

Summer Spotlight

Mini Camp Newsletter

See You Next Summer!

It feels as though our summer together has gone by much too quickly! Five weeks ago our staff at Mini Camp was hard at work preparing for a wonderful summer with your children. Like our campers, we were eagerly anticipating the excitement this summer would bring. We always look forward to what new themes may emerge and how each year's group of campers will embrace the program. Then, in what seems like the blink of an eye, we're getting ready to say goodbye. It all goes by much too fast!

It's hard to believe, but at the end of next week we will be saying so long. This summer our campers went to the all new Mini Camp Carnival, wished Uncle Sam a happy birthday, got drenched during Water World, had a rip-snortin' time at the Rodeo, and partied on the Mini Camp Beachfront. On **Friday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m.**, we will get together to have a full camp party, sing our favorite camp songs, and say farewell to a fabulous Mini Camp experience. So much fun, so much accomplished, so many friendships made and renewed. Our time together has been filled with the sheer fun and excitement of summertime!

Science with Chris!

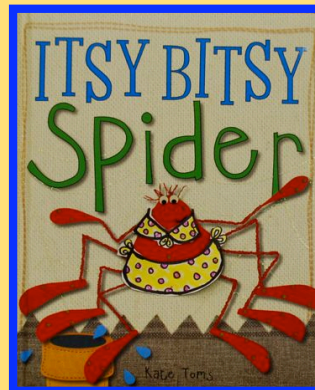
Our multi-talented mini camp counselor/woodworker/drummer/scientist Chris stepped in for Alan this week to do science. Alan is busy preparing for his bike, swim, run event on Sunday - go Alan!

This week for science, Chris helped our campers understand all about the four seasons. We had the opportunity to be the sun (a flashlight) and the earth (a balloon) and watched the seasons change as the earth rotated around the sun. You may want to try this experiment at home!



Beach Week

Beach Week at Mini Camp rolled in on a tidal wave of music, excitement, and as the Beach Boys would say, "FUN, FUN, FUN!"



Favorite Book & Song from Beach Week:

The Itsy Bitsy Spider and her "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini"

Campers prepared all week for our Friday Beach Party Extravaganza by creating seaside art projects, singing classic beach songs, and even some beachy yoga in the sand with Paula, where campers moved their bodies like ocean waves and swimming fish. Today, our Beach Party began with a splash! A live band (Bill, joined by counselors Chris and Emi and a favorite former counselor Larry) played rock and roll and Beach Boys classics as we sang and danced through the morning. After the band struck its last chord, we were transported to our favorite Oceanside resort: Mini Camp Beach-a-rama! We sailed the high seas, went fishing off the pier, and played volleyball on the sand. There was fun in the sun for everyone!



Last Day Party

At the end of each summer, we always make time to say goodbye and celebrate another exciting Mini Camp experience. **All families** are invited to the festivities! On Friday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m., we will get together to make the most of our last day. We'll share some snacks, sing some of our favorite camp songs, and watch our annual slideshow. So don't miss it!

Campers will arrive at the usual time with families returning at 11:00 a.m. for the celebration. **Camp will officially close at 12 noon on Friday, July 30th.**

Favorite Mini Camp Activities

Donna's group with Taylor, Chris, & Tori:

~Yoga with Paula

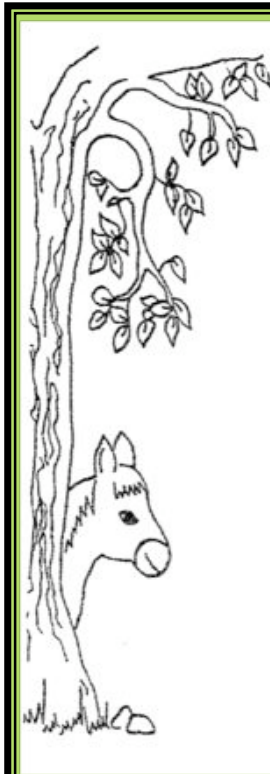
~Art projects with Taylor and Gracie

Bill's group with Emi & Gracie:

~Singing with Bill and Larry

~Science with Alan and Chris

**Special thanks to
Junior Counselors Zoe, Abby,
Dominique, & Maddy**



SAVE THE DATE!

**Mini Camp Reunion at
Far Brook School**

Sunday, November 7th
10:00 a.m.

Look for Mini Camp updates
this Fall and keep up to date
at www.minicamp.org

*Thanks for your interest in our
Mini Camp bonus week.
Unfortunately, at this time we are
unable to extend our program
beyond July 30th. We wish all of
you a great August and look
forward to seeing you next summer!*

Sing with Bill All Year Long!

Summer will soon be just a memory. Keep your child's camp experience fresh and alive with Bill's Sing-a-long CDs. You will have an opportunity to purchase them during our Last Day Party.

In addition, if you are interested in learning about Bill's singing groups and guitar lessons held throughout the school year, please contact Bill at: 973-731-8478

Special Note: Many parents have inquired about tipping. At Mini Camp it has been our policy that tipping is at the discretion of each family.