

Kochavim Khronickle: Week 7

What a tutim week we've had in Kochavim. As the final week of camp comes to a close, it is hard to believe that Kayitz 2016 will end in just a few days. Kochavimers have danced, played sports, learned, and had fun every day throughout this summer.

On Wednesday this week, Kochavim chanichim and madrichim alike came to camp dressed as animals and in safari gear. Yom Safari was truly spectacular! We opened our day with a challenging and exciting hike on the brand new Shvil Ramah hiking trail. As Kochavim journeyed together, we learned all about the journeys of Avraham Avinu, our forefather Abraham. Like Avraham, Kochavimers were motivated to exercise their minds and bodies and keep moving forward. Yom Safari continued with an animal exploration activity and an exciting Noah's ark play. Throughout the day we enjoyed learning more about teva (nature) and the world around us.

Kochavim kef continued on Thursday with our second session Yom Tiyul (trip day). Chanichim had an amazing time at the Hudson River Museum learning all about space and the planets of our solar system. The trip began with an exciting planetarium show featuring a visit to the moon, sun, and a guide to finding constellations in the night sky. We continued with two fun projects: creative planet design and stomp rocket fun.

Back at camp, Kochavimers have been enjoying keramika (ceramics). It's never too early to start preparing for the chagim (holidays) of the fall! Chanichim have chosen unique designs and colors to make their own special dishes for the tapuchim u'dvash (apples and honey), which they cannot wait to use when the new Jewish year begins in a few weeks.

We cannot believe that the summer is coming to a close. The past seven weeks have been remarkable and both chanichim and tzevet members are ending camp with countless incredible stories. We look forward to Festivale and to our first-ever Kochavim graduation on Tuesday. We cannot wait to see your children on the migrash next summer wearing their Shorashim sagol (purple) shirts.

Shabbat Shalom!

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