

2009 Summer Camp Weekly Highlights



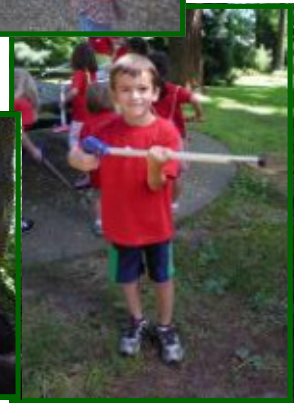
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Green Living June 22nd—26th

Recently, OGA has started working towards the status of a “Green” organization, bringing recycling bins into the gym, and working with Beaverton’s Recycle at Work program to start a Green Team. Being an influence in the lives of children, it seems only natural to include a week of camp that educates students about recycling, reuse, natural living, and the importance of keeping our open spaces in good condition.



During the week of June 22nd – 26th, OGA campers sorted garbage and recycling bins as a way to learn about which materials should go into each bin—as you can imagine, there was an abundance of “ew” and “gross!” Since that activity, the campers who participated have been more aware of what they are putting in the camp room’s garbage and recycling bins.



Other activities during the week included a game that taught the children about renewable resources, decorating their own personal recycling bins to take home—using recycled cardboard boxes of course, and learning what it takes to pack a “green” lunch.

The highlight of the week came on Friday. Following a trek up the hill from Kings Hill and SW Salmon Max Station, the campers reached the beginning of Canyon Trail. Garbage grabbers in hand, they set out on a mission to clear the trail of garbage. OGA camp coaches were surprised and amused at the excitement in the camper voices as they yelled “I found some garbage!” Abandoned dirty socks caused snickers and giggles, and many races ensued to see who could grab a piece of garbage first. After cleaning up the trail, campers enjoyed lunch at the Lewis & Clark Memorial, and took advantage of nearby playground equipment as a reward for their hard work.