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Camp Agawak for Girls; Minocqua, WI

First Campfire

Emily Williams

Every Monday, the whole camp gathers together around the campfire to sing, listen to stories, and hear from our Campfire Girls. M.P. sang three songs for us. Everyone enjoyed his song about a boy named Sue. He also told a very scary story. A few of the songs we sang were 'I go to Agawak', 'A Finger and a Thumb', 'Agawak Girl', 'Tongo', 'Here We Are', and 'The Three Jolly Fishermen'. At the end of campfire, we hear speeches about camp from the campfire girls, one from each age division. For the first campfire the junior camper was Molly Fisher, Intermediate was Tess Ludwig, and senior was Sophie Plattner. The Junior staff member was Sam Soloway and the Senior was April Simpson. We enjoyed hearing from you girls, and congratulations!



CASINO NIGHT

By Olivia Frankel

On the second night of camp, everyone gathered in Happy Camper Hall to gamble with Agawak Dollars at Casino Night. The cabins dressed up together, some wore tutus, and others wore neon or dressed up in a different color each. The girls got to play many different games such as; blackjack, Indian poker, color wheel, heads or tails, and the shell game. There was even a raffle for Agawak Dollars! Many of the campers waited below the upper part, where the Evening program coordinators, Alexa and Lauren, were tossing money down. After cabins won money at the games, they went up to the 'banks' separated by division, to deposit their money. The campers got hungry, so staff walked around serving goldfish, pretzels, cheese, and mini tacos. When the money ran low, and the energy dropped, one last song was played, and the girls danced their way back to their cabins.

Blue and White Captains of 2013

By Emily Williams



Once the new campers were placed on their teams, they had to know who their new captains were! As a tradition, everyone went to the waterfront. The CIT's lined up facing the open water on the end of the dock. Former captains Stephanie Gutman, Emily Small, Sam Soloway and Meredith Rush waited patiently behind this year's nervous CIT's. After minutes of waiting, Danielle Bassock and Sidney Salit were pushed in on the Blue side, as Spencer Weis and Meredith Rush were pushed in for the white! Once the captains were in the water, the rest of the CIT's jumped into the water to congratulate them. Congratulations captains, and good luck to all the CIT's this year!

First Year Campers Discover Their Colors

By Emily Williams

Once we got to camp, all the new campers were wondering if they were meant to be on Blue or White. Two days into camp all the new campers were surrounded by Blue on one side of Happy Camper Hall, and White on the other. Balloons were released from the ceiling, and poured down on the girls. The new camper's names and their team color were written on it!



Social, Social, With Kawaga!

By Olivia Frankel

At Agawak, we often have socials where we meet up with an all boys camp to play music, share food, and talk. Kawaga came to us to join in our neon-themed dance party. This was a fun opportunity for the girls to see brothers, cousins, and friends who go to Kawaga. Everyone enjoyed the cookies, and then the boys hopped on the vans and went back to Kawaga!



Capture the Flag

By Emily Williams

On June 23rd all the girls from Camp Agawak were loaded on to the Lakeland buses. We were going to play capture the flag (Blue against White) at Camp Kawaga's big athletic field. On the bus ride there, everyone was calming their nerves by chanting, cheering, and playing games. We were given ten seconds to close our eyes and think about the strategy that would be used. The main strategy was to run in groups because it was hard to catch everyone in a group. The field was divided into a diagonal by orange cones. Two games were played, juniors and seniors. Each team got 1 yellow flag to protect in the spray-painted circle. In the junior game, the White team captured the flag 3 times in the allotted time! In the senior round, Blue got the flag once!



Staff Show

By Olivia Frankel

Following tradition, the first night of camp comes to an end with the Staff Show! After the first year campers toured camp with their 'big sisters' everyone went to Happy Camper Hall. The staff had prepared a story about Agawak that paralleled the Wizard of Oz. Two girls fell asleep and woke up in the Land of Agawak, where the Wizard of Agawak explained that there was no rush to go back, they were already home at camp. The counselors performed dances, songs, and funny skits. Next, Mary talked about Agawak and what to expect at camp this year. Everyone watched the staff video that was made during pre-camp and laughed at the cabin welcome-skits.



Song-O-Rama!

By Emily Williams

At Camp Agawak, we have so many fun evening programs. One night we got to make up lyrics to a song, and a dance to go with it! My cabin (7) and our CIT, Danielle, made lyrics to ‘Girlfriend’ by Avril Lavigne. Some of the performances were hilarious and others were more serious. The hardest part was only having about 30 minutes to create the lyrics and dance. Some of the older girls dressed in very funny costumes. We enjoyed watching the P.A.’s and CIT’s do their performance, the Harlem Shake.



Spelling Bee

By Olivia Frankel

On the same day that the new campers discovered what team they were on, we played the Blue and White game ‘Spelling Bee’. Spelling Bee is a silent game that is split up into six rounds. Three rounds for the juniors and three rounds for the seniors. Each girl holds one letter of the alphabet and the leader of each round has to have the girls stand up with the right letters to form the word. Whoever gets the word up and correct gets the point. The game was calm until the last round of seniors with Tori Boorstein leading for Blue and Meredith Leon leading for White. It was a very difficult, intense round and all the lifelines were used. The game was very close, but in the end the win went to the Blue team. Good job to both teams!



New Activities in 2013

By Emily Williams

This year Mary decided to add some new activities such as log rolling, geo-caching, Gaga ball, outdoor living, hippie living, and Latin Dance. Log rolling is in the water where you take small steps to move the synthetic log. Geo caching uses a GPS system to track down items around camp. Outdoor skills teaches girls how to build fires and cook outdoors. Hippie Living is an activity where girls use natural items to make lip balm and other crafts, and learn to meditate.

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