

# KINGSWOOD WEEK 3 NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD!

Welcome new and returning campers!

Week 3 may have been short, but it was packed with fun! Campers had a blast participating in a variety of different activities and enjoying the beautiful sunny weather. To cap off the holiday week, the whole camp came together for a special screening of Inside Out, a fun way to wrap up an exciting few days!

We can't wait for another amazing week ahead!

## CONTACT INFO

Please call or email the Kingswood Day Camp Office if you know your camper will be late, leaving early, or absent! If we are unable to answer your call, please leave a voicemail.

Call:

(248) 645-3674, Option 3

Email:

[KingswoodDayCamp@cranbrook.edu](mailto:KingswoodDayCamp@cranbrook.edu)

## GENERAL REMINDERS

- Remember to pack a water bottle and sunscreen for your camper every day.
- If your camper has any medical needs or medicine (including inhalers, epi-pens, over-the-counter medications, or prescription medications), please let us know.
- Cranbrook is a nut-free campus, including items made in factories that use nuts. Please ensure that your campers avoid bringing these foods to camp!



# CAMP KINDNESS WEEK

The National Camp Association's annual Camp Kindness Day is coming up on July 16<sup>th</sup>! This day is celebrated annually at camps all over the country, with each camp doing their part to share kindness within their communities.

Here at Kingswood, we will be celebrating Camp Kindness Week from July 14<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup>. This year, KDC will be collecting donations for an organization called Leader Dogs for the Blind. This organization empowers people who are blind or visually impaired by training and providing them with leader dogs to aid with safe and independent daily travel.



There is no requirement for your camper to donate but if you would like to, Leader Dogs for the Blind has provided us with a list of supplies that they need. Please do not have your camper bring in any cash or check donations.

The donation list can be found below. We will be accepting donations from July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance, and Happy Camp Kindness Week!

## DONATION LIST:

- KONG EXTREME TIRE (BLACK, M/L)
- KONG EXTREME GOODIE BONE (LARGE, BLACK)
- KONG TWISTZ RING (LARGE)
- SLOW FEEDER BOWLS
- NYLABONE - DOG TOY
- ZUKES- DOG TREATS
- CHARLIE BEAR- DOG TREATS
- DOG SHAMPOO
- KONG EXTREME (BLACK, XL)

# SWIM REMINDER

To help us make the most of our pool time, we encourage all campers to arrive at camp already wearing their swimsuits, since swim is the first activity of the day.

Campers will have time to change after swimming, so be sure to pack a change of clothes for the rest of the day.

Please send your camper with a separate bag for their swim gear, and an extra set of clothes for camp activities. These bags can be safely stored in lockers while campers are off having fun!

Thanks for helping us keep the day running smoothly!



## DRESS UP DAY

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> is

## DRESS LIKE YOUR COUNSELOR DAY

Show your camp spirit by dressing like your counselor!





# MORNING DROP-OFF

**DROP-OFF IS BETWEEN 8:45 AM AND 9:00 AM**

- For everyone's safety, all campers must remain in their vehicles until a counselor is present to greet them. Campers may not exit their vehicles or enter Kingswood unattended.
- We kindly ask that adults stay in their vehicles during the entire drop-off process to help keep things running smoothly.
- If you need to drop off your camper before 8:45 AM, please register for Extended Care at Brookside Camp (additional fees apply).



# AFTERNOON PICK-UP

**PICK-UP IS AT 2:45 PM**

- Any adult coming to pick up your camper must be on your camper's Authorized Pick-up List and MUST have an Authorized Pick-up form in their passenger window. The Authorized Pick-up form is located in the Document Center online. Adults without the form will have their photo ID checked.
- We kindly ask that adults stay in their vehicles during the entire pick-up process to help keep things running smoothly.
- If you need to pick up your camper later, please register for Extended Care at Brookside Camp (additional fees apply).



