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## Color War Breaks Out... Twice!



*Fake Out*



*Break Out!*

It's that time of year! It's Color War! A Lansman's tradition, Color War is a weeklong competition between the red and white teams that consists of a variety of sporting events, track and field, swim meet, the famous Apache Relay, a square dance competition, spirited sing-offs... even trivia and puzzles. It all ends with the beloved Sing after camp on Friday, where the Red Thunder and White Lightning teams will go for the gold before reuniting as one camp.

Rumors flew this year about Color War being canceled (it's not), the team colors being changed (they aren't), and when it would break.

At a Thursday afternoon fire drill, campers were treated to a special surprise — two

would-be generals came running out of the woods, dressed in convincing garb, and yelled "COLOR WAR!" Zack Waldman of the "Green Goblins" and Flo Shirman of the "Orange Ogres" excitedly shouted the announcement everybody wanted to hear. Scott then split the camp into the two teams — all boys on the Goblins and all girls on the Ogres — before Zack, Flo, and Scott said, "Just Kidding!" Many formerly convinced campers then went about their regular Thursday afternoon activities.

Friday featured "Family Feud," a game show with four rounds of fun. First, the youngest campers answered questions about favorite colors. Older campers then guessed everybody's favorite

afternoon snack and counselors before staff members, chosen "randomly" from the audience, took the stage. Their category was "favorite activities at camp." After the regular answers that of course included Mat Ball, one team failed to get all the correct activities. The next team got to steal and chose "Color War." "Show me 'Color War!'" shouted game show host Scott; lo and behold, it was answer number one. The worthy competitors on the stage just happened to be the generals and lieutenants, who flipped the "Family Feud" sign around to read "Color War."

On Saturday, you should have received a separate e-mail with a general description of Color War at Lansman's. The other document was a list of the campers and staff members on each team. (Siblings have been kept together.) Best of luck to both teams.

Your director,

*Scott M. Eckers*

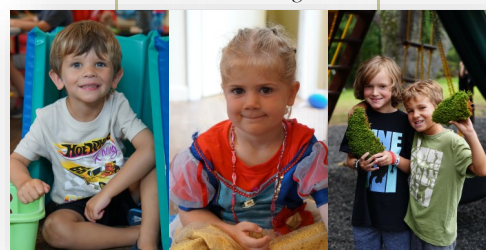
### Campers of the Week

- N** Jack Friebling  
Asher Regan  
Ronald Zeskind
- B1** Aarav Campanella  
Neelesh Campanella  
Izaak Man
- G1** Lake Mogil  
Jorie Mogil  
Miley Santiago
- B2** Teddy Roth
- G2** Harper Altman
- B3** Theodor Man
- G4** Julia Brooke  
Ravyn Henry
- B4** Julian Garchik  
Derrick Giangiacomo
- G5** Olivia Altman  
Sonja Henry
- B5** Harrison Brooke  
Dominick Giangiacomo

## Into the Woods

Our Senior Boys and Senior Girls ventured *into the woods* on Thursday as Scott led a hike into the Neversink Gorge in the towns of Thompson and Forestburgh. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation, the 6,580-acre Neversink Unique Area features a spectacular gorge and several waterfalls, Denton Falls, Mullet Brook Falls and High Falls. The Nature Con-

servancy designated the Neversink River as one of the 75 "Last Great Places" in the United States, Latin America and the Pacific. After hiking more than 2.5 miles down and then up a steep hillside, the Seniors enjoyed a picnic lunch at Mullet Falls. They then got to play in the cold, refreshing waterfall before making the long trek back to the bus. Spectacular views of the river, streams, vegetation, and small animals added to the fun.



## Wee-Ooh!



Who doesn't love a good fire truck and fire safety demonstration? Lansman's had both on Tuesday, as lights and sirens heralded two vehicles onto our ball-field.

All the campers listened as Chief Nolan Akerley and his informed volunteers showed how to use the hel-

metts and other protective gear, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors. The children asked fantastic questions about firefighting before the firemen treated us all to a special presentation... how to empty seven thousand gallons of water in just a few minutes.

Firefighter extraordinaire and Lansman's lifeguard Tyler DuBois climbed up on the truck, grabbed hold of the giant sprayer called a deluge gun and made it rain down on the campers over the hot and humid ball-field! Everybody who wanted to get wet enjoyed the experience. As the wind started to shift, even I got soaked.

Special thanks to the Woodridge Fire Department, our neighboring district. They went out of their way to make the event meaningful and memorable for our campers.



## The Usual Reminders Plus a Few More

### Thank You

Thank you to Ali Parks for helping with camp picture day. Ali helped me keep track of the groups and campers when they came to take their photos. I appreciate her thoughtfulness.

Thank you to our camp administrator, Lisa Loewinger, for obtaining the data for our *Family Feud* game. She went around and surveyed 100 Lansman's campers and the top answers were indeed on the board each round.

**Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed at camp.** Kindly check to see that your children are leaving their devices at home.

For safety purposes, campers should wear **proper footwear**, like sneakers, to camp every day. Kids will be very active this week.

The **camp phone number** is (845) 434-8480. Please call the office directly if you need to pick up your child early or have any questions.

Campers should **always bring their bathing suits and towels** to camp, even if the morning looks rainy. This is especially true during Color War.

**Order lunch** online by clicking [ldlunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net](http://ldlunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net).

Join the **camp Remind** through [www.remind.com/join/ldc2024](http://www.remind.com/join/ldc2024).

Please come to the **Color War Sing** at 4:30 this coming Friday, August 9th.



## Kiai!

Tuesday's special athletic event was Taekwondo, the art of kicking and punching that originated in Korea. Thanks to Will, Xavier, and David for teaching our campers TKD during group athletics.



## We Just Can't Stop Winning



This week, Lansman's Day Camp Boys 3 and 4 groups played an inter-camp wiffle ball game. In a very exciting thriller, Lansman's won the game in the last inning, 16 to 15. Seventeen of our campers participated in the game and contributed to the

victory. There was fun, excitement, and awesome sportsmanship shared amongst all the campers! Smiles and memories were created that truly highlighted what a great time children have as a part of LDC.

—Will Young, Athletics