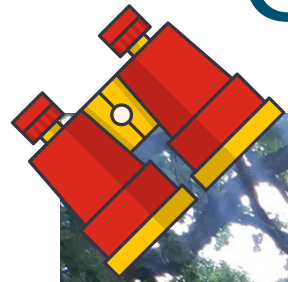


CAMP KATA KANI

Where Campers Thrive



SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY 25, 2018

Field Trip to Naper Settlement

AUGUST 1, 2018

Field Trip to JJC Planetarium

AUGUST 8, 2018

Field Trip to Pelican Harbor

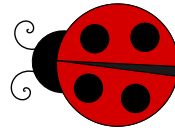
CAMP REMINDERS

Did your camper enjoy this week? There is still time to register for more sessions this summer! Camp runs through August 10th

NATURE WEEK I

This week at Camp Kata Kani, our campers explored our surroundings as we began our first week of nature camp. On Monday, we took a hike through the wooded trails and down to the trout farm. Along the way, we read the trail signs and learned about different things along the trail, like local types of birds, what ravines are, and identifying the different stages of a tree. In the afternoon, some of us made our own dream catchers, while others hiked to the Nature Center. On Tuesday, we enjoyed our favorite camper choice activities, which included fishing at the Trout Farm, archery, and going on a nature scavenger hunt. Then, on Wednesday, we headed down the road to Pelican Harbor for an afternoon of splashy fun at the water park. Thursday, we came together as a whole group for some fun camp games like Empire and I Like My Neighbor, and we learned some of the basics of orienteering. Throughout those days, we also got to make several different crafts like fish bobber key chains, leaf rubbings, and compasses, and we set up an animal tracks station where we got to see some deer tracks that were left over night. For Friday, we are looking forward to our traditional Friday activities: the cookout and Grand Council Fire, and practicing our orienteering skills in a scavenger hunt and learning about the ecosystem around us at camp. We also can't wait for next week, which will feature our field trip to Naper Settlement, as well as some new nature themed activities we've yet to explore!

Weekly Highlights



SHARE WITH US

Campers may submit artwork, writing, songs, or other work to post in the newsletter every week! Parents may share testimonials, anonymously or not, to post in the newsletter and/or on our Facebook page. Please contact Asst. Camp Director, Amanda "Betta" Held to submit, at campassist@campfireusa-illinois.org

CIT LEADERS

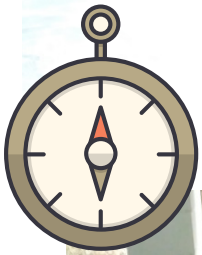
This week our CIT Leaders practiced their leadership skills by facilitating group games and discussions, and teaching rules and expectations for camp. We also learned about debriefing and practiced our reflection skills. Along the way, we discovered there are no failures, only opportunities for learning and growth.

GRAND COUNCIL FIRE

Camper families are cordially invited to attend our closing Grand Council Fire Meetings. Each week features songs, skits, and our weekly camper awards! Grand Council Fire will begin at 3 p.m. on Fridays.



Weekly Highlights



ASK THE STAFF

PARENT Q & A



Q: There are two sessions of each theme--will you be doing the same activities both of those weeks?

A: Great question! Every week offers new experiences for our campers. While there are traditional activities that remain the same weekly, like our cookouts, archery, and fishing, we will engage in new activities each week. For example, this week in our nature session, we worked on orienteering, while next week we will learn about Mexican code ciphers. Additionally, for activities, which may have been done before, such as archery, we focus on practicing and expanding our skills.



Q: We're really enjoying this summer, how can we leave a testimonial for others who might be considering Camp Kata Kani?

A: To share with others and leave your testimonial, please like us on Facebook, where you can rate your experience. You may also contact Ranger or Betta to have your testimonial included in our weekly newsletters.



Q: My camper is missing some belongings, do you have a lost and found?

A: Yes! Inside our cabin, we have a box labeled "Lost and Found." The lost and found is located on the green cubbies nearest to the director desk. If your camper is missing an item, please feel free to let us know and provide a description of its general appearance, we may have set it aside in our lost and found and not know who it belongs to!



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

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