

Kochavim Khronicle: Week 5

What a tutim week we've had in Kochavim! Chanichim (campers) enjoyed dancing on the migrash, climbing on the playground, unlocking their creativity using the Imagination Playground (blue blocks), continuing creative projects in omanut (arts and crafts) and keramika (ceramics), actively learning in shiur, and so much more.

Kochavimers enjoyed their first ever Maccabiah! Camp was divided into four teams representing tzafon (north), darom (south), mizrach (east), and ma'arav (west), and campers and staff showed their incredible teamwork, energy, and sportsmanship. Maccabiah concluded with a camp-wide relay race in which Kochavim campers played over-under. We finished our day with a closing tekes (ceremony) and dancing on the migrash. We are so proud of our chanichim and their amazing ruach (spirit).

This week Kochavim 2016 left a beautiful mark on camp. Smiles were widespread as our Yom Adom project was permanently hung above the archway next to the main office. Check out this picture below.



The Hebrew phrase translates, "May you be blessed when you enter and may you be blessed when you leave." This project has been part of Kochavim's tikkun olam (repairing the world) efforts. Together, Koachavim chanichim and tzevet work to beautify camp and the world around us.

Yom Shishi (Friday) was an amazing day in camp. Each tzrif (bunk) in Kochavim enjoyed a yom meyuchad (special day). Themes included Olympics, imagination, Purim, tie-dye, Star Wars, ninjas, balloons, superheroes, animals, and Avengers. It was great watching the creativity and bunk unity that shined throughout the day. As the camp day came to a close, Kochavim enjoyed our weekly Shabbat oneg (celebration). Chanichim learned all about Jewish Shabbat traditions, including the singing of Shalom Aleichem, Kiddush, and Hamotzi. We enjoyed a taste of delicious challah and grape juice just before finishing our week together on the migrash.

We have had so much fun this week and cannot wait for all the amazing programming still to come this kayitz. To those campers who are now finishing their first summer, we cannot wait to see you in your sagol (purple) Shorashim shirts on the migrash next year!

Shabbat Shalom!

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