

The Ruff Times Newsletter

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The Life and Times of the Senior Editor

Dear Parents and Campers,
This week at Summer Ruffing It has been exciting and entertaining. This week the Up-a-Notch group has focused on compass reading and wind power. So the campers have built wind turbines and have been taught how to read a compass. The Up-a-Notches are also newly given two extra hours for sports and outdoor activities.

enjoying them and learning as well. All of the other campers have been enjoying the summer greatly. The Improv class did a show on Friday for the campers as a free choice option. Mini Musical and Just off Broadway have picked their songs and are practicing for the show during festival week.

Summer to Grow on has been enjoying their nature walks around Horseshoe Lake and Doan Brook. The campers are

This week at camp as been full of learning, hard work, and practice. It looks like all of the campers are enjoying SRI greatly.

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Your Senior Editor, Julia R.

Kitchen Studio

Submitted by Julia R

Kitchen Studio is taught by Carrie B. This week in kitchen studio their main ingredient is oats, so they have made oatmeal cookies, and granola. With all of the allergies in the class the class had to rule out nuts all together. The two ways that the campers get to participate are when they make individual bakery, and taking turns. Carrie has tested all of the recipes at home, before the campers try them out. Carrie tries to make some sweet treats, but does teach the campers how to make healthy choices. Some of the common ingredients are flour, canola oil, and brown sugar. Carrie's tip for anyone who wants to cook is doing be afraid to experiment. Carrie says that anyone who wants to cook can if they are safe and if you are sure to wash your hands before you start.

Parent Info Corner

Hello parents of Open Art Studio students, The children are expressing themselves with great verve and work quietly while in our studio. **Please be reminded that Open ART Studio runs Monday through Thursday.** On Fridays your child (ren) will be brought to the sidewalk for dismissal at 3:00 unless you have pre arranged for after care.

The **Beacon Street Players** will appear at Ruffing on Monday, July 21 from 12:30-1:30 PM.

They are entertaining; children really enjoy them and so do adults.

Cell Phone Policy:

Children who bring cell phones need to store them in their cubbies. If a parent needs to speak to a child, please call the office at 932 7866 and we will get out the message. Children need to place calls home though our office.

Thanks for cooperating with us on this.

Julia



Get To Know Hattie G.

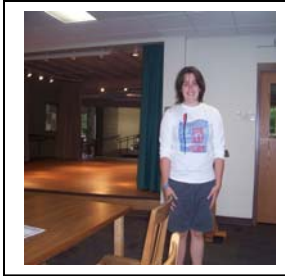
Submitted by Maggie N.

Hattie G. is turning sixteen on July twentieth and will be going into the eleventh grade. Some of her hobbies are rowing and playing the bassoon. She has one dog named Chili. This is her third year being an assistant.

She assists in Dance! Draw! Drips! and Trips!, Guitar, Noon Time Show, and Minimusical. She is also teaching Show and Tell this year.

Hattie's favorite part about SRI is working with all the kids. Hattie's favorite color is blue. After school she goes to driving school or rowing practice. Now you know a little more about Hattie! Hattie's birthday is July 20th!

Happy Birthday Hattie!
From All of Us at
The SRI program



Meet Brynna U.

By Julia

Brynna U. is a second year CIT at SRI. Brynna is going into 10th grade at Magnificent School. Her favorite class in her freshman year was speech and drama. Brynna's favorite class to help out with this summer is Improv because she likes it as it was her favorite class when she was a camper and because she likes the kids.

Brynna is excited to go to New York and Chicago to look at colleges. Brynna's hobbies are dance, shopping, and hanging out with her friends. After all those activities, Brynna just likes to relax at the end of the day with her favorite book To Kill a Mockingbird or watch her favorite movie Juno.

Three words that Brynna thinks best describe her are little, miss, sunshine.

After Hours Activities

Submitted by Veda C.

AHA has been going really great! We have a lot of very fine and creative artist this summer.

In AHA Art, we have done a lot of art and we have tried lots of new things such as making our own postage stamps, creating new world maps, and Mandala's to name a few.

Thanks to everyone for being inspirational and sharing their creative best with us. We still have lots more fun to go!



Catching up on "Up A Notch"

Submitted by Julia R.

This week in camp the Up-a-Notch group built wind turbines and did compass reading. All of these projects are very interesting, and fun; Lauren says that all of the activities can be done at home if you have the right materials, and Lauren also suggests kits. Lauren uses all environment friendly products to build and create the

projects, and all the final products are tested by the campers. To build the final products the campers work in teams because it helps build leadership, and it is more fun to work with friends. Lauren hopes that by the end of the camp that the campers have more appreciation for the environment, he also hopes that some of the campers will develop a passion for environment studies.

Sew and Tell

Submitted by Maggie N.

In this class you learn to sew all sorts of dolls. The teachers are Hattie G., and the assistants are Emily R., and Brynna U. So far the students have made medium sized dolls, and tiny ones. This class is only a second period class, because the teachers have other work to attend to.

