

June 30, 2009

"We're About Families"

In Spite Of...

This week we would like to commend our campers' patience and our staff's flexibility. Despite challenges with our swimming field trips, the campers remained upbeat. The staff quickly devised a plan. First the sprinklers were turned on and then the games developed. Cautious at first, campers took turns catching blasts of cold water. Soon enough, games were invented, ones where kids ducked or jumped the spiraling water. There were few complaints, if any. A good time was had by all. -By Austin Keith

Why Do Tweens Procrastinate?

Does the word "tween" sound weird? It should not if toddler and teenager sound normal. The tween is between ages eight and twelve, and the development of preteens deserves attention.

Kids start thinking about high school well before 8th grade. The mixture of fear and excitement can be stifling and can appear to be procrastination from the outside. Gina Roberts, from *Parenting* magazine, provides some insight for helping your tween adjust to this awkward phase. (Continued on page 4)...

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Kingsley Jokes of the week.

Q: What did the spider do on the computer?

A: Made a website!

Q: Why was the computer cold?

A: It left its windows open!

Q: What did the baby computer call his father?

A: Data!

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Camp Voices

Where leaders, instructors, and campers come together.

Mr. Guy- "The younger campers are starting to understand the importance of typing correctly and the older campers are enjoying learning HTML."

Mr. Guy helping students in his computer class.



Tina Webster- "Camp is awesome and we have a lot of fun."

This section of the Newsletter will allow the young campers and staff share their daily experience.

Mr. Jamal- "Congratulations to all of the boys for doing so well on their in-class assignments this week. Please keep up the good work."

Keith Walker- "I'm from Louisiana and my first day of camp was awesome".

Jailyn Penn & Imaya Gibbs- " In Art class we mixed up colors to make other colors and we loved having a splash when we made a waterslide."

Ms. Tonya's 7-8 boys in dance class.



Ms. Tonya and Mr. Ventrus- " Great Job Blue Thunder on having a great week. Keep showing the camp how strong and respectful we are !!!!"

Alaina Harrison- " I like English and Math the most because we play games like heartbeat."

Ms. Anna- "The 504 Girls would like to welcome Camron Alexis and Kyla Stewart to our group. The two participants started camp this Monday June 22, 2009. Welcome! Welcome!"



Ms. Rachel's creative arts class.

Field Trips and Activities

Past:

Tuesday 6/23 Latter Library (Aqua Van)

Friday 6/26 Clown Show in the gym

Monday 6/29 Airline Skate Center

Birthdays

Willie Ambeau- 6/23

Ariana & Briana Boudreaux- 6/8

Jada Byrd- 6/9

Aaliyah Coleman- 6/16

Clydia Colston Dean- 6/15

Kenyall Marsh- 6/18

Kentrell Murdock 6/11

Jordan Wallace- 6/19

Asia Saunders- 6/9

Staff Members:

Ms. Etyria- 6/2

Mr. Willie- 6/27

Ms. Anna- 6/29

Upcoming:

Wednesday 7/1 Water Day Activities

Thursday 7/2 Hurricane Preparation

Friday 7/3 Camp closed for 4th of July



Reformed Men of
Judaism Clown Show
on 06/26

I Am ...



From Left: Bruce Carter, Iben Mason, Gabrielle Davis, and Jonea Anderson.

Respectful- "Respect each other, no fighting, getting along. One time there was a hot day and me an my family went on vacation and my brother tried to fight me over a toy and I said, 'Let's try to be respectful.' And he said, 'okay, sorry for fighting.' The end." - Iben Mason

Responsible- "It means to keep up with your stuff no matter what it is. Even if you're at a store you still have to be responsible. When your mom walks away down the aisle, be responsible and watch the basket and the groceries because you might have stuff that other people need." - Bruce Carter

Reasonable- "Like when somebody is talking, you should listen or then you don't know what the directions are." - Gabrielle Davis

Role model- "If you're young, you can still be a role model to a baby to teach him how to do something. And if you're older you can still teach a 5 year old how to talk. I feel happy teaching children how to be safe and responsible." - Jonea Anderson

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Kingsley House is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Southeast Louisiana by collaboratively working with others to build a comprehensive system of services and resources that meet the needs of our recovering community.

We would like to thank the following organizations for their support of our summer program:

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Parent Corner Cont.,

1. Your tween is distracted. Are you frustrated by telling them the same thing over and over again? Tweens are trying to become adults, and their plan is to grow with other tweens. Instead of listening to you, they're listening to their friends. However, you can use socialization as a reward for following directions.

2. Your tween is overwhelmed. Making grades, playing sports, and keeping a room clean can seem like a big project. Help them by "chunking" chores into smaller tasks with simple steps. For example, cleaning the bedroom could start with, "Clean your desk." Next, "Organize your shoes."

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3. Your tween fears failure. If they make mistakes, they feel less self-sufficient, while they imagine that adults never make mistakes. Reassure them that making mistakes is a part of life, and their room needs to be neat, not spotless.

4. Your tween lacks motivation. With constant positive reinforcement, they'll find energy to complete tasks. These incentives don't need to be expensive. It could be as simple as an extra half hour of phone time.

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