



Welcome



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SUPPORT STAFF AND
CAMP ADMINISTRATORS

Welcome

Introduction

"Our staff are the
cornerstone of our
camp program..."



Van Nguyen
Director of Operations
Summer Camp Director

Welcome to our camp!

As the school year winds down, Friends Community School has a moment of silence before Summer Camp begins. It is within this week that a small team of camp staff helps us transform every room so that when Session 01 rolls around, we're ready to enjoy the camp spirit.

During this setup week, I find myself grateful to be in this role each year to welcome both new and returning staff. Our staff are the cornerstone of our camp program. They are the ones who design amazing activities, nurture your children, and above all else, make FCS Summer Camp a place where every child feels like they belong whether they're there for just one week or the whole summer.

Despite a rainy start, we had a great time in each of our first week, and I hope that you enjoy the first of our camp newsletters this year!

01A1



Little Explorers (Animal Planet)

Led by: Crystal A. Robinson
Assisted by: Megan Kellenberger
and CIT Bea

Our preschool friends discovered animals through art and games! One particular craft involved tracing their hands to make a lion!

01B1



Sports and Agility

Led by: Taylor Robinson
Assisted by: Crystal Shay Robinson
and CIT Ivy

These campers played games and learned skills focused on improving speed, coordination, and most of all, having fun!

01B2



Let's Travel Our World

Led by: Jazlyn Olivera
Assisted by: Jasmine Cerritos and
CIT Jordan

Each day these K-2 friends learned about another country and explored their cultures through art and experiences.

01B3



Artist Studios

Led by: Ania Hendy
Assisted by: CIT Elsa

With free access to art supplies and a font of artistic wisdom from their teacher, campers let their imaginations run wild.

01C1



FCS Farms

Led by: Patricia Soumoff and CIT Madison

FCS Farms got familiar with the plants and animals around our campus, tending to the guinea fowl keets, weeding the green roof, and planting new flower beds.

01C2



How's It Made?

Led by: Daniela Rivadeneira
Assisted by: CIT Ivy

Campers explored their curiosity about electronics and machines by disassembling small appliances and putting them back together. The campers also designed their own electronic concert of their own initiative!

01C3



Wilderness Skills & Archery

Led by: Alex Andrews
Assisted by: CIT Lazarus

Campers learned important wilderness survival skills, such as using a compass, tying strong knots, and building a temporary shelter out of woodland materials.

01D1



Music Camp (Choir and Ukelele)

Led by: Kiersten Whitehead

This room was full of music as campers honed their ukelele and singing skills by not only by learning a song but also creating a new song on their own about their favorite camp game: beanbags.

01D2



Archery & Wilderness Skills

Led by: Mark Evans

Assisted by: Pat Clark and CIT Evan

Despite the rain, campers still had daily target practice and worked on improving their skills and archery safety.

01E1



Counselors-in-Training

Led by: Danielle Probst-Rich

Highschoolers receive a detailed course on resume building and practiced their interviewing skills alongside performing services hours in the camp of their choice!



Which way is True North?

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Try this @Home



Here are some ideas that you can do at home!



Learn how to use chopsticks!

When traveling through various countries this week, campers practiced using chopsticks while they were learning about Japan.

Learning how to use chopsticks can be challenging, but as long as you have a good grip on the bottom stick, the top one is mostly just used in a pinching motion.

When in doubt, poke your food and call it a kabob!



Campers were tasked with eating their lunch with their newfound chopstick skills

Create a Life-Size Boardgame!

Stuck inside on a rainy day? Take a tip from this week's sports and agility camp and use sports equipment to build a life-size boardgame inside.

Campers created spaces from hula hoops, chairs, jump ropes, cones, and desks, then rolled a die to see how many spaces they could move on each turn, and what activity they would have to do to move forward. They might hop, crawl, or skip their way through obstacles on their way to the end .



Roll the dice to jump over hurdles



Walking on chairs to practice our balance

What's inside our toys?

In this camp activity, campers were instructed to take apart household objects and toys with as much destruction as they pleased as long as safety goggles were on and they were using reasonable force on their objects.

Sometimes, the best way to understand something is to take it apart, and these campers enjoyed upcycling their parts into an electronic band!



Using tools to safely take apart the toys at camp



Many toys are equipped with circuitry, and it's interesting to figure out how they might work



Turning an old speaker into a drum

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Listening In



Ever wonder what our campers say about their experience?



CAMPERS SAY...



EARL

The reason why camp is amazing is because I got to learn a lot of new things with the ukulele, like strumming patterns and other chords.



LEILA

I like camp because you get to do fun activities like making origami nesting dolls.



ISOBEL

My favorite part is wilderness because Alex is a great teacher and building forts is fun.



AVI

The most fun thing was to play with train track (toys).

...THE BEST THINGS



VOLTA

I loved the crafts we made, especially the jerseys. I had fun making the obstacle courses too! We had lots of fun playing the sports.



