

Spruce It Up News

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Creating a fun, exciting and nurturing environment for children of all ages for 36 years!

Spruce Groups

Finches

Grasshoppers

Hawks

Iguanas

Jaguars



A Message from Your Division Leader- Dan Macionis

Dear Parents and Campers,

The last week of camp is always filled with special moments. This year was no exception for the Spruce Division. The campers participated in capture the flag, culminating our color wars and the ever popular Water Carnival. But, behind all the fun are the feelings that camp is coming to an end and a transition back into the “real world” is about to take place. I asked my groups what they would miss the most about camp and I feel their answers capture the spirit of Rambling Pines. Here are a few of their responses:

- “I’m going to miss my friends and counselors.”
- “I’m going to miss snow cones and Crazy Hair Day.”
- “Swimming was the best and I’m going to miss my swim instructors.”
- “I’m going to miss Water and Field Carnival”
- “I am going to miss everything!”
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The list of things that will be missed goes on, and the message becomes clear. The campers will miss the magic of being here. But what is also clear to me is that I will miss the magic that all of your children bring to Rambling Pines. I would like to thank all of you for a wonderful summer filled with fun and smiles! If there is anything we can do please feel free to call us and have a great school year and we look forward to seeing you again next summer.

Sincerely,

Dan Macionis
Spruce Division Leader

Keep in mind...

- ✓ Don’t forget to enroll NOW for the 2012 Camp Season Early Enrollment Special. **Send in your deposit by Aug. 31, 2011.**
- ✓ The **Lost and Found** will remain “open” until next Friday, August 26, 2011.
- ✓ **Log on to the Rambling Pines Picture and Video pages to see all the photos and videos of your camper throughout the season!**

10-Year Camper Award



Monday, August 15, 2011 was a special day for two of our campers- Peter Snyder and Timothy Hansen.

For the past 10 years, Peter and Tim have been campers here at Rambling Pines. Pretty soon, they will be Counselors-in-Training!

Peter and Tim were presented with a Rambling Pines sweatshirt, Certificate of Appreciation, and a picture of them taken their first year at camp.

Human Scavenger Hunt

On Wednesday, campers had the opportunity to earn points for their team by finding our Specialty Staff counselors that were hidden throughout the camp grounds. Once again, our campers had a great time "hunting" their favorite Specialty counselors!



2011 Rambling Pines Water Carnival

Once again, our campers and staff members enjoyed the Annual Rambling Pines Water Carnival! From the Pinecone groups to the Cubs, EVERYONE, including counselors, specialty staff, and lifeguards had a great time!



Please visit www.ramblingpines.com/pictures for Photos of Special Events Photos and Videos!

WATER CARNIVAL **Minute-To-Win It!** **Capture the Flag** **Human Scavenger Hunt**

Dancing and Singing in the Gym **Pinecone Olympic Award Ceremony**

Congratulations Ashley Bain!



Congratulations to Ashley Bain for coming in 6th at the Bronze-Level in the Solo Ice Dance Competition.

Ashley placed 6th out of 17 competitors for the Eastern Section, which qualified her to advance to the National Solo Ice Dance Championship in Colorado.

Ashley, we wish you the best of luck in Colorado!

Green vs. Gold...Capture the Flag!

The Color Games and Competition heated up on the last day up camp with a game of Capture the Flag. After the Generals for the Gold and Green teams hid their flags, the campers raced around the camp grounds trying to find the opposing team's flag and be the first one to return it to their home base. And the winner of Capture the Flag.....**The Gold Team!**



Cardboard Canoe Race

Using only cardboard, packing tape, and their ingenuity, the Grasshoppers through the Cubs created their very own canoes. To test their building skills, each group sent two campers racing across the Lap Pool and back. Most didn't make it across but ALL had a great time!

CONGRATULATIONS to the **Anglers** for winning the 2011 Rambling Pines Cardboard Canoe Race and Color Wars for the **GOLD TEAM!**



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Share Your Suggestions or Ideas!

Kim Geurds, the Special Events Coordinator, would like to thank everyone very much for supporting all the special events that were put together for the campers, their families, and staff members.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for future special events, please contact her at the email address above in the Contact Information.

In the subject of your email, please put "CAMP."

Thank You for Another Great Camp Season!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Campers,

As we write this, it is amazing to think that eight weeks of camp are behind us. The summer seemed to fly by, though the memories and friendships made will last into the school year and summers to come.

We would like to thank our staff for the job they have done making everything run smoothly and ensuring that your campers had a fun and safe summer. We would also like to extend our appreciation to all the campers and their families for their participation and confidence in us and our program. We look forward to seeing you again for another great season in 2012.

While the summer is still fresh in your mind we would love you to please fill out the online survey so we can get the feedback we need to serve you better. The survey link will be e-mailed to you and available on our website, www.ramblingpines.com. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us by phone.

Thank you again for helping us celebrate our 36th season!

Yours in Camping,
The Jordans

Teen Travel- *The Ramblers!*

Our oldest campers participate in our Teen Travel Camp. These campers spend Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week traveling to amusement parks, beaches, and other exciting attractions. A few of this year's attractions are: Tomahawk Lake Water Park, Dorney Park, Dutch Springs Aqua Park, Belmar Beach, Great Adventure, Hurricane Harbor, and Seaside Heights.

The Teen Travel Camp is a great opportunity for our older campers to participate once they are of age!

