

GREEN VALLEY Y SUMMER CAMP NEWSLETTER

Week 4: July 9-13, 2018

Welcome to Green Valley Y Camps at Urbana Middle School! This is a unique location for us and we are grateful to FCPS for allowing us to utilize their facilities to serve the Southern Frederick community until our new branch opens in the coming years! Please DO NOT drop your camper off at the front doors of the school or enter the front part of the building as they are in no way responsible or involved in our camps beyond allowing us to use some space. You will bring your camper to the back side of the building. Look for signs directing you to the drop off location.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Camp Director: **Mr. Jennie, Ms. Kim and Ms. Riley**

Welcome to Community Connections where we will brainstorm ideas as a group on how we can impact our world in positive ways via random acts of kindness, to caring for our environment in little and big ways, how we can address major issues important to our young teens from hunger to world peace to the environment and even healthy living. They have come up with some great ideas. We will be painting rocks of inspiration to place around the community, organizing a food drive, having trash pickup competitions throughout the weeks, helping with school beautification, working with a local conservation group, creating skits about important community topics and visiting the home of the Eternal Flame at Arlington to learn more about what we can do for our country. One of our very own campers came up with the idea and it's simply brilliant! Also, as a heads up, I do allow them to use their phones to research topics that they are working on in group. I encourage you to be sure to check their phones. We are monitoring them closely but know that kids will be kids. If you are not comfortable with this, please let me know. It's not an issue. Here is a breakdown of our week:

Monday: Group work, Making inspirational rocks, Trash Collection Competition

Tuesday: We leave at 9:30am to visit Scott Key Center to find out what they do to serve our community as well as work with StreamLink on a conservation project followed by a trip to Baker Park Pool. Bring your suits and towels with sunscreen.

Wednesday: Work on our projects in teams, have a visit from some local teens that have raised almost \$30,000 just last year for pediatric cancer research at the local high school to find out what is involved in such a project and how we might be able to execute a similar idea, work on our school beautification project with the maintenance staff at the school as well as make them lunch.

Thursday: Work on our group projects, collect food from the home in the Villages of Urbana on our way to visit the library to put inspirational quotes on sticky notes to hide in random books, and complete another trash collection challenge

Friday: We leave at 9:30am to visit the Eternal Flame at Arlington Cemetery and depending on time, may visit the Lincoln Memorial and Capitol Steps as they are

traditional spots for marches for various movements. We will not be discussing anything controversial but will review the "I Dream" speech by MLK as a way to help campers understand that Community Connections can be as simple as making someone's day when they find a rock with a happy face to something as grand as the I Dream speech.

Environmental Activism

Camp Director: Ms. Kim

What a wonderful world we live in! Ms. Kim is a Science teacher at UMS and passionate about the world we live in and is excited to share it with our campers! She has already introduced them to water testing and more! The group will be leaving at 9:30am on Tuesday to visit Baker Park and Carroll Creek for more science experiments as well as to feed the all important ducks! They will be back around 3:30pm. On Wednesday, they will head to Baker Park pool around 11:45am after doing some additional activities in the morning. Be sure to bring your swim suit, sunscreen and towel for fun in the water. Baker Park does require a swim test to help insure safety for our campers. Thursday is a day back at UMS for activities. On Friday they head into Washington DC to visit the Koshland Science Museum.

IMAGINATION STATION

Camp Director: **Ms. Maggie and Ms. Abby**

What a great week full of stimulating activities Ms. Maggie has planned. She has many art inspired plans that capitalize on small and gross motor skills! They had already begun putting together a portfolio to share with you at the end of the week! This group will go to Baker Park Pool on Wednesday at 11:45am. Be sure to bring your swim suit, sunscreen, and towel. They will return around 3:30pm. On Friday, they head out to Downtown Frederick to create magic at I Made This! We can't wait to see what they create!

YMCA CAMP STAFF DIRECTORY

Tyler Nicely, Program Coordinator.....tnicely@frederickymca.org

Kim Csulak, Camp Coordinator.....kcsulak@frederickymca.org

Jennie Coppit, Executive Director.....jcoppit@frederickymca.org

Green Valley Y, Front Desk.....301-607-6900

