



NUTSHELL 2011



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Everyone is a winner during the 20th Annual Merrick Woods Olympics!!!



On Wednesday, Merrick Woods' 20th annual Olympic games started. The whole camp was divided into four teams: Arizona State Sun Devils (Gold), Auburn University Tigers (Blue), East Carolina Pirates (White), and Florida State Seminoles (Red).



There was lots of team spirit and cheer as the Opening Ceremony got under way.

Merrick Woods was honored to welcome Senator Charles Fuschillo and Member of Assembly David McDonough as they carried in the Olympic torch and read the traditional, "He's Just A Little Boy," poem that symbolizes the beginning of Olympics. All of the teams were welcomed with lots of enthusiasm and excitement, and from there began three days of athletics, songs, crafts, cheers, special events, and all around fun!



Excitement and anticipation filled the air as the games began. The first event was a counselor water balloon toss and all the campers cheered on their team. The remaining three days were jam packed with many exciting and fun events, including swim races, bucket brigade, field day, scooter races, wall climb, counselor hot dog eating contest, tons of sports, and of course, the popular Apache Relay!! There was also lots of room for creativity, such as team signs, plaques, costumes, face painting, and banners.



Here's what the campers had to say about their favorite Olympic Moments:

"I like having to swim!" Haley Hepworth (G3)

"I like the scavenger hunt the most!" Gisele Cruz (G4)

"I like the songs!" Elana Cohen (Rml)

"The Apache was my favorite. I loved swimming for it!" Bryan Davies (B8)

"I can't wait for closing ceremonies!" Christian Kuil (B7)

"I really loved cheering and field day because it has a lot of fun activities and I love cheering for my friends!" Sydney Salomon (G10)

"I love the Bucket Brigade!" Rachel Dorfman (G8)



"My favorite is running the relay at the end of the Apache!" Nick Vislocky (B6)

Apache is my favorite part of Olympics because it's so exciting!" Jordan Miller (TB2)

"I liked playing football during Olympics!" Mikey Rizzo (B8)

"I have fun cheering on the Red team!" Madelyn Ferber (G7)

"I love watching the torches being lit!" Natasha Balkaran (G7)

"Watching my counselors throw water balloons was funny!" Robert Morriss (B3)

"I like finding out who wins and field day!" Haley Yegidis (G10)

"Team Gaga is my favorite!" Shawn Haber (B6)

"The lollipop hunt was my favorite!" Hannah Broxmeyer (G3)

"I love making the popsicle stick tower in ceramics!" Haylee Schwartz (G9)

"I like making the pyramid in Apache and the Tug-O-War during field day!" Julia Levy (G9)

"I liked the scooter races with my friends!" Lea Spindell (G1)



The most anticipated event of this three-day extravaganza had to have been the Closing Ceremony. All of the teams were judged on their cheers, costumes, banner, plaque, and Alma Mater. The Closing Ceremony is the time when all of the teams show off their spirit and excellent sportsmanship. Everyone should be so proud of themselves. You did an AMAZING job!

AND THE WINNERS OF THE 20th ANNUAL MERRICK WOODS OLYMPICS IS... AUBURN UNIVERSITY TIGERS (BLUE)

Congratulations to all the teams on three great days of fun and games!



Team Jersey Day

Campers and counselors had amazing team spirit on Monday wearing their favorite team jerseys!! GO TEAM!!

On Tuesday, the hips were moving as the campers showed off their AWESOME hoola hoop skills. A big high-five to all the participants and congrats to Delaney Langbairt of TG2 for winning!



Catch all of the Olympic excitement on the Web! Go to

www.merrickwoods.com

and click on the link for photos and news from camp. Use the camp



code: mwoods2011 to see photos of the exciting Olympic activities and read news about all of the Olympic happenings!

Family Fun Day is Just Around the Corner! After reading all about this Merrick Woods excitement, you must be wondering... "How can I join in on the fun?" The answer... Saturday, August 13th at Family Fun Day! Where else can you go back to your fun filled days of being a camper?

Go swimming! Play some basketball! Make beautiful arts and crafts! The choice is up to you! Follow it up with the hilarious antics of the Court Jesters and you have an afternoon of fun and frolic! We can't wait to see you there!



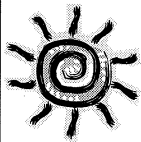
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EXPLOSION

News from the road... By The TNT Counselors

TNT had their annual 3-day extravaganza at Greenwood Trails. The campers were able to swim, hike, canoe, create beautiful arts & crafts and ride on a huge zip line and giant swing. We had a pool party and a dance party for evening entertainment. A lot of fun was had by all. Campers also played a Greenwood Trails version of Minute It To Win It, boys vs. girls. The girl team won but everyone had a ball. Each bunk performed a lip sync of their favorite song. We all sang and danced along. Upon arriving back in NY, campers went to Citi Field to see the N.Y. Mets take on the San Diego Padres. It was a beautiful day even though the Mets lost 3-2. TNT ended their fun-filled week with a trip to Catiague Park and Pool. We all swam the day away and even enjoyed a trip to "Uncle Louis G's" for ices on our way back to camp. Remember to check the Merrick Woods website for a lot of great pictures of all the fun we had this week!



The Summer Scoop

Nursery News- by Marcine



The Nursery rooms hung out their "laundry" on clotheslines with their terrific t-shirts decorated to the T's!!



How many ways can you have fun with a hoola hoop? Quite a few as the children had a blast playing new hoop games.



Congratulations to all the teams as they went for the "Gold" at Olympics!



Merrick Woods would like to congratulate the Goldstein family for being the lucky winner in the drawing for the \$1000 basketball shot to be taken this Saturday at Family Fun Day! Rebecca (TNT) & Zachary (B10) Goldstein will be by their dad's side cheering him on, while Mr. Goldstein attempts to make the big shot! Good Luck!



SWIM-A-THON

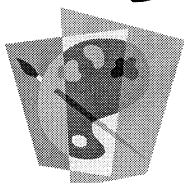
Donations are still coming in. It's not too late to donate! All proceeds go to Morry's Camp, a camp for underprivileged children in the NYC area. For more information, please feel free to contact the office.



WEEK #7 IS FUN FOR EVERYONE!

August 8th

Decathlon Begins

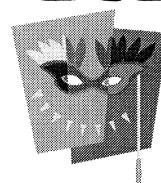


August 9th

Spin Art Day

August 10th

Tween Late Night



August 11th

Carnival

August 12th

Drama Club Presentation

