Camp Themes & Activity Ideas - Summer 2019

Week 1: June 10th-14th

Theme:

Under the Sea

Craft:

- Name Tag Kit - kit provided
- Sea Shell Sun catchers - kit provided

Activities:

- Decorate your site for parent/camper night and the first day, get your boards and markers set up, display the camp banner!
- Play get to know you games and ice breakers
- Ask the campers to write themselves a letter to read at the end of the summer. Ask them what their goals are for their summer. Let them share some of their goals with a friend or the group (only if they want to).
- Find a friend Bingo
- As a group, create a set of camp rules and go over them together. Let the campers contribute to what they think the rules should be. It’ll help them take ownership of their camp!
- Vote on a camp mascot and have the kids draw it. It could be silly, real life, made up, whatever! Display their artwork for parents and campers to see.

Field Trip:

- Tuesday, June 11th: Bell’s Crossing & Greenbrier at Simpsonville Imax (movie TBD)
- Wednesday, June 12th: Taylors at Cherrydale movies (movie TBD)

Water Park Trips:

- Friday, June 14th: Bell’s Crossing at 7th Inning
- Friday, June 14th: Greenbrier at Discovery Island
- Friday, June 14th: Taylors at Otter Creek
Week 2: June 17th-21st

Theme:

**MAD SCIENTIST WEEK**

Crafts:
- Color your own Rocket- kit provided
- Make Borax Bouncy Balls

Activities:
- Make ice cream in plastic bags!
- Make this easy marshmallow catapult! Then use your marshmallow for the next activity.
- Design your own solar oven and then make some s’mores!
- Challenge your campers to create the tallest STEM spaghetti tower.
- Balloon rocket races!
- Make Slime. So much slime. So many variations of slime. Glow in the Dark, Galaxy Slime, Neon, Tie Dye, etc. Make sure you give each camper a bag with their names on it though 😊
- Do an egg drop with your campers! Challenge them to think creatively to protect their egg.

Field Trip:
- Monday June 17th Bell’s Crossing skating at Golden Park (time TBD)
- Tuesday June 18th Taylors skating at Roller Sports (time TBD)
- Wednesday June 19th Greenbrier skating at Golden Park (time TBD)

Water Park Trips:
- Friday, June 21st: Bell’s Crossing at Discovery Island
- Friday, June 21st: Greenbrier at 7th Inning
- Friday, June 21st: Taylors at 7th Inning
Week 3: June 24th -28th

Theme:

SURVIVOR

Craft:

- Create a tribe buff for each kid- kits provided

Activities:

- Gross eating challenge! Blindfold each camper with their own buff and have them eat edible gummy bugs, cold spaghetti, sour gummy bears, etc.
- Create an obstacle course around camp. Have each tribe compete for time
- Create a large puzzle or riddle and let the tribes try to complete it for points
- Have a scavenger hunt to find an immunity idol. Immunity idol is worth extra points for the tribe
- Tug of war game! Counselors join in!

Field Trip:

- Tuesday, June 25th- 2pm-4pm: Bell’s Crossing, Greenbrier, & Taylors at Gravitopia

Guest Speakers:

- Greenville Library
  - Monday, June 24th at Bells Crossing at 1pm
  - Wednesday, June 26th at Taylors at 1pm
  - Thursday, June 27th at Greenbrier at 1pm

Water Park Trips:

- Friday, June 28th: Bell’s Crossing at 7th Inning
- Friday, June 28th: Greenbrier at Discovery Island
- Friday, June 28th: Taylors at Otter Creek
Week 4: July 1st-5th (no camp on 7/4 and 7/5)

Theme:

Holiday Hoopla

Craft: Patriotic Proud Color Me Puzzle- kit provided

Activities:

• Host a backyard picnic! Ask parents to donate snacks and drinks for your picnic. You can have hotdogs and cook them in a crockpot or warming pan!
• Beat the Heat and cool off with some water games
• Have a corn hole tournament
• Exchange the piñata for a water balloon and give the campers a chance to cool off

Water Park Trips:

• Monday, July 1st: Bell’s Crossing at 7th Inning
• Monday, July 1st: Greenbrier at 7th Inning
• Tuesday, July 2nd: Taylors at 7th Inning

NO CAMP ON 4th AND 5th OF JULY. Enjoy your holiday 😊
Week 5: July 8th- July 12th

Theme:

**Spirit Week**

Craft: Color-Me Backpacks (kit provided)

Activities:

- Monday- Wacky Tacky Day: Wear your craziest and wackiest outfit to camp
- Tuesday- Pajama Day: PJ PARTY! Wear your favorite appropriate PJs to camp
- Wednesday- Superhero Day: Dress as your favorite superhero. This could be made up or a real superhero
- Thursday- Crazy Hair Day: Make your hair as crazy as can be. The wackier the better!
- Friday- Twin Day: Find a friend and plan your twin outfit. Remember, twins can be sets of 2, 3, 4, etc! Encourage campers to invite others to be part of their twin groups. Everyone should have a twin. Counselors are encouraged to participate.

