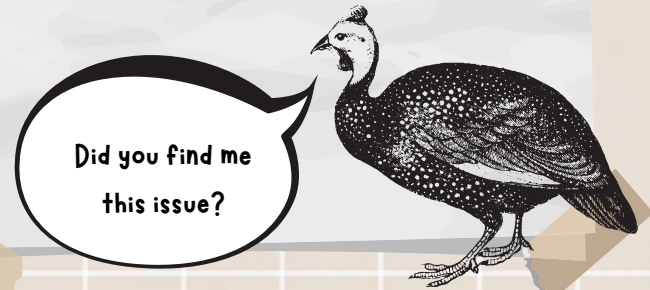






Our Support Staff this week:

- Pat Clark
- Kim Lugo
- Samantha McKay
- Jaya Sullivan







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