WINTER

The best thing about How It's Made is demolishing!





Additional thanks to:

Romeo Garcia (Administrative Assistant)

- Joy McCarthy (Substitute)

- Lynn Kaplan (Substitute)

Irma Guillén (Custodian)

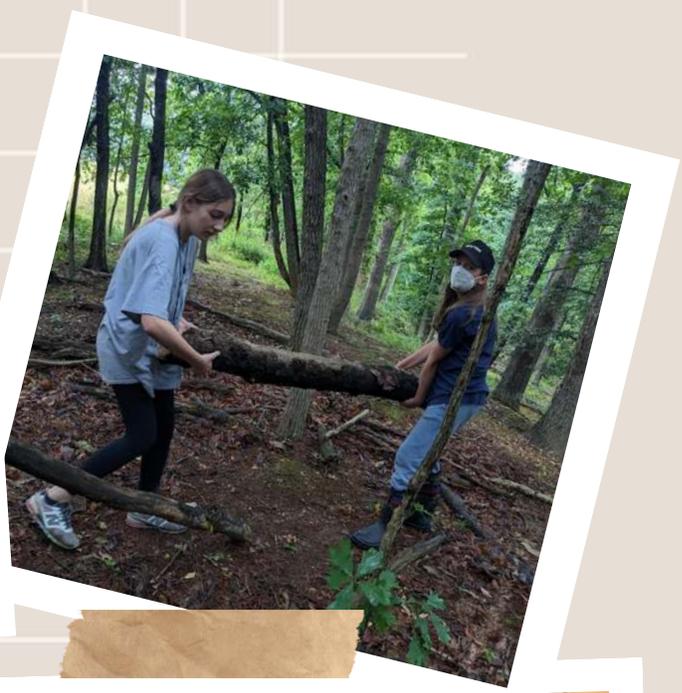
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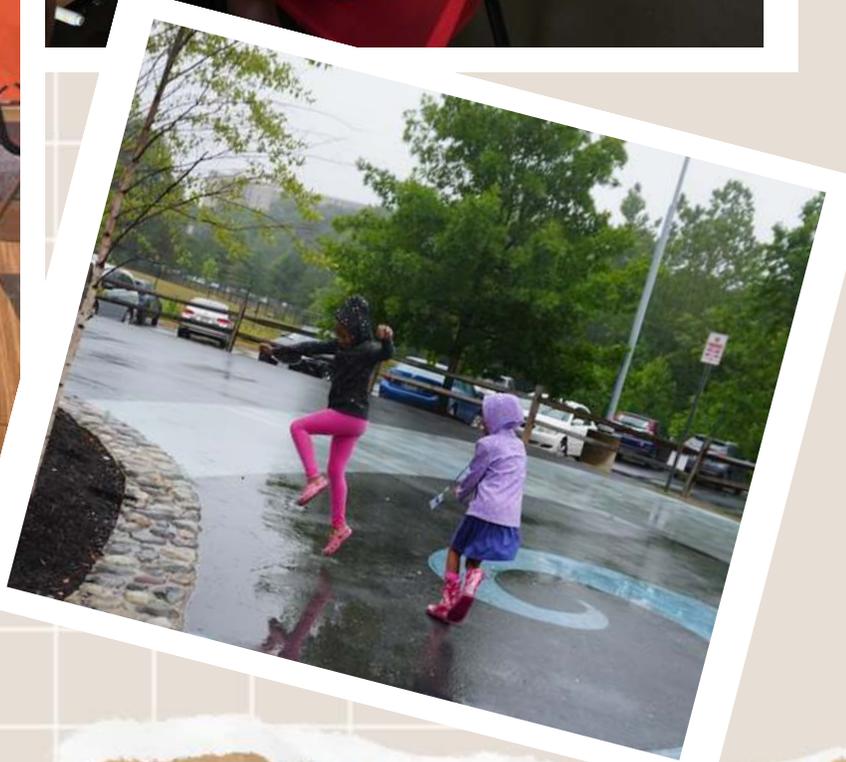
Carol MacAdam (School Librarian)

Ramiro Pecher (Facilities Manager)

Jasmine Vaughn (School Nurse)





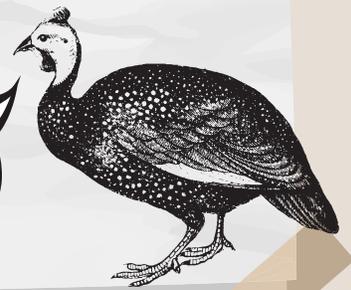




Our Support Staff this week:

- Samantha McKay
- Lottie P-K
- Kim Lugo
- Pat Clark

I'll be hiding in
future newsletters.
Try to find me!





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lifelong learners,
courageous risk-
takers, and
joyous
peacemakers.**

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FCS SUMMER CAMP

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FOR SESSION 02



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