

Oak Tree Times



All the news that's fit for camp...

Welcome Letter from Kippy



Welcome new and returning campers and for another summer at Creative Arts at Park! This year, 2018, will be the 37th year our program has been around to organize and support a summer of fun, learning and creativity. I know that for me (and this goes for many of the returning staff and campers as well) CAAP really feels like our home away from home. We can't wait each winter for another year to pass and for camp to start again.

To all of the new faces, here for the very first time, we know that sometimes CAAP can seem overwhelming at first. However, I want to assure you that once you get past all of the initial fears and worries, you're in for an amazing summer!

The counselors, CITs, Pam and I have worked and prepared an awesome bunch of classes. There are tons of non-stop fun and activities for you to watch, experience, and enjoy. Don't be afraid to ask questions if you're confused or if you need some help or advice. Whether you're a returning camper or someone brand new to CAAP, we strive for everyone to be having a great time. There are plenty of friendly faces and helping hands in our community. That is part of the CAAP spirit every single summer.

Again, I wish everyone a very warm welcome and beginning to our summer together and I'm looking forward to the many memories we will make and fantastic experiences we will share.

Xoxo
Kippy

Camper Articles ONLINE tomorrow!!!

The Lonely Planet Travel Guidebook to CAAP

CAAP is a wonderful place to vacation, but only in-season. Off season, CAAP turns into an actual school with actual classes and actual teachers called Park School. Nobody wants more school during summer. But if you come at the right time - June 25th through July 27th - CAAP is a great place to chill, see some sights, and have some gastronomic adventures. Here are Lonely Planet's insider tips for a great CAAP summer:

- All the music rock rooms have been demolished, so to jam out go the the 4th floor for new music rooms.
- Avoid the giant chain link fence that is cutting the carpool lane to half its size. In fact, you may just want to avoid carpool all together this year.
- The bathrooms on the 3rd floor are clean and great for changing in and out of swimsuits.
- Some folks consider the food truck pizza to be pizza, and love it. Other folks think that is actually cardboard. Its kinda like how some people think Cilantro is yummy and others think it is actually soap.
- Things that are wild and wooly are in fact both wild and extremely wooly so proceed with caution!

By Ben Mayer

Tag

Notable Alumni

Hi, my name is Julian Rodriguez. I am eleven years old. I was tagged by Nathaniel Rooney. This is my 3rd fantastic year here at CAAP. I go to the Joseph J. Hurley school located in the south end of Boston. I only have one 14 year old sister. She is going into her freshman year in high school. I love to play baseball, sing, do visual arts and energetic activities. My classes at CAAP are Jazz 1, Swimming P.2, Pop singing, Basketball and Rebel Rockers. All of which I love. Finally, I am going to tag my sister Natalia Soledad Rodriguez.

CAAP WELCOMES DIANA!

As a newcomer, I feel welcomed with open arms. I feel very much appreciated for joining the camp staff and I haven't taught classes yet. I wasn't sure what to expect for orientation other than meeting new people. I don't often work camps or teach children so this will be something different for me. No more sitting behind a desk and doing tedious work. No more feeling bored and having too much or not enough work. This summer, I step away from the desk and head back to the gym. I hope I can still do a split! I used to be a competitive gymnast. I even earned a scholarship at a university. About three years ago I graduated college and along with that I retired from gymnastics. There have been great moments, not so good moment, and moments I won't forget. Gymnastics has been a huge part of my life and it's something I can't forget. It has made me the person I am today. Not sure if that's a good thing, lol. But gymnastics is a great sport that any kid can learn as long as they have the motivation. You can't do much without motivation.

Howdy doo!

My name is Cat - like the animal. I am so excited to be at CAAP this summer. I used to be a camper here too. That was a long time ago...like 10+ years. I am that one counselor that looks like she might be a CIT - or even a camper. This is my way of saying that I look almost embarrassingly young. I am mostly in the art department and I love all things food related! Please come up and say "Hi" at any time! I'm always happy to strike up a conversation and share a hug. P.S. Everyone here is completely bananas...



This is my first year teaching at CAAP. Intrigued, amazed, and scared are a few words to describe how I am feeling. Over the course of orientation, I have had the great pleasure to speak with various staff members so many of whom are also notable CAAP alumni. During lunch I had the pleasure of meeting Kevin Smith. "If you think you will be here for just one year, think again, ten years goes by like this!" Kevin Smith head of the sports department explained. You see that kid, Smith pointed to counselor, Emmanuel "Manny" Perlovsky, "I knew him when he was this big. I have watched a lot of these kids grow up!" When Smith was ready to have children of his own, people asked him if he was worried about the state of the world. Smith, a sports enthusiast, improv instructor and original Freelance Player (1974) was not phased one bit. Smith shared, the nature and character of the children he worked with during his early years at CAPP was inspiring. "Before you know it you will asking yourself where the time went!" Smith said.

By Suzanne Cort- Albrez

Noontime Show Review

Hello fellow CAAP-tains, today was the counselors Noon Time Show so let's get right into it! We first started off with Pop Singing with arousing rendition of Jeremiah was a Bullfrog with a beautiful Kazoo interlude by Cissa and Mica. Next we moved on to KARATE! The jump kicks and sparing were truly exceptional. Art made inspirational hats to get everyone excited for crazy hat day coming up later this summer. Improv Insanity played some amusing games and Pell recreated 'How much wood could a wood chuck chuck' in Latin. Hip Hop did a routine to Boys to Men a real flashback to 1991 and there were even some of those fancy dance moves. Costumes designed some amazing T-shirts and we also found out how helpful the costume staff was. Video Comedy introduced us to some new dances that we will hopefully see soon on Fortnite. Musical Theatre did a fantastic job dancing to "I Got You" from the musical Bring it On. That's all folks!

