

KINGSWOOD NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4

WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD!

Welcome new and returning campers to Kingswood! We've just wrapped up another exciting week of summer fun, ending with an Escape Room Challenge on Friday. Campers worked with their groups to solve clues and make their way through the adventure!

Looking ahead Week 5, don't forget to mark your calendars for Crazy Hair Day next Wednesday! We can't wait for another great week at KDC!

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

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 16th! 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 14th to July 18th. 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 7th through July 18th. Thank you in advance, and Happy Camp Kindness Week!

DONATION LIST:

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

SWIM REMINDER

To help us make the most of our pool time, we ask that 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 16th
is

Your chance to show
off the wackiest,
most colorful, and
out-of-this-world
hairstyles you can
dream up!



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



IZZY

Hello Everyone! My name is Miss Izzy and this is my first year being a Counselor at Kingswood Day Camp! Your daughters have been so much fun to get to know! I am currently going into my fifth year at Oakland University. Next April I will be graduating with a Secondary Education degree to teach History at the Middle School level! I can not wait to spend the rest of my summer having fun with these amazing girls! KDC is truly the place to be:)



G

Hello Kingswood Family! This is my third summer at camp and my first as our drama instructor. I currently study 3D Animation at Rochester Institute of Technology. Outside of camp and school, some of my hobbies include making video games, visiting museums, and improv theatre. As a Cranbrook alum, it's been wonderful to come back and create great memories here!



SELA

Hi KDC! My name is Sela Kubiak, and I am a Group Counselor at Kingswood! This is my first year working at Kingswood Day Camp, and I am loving it! I was a camper at Cranbrook Summer Camps for seven years, so becoming a counselor has been such a new and exciting experience! Outside of camp hours, I love to go waterskiing, read, bike around, and play card games! I am a rising senior in high school this year, so I have enjoyed getting involved in theatre, poms, ASL, and student government. In my free time, I also dance, play piano, and volunteer at my church! I love working with kids, so being a staff member at this camp has been such a blessing! I'm super excited to spend the next four weeks with KDC!

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

ROCK PAINTING

In preparation for Camp Kindness Week, campers painted rocks with uplifting messages to help spread happiness and positivity throughout our community! These rocks will be placed around the Kingswood campus as surprise moments of kindness for others to discover and enjoy. Campers had a great time decorating their rocks and deciding what messages to write on them!



ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

NATURE

This week in nature, campers went on a nature scavenger hunt! The kids had a list of 10 items, some exotic some typical, that they needed to collect. The students had so much fun running around outside collecting the different nature items. We talked about why some of the items were only found in certain areas of nature, and why some were only found in a small section! The kids loved the time out in the sun and letting some energy out!



For week 4, campers had an archery competition. We've taken the different elements of shooting an arrow and put them all together, and it's been a blast! I can't wait for next week!

ARCHERY

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC

This week at Kingswood, our campers have begun to sing! We performed breathing exercises to strengthen our breath control and learned vocal warmups to let our singing reach the next level.

Some groups even performed their own mini concerts for their fellow campers. It was a blast!



This week in yoga, campers learned different yoga poses and stretches, and utilized different props such as a yoga block to assist throughout the yoga flow. Campers had a blast playing their choice of different yoga games, including Yoga Night at the Museum and Guess the Yoga Pose!

YOGA

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

DRAMA

The word of the week in Drama was Pantomime. Campers learned how to act out and 'mime' objects within an improv scene without props. As a group, campers are also creating Mad Libs stories and performing them using these pantomime ideas. It has been great to see the imagination and humor come alive in these activities!



This week in Art we did two activities! First, campers created popsicle stick puzzles by taping popsicle sticks together and drawing a design. Then, they removed the tape and tried to solve the puzzles! Next, campers created puppets using paper lunch bags, using markers and crayons to bring their puppets to life.

ART

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

SPORTS

This week at Kingswood Day Camp, the girls brought their A-game with a mix of fun, fitness, and friendly competition! We kicked things off with a camp favorite, Four Corners, which had the girls moving quickly, thinking fast, and cheering each other on. We also turned up the energy with Ultimate Fitness, a high-energy workout circuit designed to keep everyone active while building strength, agility, and endurance. To wrap up the week, we bumped, set, and spiked our way into a great time playing volleyball. The girls are showing so much enthusiasm and growth each week, it's been a joy to coach them. Looking forward to more movement and smiles next week!



The girls focused on improving their tennis form and worked on their footwork with a shuffling drill, an essential skill for movement on the court! They also played a fun game called “Caterpillar,” where they had to shuffle and get a rolling ball between their feet. Lots of laughter and great progress this week!

TENNIS

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

CANOE

This week at canoeing we worked on our paddling by playing tag on the water, as well as looking for turtles and other wildlife. Next week we will be using our paddle skills to play games all across the lake.



Dance was jam packed this week! We went over a variety of dance skills such as leaps, pivot turns, pirouettes, jazz squares, and many more. Campers also continued playing fun games such as freeze dance, dance telephone, and others involving making up their own choreography. Next week we are going to incorporate the skills we learned this week, so remind your campers to practice and ask them to show you their new favorite move!

DANCE