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## AMALIE



Hi! My name is Amalie and this is my first year as a counselor at KDC! I just graduated high school, and I am headed to Michigan Tech in the fall to study engineering management. I love to dance, be active and outdoors, and spend time with family and friends!

## SARAH

Hi, I'm Sarah! I am a first year general counselor at KDC. In these first three weeks I have been with groups 9, 7, 5, and 4. I will be a freshman at Syracuse University in the fall! Even though it is my first year, I went to high school at Kingswood, so I know the campus like the back of my hand. I've loved working with your children and look forward to seeing them every day!

## MARCOT



Hi, I'm Margot! I'm a sophomore at the University of Michigan, studying movement science through the School of Kinesiology. I've grown up dancing competitively through both private studios and my High School. Presently, I'm a part of a dance club at U of M called Encore. During high school, I was given opportunities to teach dance to younger students. Through those experiences I learned that I love helping little kids explore their love of dance, which led me to becoming the dance instructor here at KDC! I'm so excited to encourage campers to be themselves and try their hardest in the dance studio.

# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## NATURE

This week in nature the students took a dive into how important explicit instruction is in science. We experimented with sandwich making to focus on this. Students were tasked with writing down detail instructions for how to make a sandwich and learned just how detailed and explicit they need to be. The kids had such a good laugh with watching how some sandwich's were made fully and how some ingredients ended up on the instructor!



This week in archery we've been practicing how to aim efficiently with some great success! Looking forward to next week, we will be having our first archery competition week!



## ARCHERY



# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## MUSIC

This week at Kingswood campers are exploring dynamics in music, or how the volume of music affects its message! Through a game of Hot and Cold, campers communicated to each other through music, drumming louder as a group of campers get closer to a hidden object and softer as the group gets farther away. It has been wonderful getting to make music with our campers this week, and I can't wait for Week 4!



This week in yoga, campers enjoyed participating in a dynamic flow and series of stretches, and learned a few new poses, such as chair pose and warrior 2 pose. Some groups played Yoga Simon Says, a fun twist on the classic game. Other groups tried Yoga Freeze Dance, where campers got to try yoga poses they've already learned, as well as making up their own. I am excited for the campers to learn more yoga-based games going forward!

## YOGA



# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## DRAMA

For Week Three, campers got the opportunity to act and perform skits for their respective groups. We talked over a variety of topics such as projection, characterization, and theatre etiquette. For our older campers, kids were assigned into pairs to create scripts for other groups to practice later in the week. I have been so impressed with the creativity and drive shown by our campers this week!



This week in art, campers turned their own drawings into custom stickers! First they made their designs and cut them out. Next, using parchment paper and packing tape, they transformed their drawings into stickers. It was so fun seeing everyone's creative designs!

## ART

# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## SPORTS

This week at Kingswood Day Camp, the girls took on the Ultimate Basketball Sport challenge! In this fun relay-style game, they combined jump roping, obstacle courses, dribbling drills, and shooting practice, all in one exciting rotation. It was a great way to test their coordination, teamwork, and basketball fundamentals while keeping everyone moving and engaged. We also mixed it up with a fun game of soccer, giving the campers a chance to show off their footwork and teamwork on the field. The girls continue to bring great energy and positive attitudes, and it's been amazing seeing their confidence grow with each activity. Can't wait to see what next week brings!



This week in tennis the girls were introduced to a super fun game called Animal Court! They showed impressive ball control getting the ball from one side of the court to the other, and everyone played at once! While a little chaotic, they had a lot of fun!

## TENNIS



# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## CANOE

In canoeing this week we continued working on our paddling skills by exploring the lake, playing games, and catching turtles. Next week we will play some more competitive games to work on our maneuvering and speed. We will be looking for clean turns and fast straightaways.



We had a blast in dance this week! Campers learned a combo to either “Better When I’m Dancin’” or “Best Song Ever”, and were challenged to listen to and pick up the choreography. They also practiced having performance smiles on while doing the dance for their counselor. Next week, we’ll be reviewing and learning some basic dance skills!

## DANCE