First the students sketch what they want their dolls to look like, and then the

teachers make stencils. The students then trace their dolls onto a piece of cloth and sew them together, all except about three inches on one side of the bottom. They stuff the dolls, and sew the rest up. Then the students decorate the dolls with beads, markers, and yarn. One of the six weeks of camp, they will make up a story and perform it to Summer to Grow On. Now you know a little about Sew and Tell!

Poetry Corner

Submitted by Sarita

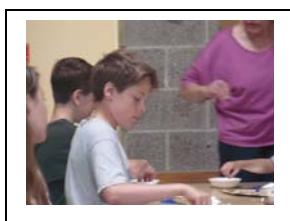
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Summer Fun Recipes

Easy Ice Cream Recipe

Submitted by Maggie N.

1 tablespoon sugar

1/2 cup milk or half & half

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

6 tablespoons rock salt

1 pint-size Ziploc plastic bag

1 gallon-size Ziploc plastic bag

Ice cubes

Fill the large bag half full of ice, and add the rock salt. Seal the bag. Put milk, vanilla, and sugar into the small bag, and seal it. Place the small bag inside the large one and seal again carefully. Shake until mixture is ice cream, about 5 minutes. Wipe off top of small bag, then open carefully and enjoy!



Political Update

Submitted by Daniel G.

2008 General Presidential Election

Barack Obama and John McCain disagree on a lot of topics. Obama wants to surrender in Iraq and McCain wants to stay in Iraq for 100 years.

However, they both agree that the economy (energy and jobs) is the most important topic. Registered voters 18 and older should vote smart and on the tonics.

Noon Time Show

Submitted by Maggie N.

The teachers for Noon Time Show are Emily R. and Hattie G. Noon Time Show is one of the things that you can choose for "Free Choice". They also do Talent Shows at least once a year. How the show works: the first three days they plan the play. Then, usually on Thursday they audition, and after the rolls are assigned they rehearse.

Next week the play will be performed on Wednesday. Some of the recent plays were about a jewel thief, and another one was about a superhero trying to find her daughter. Now you know more about the "Noon Time Show"!

White Cake Recipe

Submitted by Maggie N.

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

1 cup of white sugar

1/2 cup butter

2 eggs

2 teaspoons of vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour

1 3/4 teaspoons of baking powder

1/2 cup of milk

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x9 inch pan or line a muffin pan with paper liners.

In a medium bowl, cream together the sugar and butter. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Combine flour and baking powder, add to the creamed mixture and mix well. Finally stir in the milk until the batter is smooth. Pour or spoon the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven. For cupcakes bake 20 to 25 minutes. Cake is done when it springs back to touch.

allrecipes.com

Tips: To make a larger amount, try doubling the recipe. Anything larger might be too big for kids to pick-up, because the ice itself is heavy.

Around Ruffing Town

Tae-kwon-do

By **Julia R.**

Tae kwon do is a new addition to the classes this year. Tae-kwon-do is taught by Tony S. The difference between Tae kwon do and karate is their countries of origin. Tony has been studying tae-kwon-do for 14 years.

Tae kwon do teaches self-esteem, self-discipline and confidence. This week the campers in Tae kwon do are working on the basics; the front kick and blocks. Tony says that “anyone who is willing to make a commitment can join Tae kwon do.

For the class uniforms are encouraged because it is the tradition and it helps get campers to focus. Later this summer the campers will know Korean terms and have their yellow belt.

Press Passes

Submitted by **Theo B.-I.**

Ruff Times got new press passes this week. These passes enable the Ruff Times staff to let others know that they are part of the newsletter.

Each member of the staff has a pass. The passes show information about the person. The information includes the staff members name, signature, homeroom, and badge number. They even have a picture of the person!

Dear Ruffy

Dear Ruffy,

We have a camper in our class who is from a different country and does not speak a lot of English. She seems very nice, but a little bit shy. I am afraid that if I talk to her she will not understand me. How can we help someone who does not understand us? How can we help someone who does not speak our language feel included?

Trying to make a new friend

Dear Trying to make a new friend,

Even if you don't speak the same language as another person it doesn't mean that you can't communicate. You can use your body language to get your meaning across and you can help the camper learn new words. What you should not do is say random phrases that you know in her language. That will only confuse her more. Most importantly, just be friendly. Though she can't understand your words, she will know that you want to be her friend.

**Your friend,
Ruffy**

Explore the World

Explore the World, is participating in a toy drive for the children in Iowa. Our group has made posters, bracelets, and cards to include in book bags for the flood victims.

“We have a lot of stuff and it's nice to donate to people who don't have a lot of stuff”- Sarita Herron

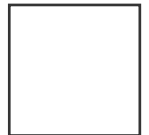
Please donate what you can. A drop off box is located near our class or you can drop off in the office and we will pick it up each day.

Thanks for your kindness and support.

**Submitted by Bridget Rotman
The Explore the World Group**

Donations

Need something special for your program? Let us know and we'll get the word out!



Final Thoughts from the Editor....

We appreciate you reading this newsletter. We worked very hard and are happy to share our success. We are happy to provide you with the Ruffing Summer Time News.

The Editor, Daniel G.