

# KINGSWOOD NEWSLETTER

## WEEK 5

### WELCOME TO KINGSWOOD!

Welcome new and returning campers to Kingswood Day Camp! Week 5 was another incredible week of fun and adventure! Campers enjoyed a mix of exciting indoor and outdoor activities all week long.

To wrap it all up, we ended the week with an epic Staff vs. Campers basketball showdown!

We're looking forward to the fun ahead in Week 6!



### 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!

# 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!

# TIE DYE ANNOUNCEMENT

Next week in art, campers will have the opportunity to tie dye an item of their choice brought from home. Please make sure your child brings something to tie dye as well as a plastic bag to store their shirt in on their designated art day!

Then, on **Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** we'll celebrate

## TIE DYE DAY



Where campers can show off their colorful creations by wearing them to camp!



# 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



BRITTANY

Hi! I'm Coach Brittany, the Sports Instructor here at Kingswood Day Camp. I absolutely love bringing energy, creativity, and fun to the gym every day. Whether we're playing tug of war, hockey, or creating new relay games, my goal is to make sure every camper feels confident, included, and excited to move! I have a background in Athletic Training, Educational Leadership, and Sports & Exercise Science, and I'm passionate about helping young girls find joy in staying active. During the school year, I teach PE and coach track, and I'm also a proud mom to an amazing little girl. Being a part of Kingswood this summer has been such a rewarding experience, and I'm so grateful to be making memories with such a great group of campers and staff!

Alyssa is so excited for her first summer with KDC! When Alyssa is not at camp, she can be found at the theatre. She is currently directing a musical theatre camp in Howell, and drama is her favorite camp activity! Alyssa is looking forward to becoming a substitute teacher this fall, and can't wait to return next summer!



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KATIE T.

Hi everyone! My name is Katie, and I am having a blast as the music instructor here at KDC! I'm going into my sophomore year at Eastern Michigan University studying journalism and social work, and I pursue music in my own time. Other hobbies of mine include writing, dancing, and staying active outdoors!

Hello! My name is Kyra Heinzmann and this is my first year at KDC. I have had so much fun counseling the Birch Group - the silliest girls ever! I am currently attending Northern Michigan University and I am majoring in Sustainable Business and Enterprise Creation with a minor in Deaf Studies. In my free time I enjoy hiking, painting, and playing soccer with my university's club team.



KYRA

# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



## NATURE

This week in nature the kids were making slime. We talked about how we combined the slime and activator and why it worked in making a sticky substance. We also discussed the different amounts of glue or activator needed depending on the consistency of the slime itself. The students had so much fun with an interactive activity and being able to color the slime to their preference!!

## ARCHERY

This week at archery we've been using all of the skills we've learned so far and combining them in a friendly race. I've seen some great improvement from all the campers! Way to go!







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MUSIC

This week at Kingswood, our campers are enjoying the true game show experience... with a game of Jeopardy! A fun way to strengthen music knowledge, our Jeopardy games were intense, and campers were able to go home with some stickers for their witty answers!



# YOGA

This week in yoga, campers learned a brand new yoga flow including the warrior poses. After practicing a few times, they were able to do it by themselves! We also introduced a new game called Musical Mats, a spin-off of musical chairs. Groups also played Yoga Night at the Museum, a camper favorite. We look forward to trying new games next week!





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## DRAMA

This week, campers worked on creating and performing characters through a variety of means. Younger groups explored making characters through paper hand puppets as well as some character guessing games. Older kids showcased their acting skills in a fairy tale themed mystery game. From animals to emotions, we discussed how becoming a character involves both physical and vocal acting strategies.



## ART

This week in art, the campers created pipe cleaner flowers by twisting together four pipe cleaners! The campers were very excited about the finished products they created. We also enjoyed making friendship bracelets with string and beads.



# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## SPORTS

This week at Kingswood Day Camp, we kept the energy high with some exciting and competitive games! The girls had a blast playing Tug of War, showing off their strength, teamwork, and determination as they cheered each other on in friendly matchups. We also hit the gym for a fun and fast-paced game of hockey, where the girls practiced their stick-handling, passing, and scoring skills. It was great to see their teamwork and sportsmanship shine through in every game. Each week, their confidence and enthusiasm continue to grow, it's been such a joy to watch. Can't wait for more fun ahead!

## TENNIS

This week in tennis, the girls focused on developing their volley skills through form practice and a fun, fast-paced game called 'Alligator Bite'! They worked on improving reaction time and adapting their volleys in different situations, all while having a blast!





# ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

## CANOE



This week at canoeing we used the paddling skills we've developed to play games like Canoe Tag and Keep Away. Next week we will be paddling hard and racing to see who can steer and paddle the fastest!

## DANCE

We had a fun time in dance this week!! We reviewed and learned new skills such as pirouettes, leaps, arabesques, jazz squares, and various turns. We then played a game using our new skills to guess which dance move a camper would perform. Afterwards, we played games such as Dance Telephone and Freeze Dance, incorporating our new skills!! I look forward to teaching more next week!!





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## OFFICE

This week, campers enjoyed a relaxing crafting break! Younger campers created monsters out of air-dry clay and designed habitats for them. Older campers learned how to make bubble bead keychains. It was so fun seeing how each camper's creation was individual and unique to their personality and style.