Field Trip:

- Tuesday, July 9th: Bells Crossing at Kangaroo Jaxs 10am-2pm
- Wednesday, July 10th: Greenbrier at Kangaroo Jaxs 10am-2pm
- Thursday, July 11th: Greenbrier at Kangaroo Jaxs 10am-2pm

Guest Speaker:

- Greenville Library
  - Monday, July 8th at Bell’s Crossing at 1pm
  - Wednesday, July 10th at Taylors at 1pm
  - Thursday, July 11th at Greenbrier at 1pm

Water Park Trips:

- Friday, July 12th: Bell’s Crossing at Discovery Island
- Friday, July 12th: Greenbrier at 7th Inning
- Friday, July 12th: Taylors at Otter Creek
**Week 6: July 15\textsuperscript{th} - July 19\textsuperscript{th}**

**Theme:**

**Nature Unleashed**

**Craft:** Grass Hair Planters Craft- Kit provided

**Activities:**

- Nature Scavenger Hunt
- Create a pet rock: take your kids on a rock hunting adventure and let them gather a single rock to paint and turn into their own personal pet. Encourage them to be creative by painting funny faces or animals on them! Give your pet rock a name and a story.
- Make a nature wind catcher
- Make a leaf print mandalas. Beautiful mandalas made of leave in colored paints
- Make a sun catcher from nature. It’s a great craft to do with all ages and very simple

**Field Trip:**

- Wednesday July 17\textsuperscript{th}: Bells Crossing, Northside, and Southside Camp at Conestee Camp

**Guest Speakers:**

- **Litter Prevention**
  - Monday, July 15\textsuperscript{th} at Taylors at 10am
  - Tuesday, July 16\textsuperscript{th} at Greenbrier at 10am
  - Wednesday, July 17\textsuperscript{th} at Bells Crossing at 10am
- **Wildlife Geeks:**
  - July 16\textsuperscript{th} at Bells Crossing (10-12) & Greenbrier (1-3)
  - July 18\textsuperscript{th} at Taylors Elementary (10-12)

**Water Park Trips:**

- Friday, June 19\textsuperscript{th}: Bells Crossing at 7\textsuperscript{th} Inning
- Friday, June 19\textsuperscript{th}: Greenbrier at Otter Creek
- Friday, June 19\textsuperscript{th}: Taylors at Discovery Island
Week 7: July 22nd - July 26th

Theme:

Craft: Color your own Fish Water Globe- kit included

Activities:

- Slip and slide all day!
- Baby pool kickball. Same as regular kick ball, but instead have the bases be little baby pools. Perfect for cooling down on a hot day.
- Water games! Any way to beat the heat is the best way to spend your time. Have the campers break up into groups. Rotate them through different stations of water games!
- If it starts raining do some watercolor painting
- Have a water balloon fight!

Field Trip:

- Tuesday July 23rd: Bell’s Crossing & Greenbrier at Pavilion from 9-4
- Thursday July 25th: Taylors at Pavilion from 9-4

Water Park Trips:

- Friday, July 26th: Bells Crossing at 7th Inning
- Friday, July 26th: Greenbrier at Otter Creek
- Friday, July 26th: Taylors at Discovery Island
**Week 8: July 29th – August 2nd**

**Theme:**

**Summer Olympics**

**Craft:** Color me banner- kit provided

**Activities:**

- Have everyone contribute to create your field day banner
- Break up into teams and host a corn hole tournament
- Play a game of ultimate Frisbee
- Challenge a friend to a game of giant jenga
- Work on your camp dance or song. Everyone should participate but not everyone has to dance or sing if they don’t want to. Let someone be in charge of music, be the photographer, the MC, etc. Practice for our field day presentation!

**Field Trip:**

- Monday July 29th: Taylors at Wade Hampton Bowling (time TBD)
- Wednesday July 31st: Bell’s Crossing Bowling at Golden Park (time TBD)
- Thursday August 1st: Greenbrier Bowling at Golden Park (time TBD)

**Friday, August 2nd: Field Day!**

All camps will go to 7th Inning Splash for Field Day and Visiting the Waterpark afterwards
Week 9: August 5th - 9th

Theme:

Until Next Summer!

Craft: Back to School Bus Picture Frame Magnet - kit provided

Activities:

- Read the letters you wrote on the first week of camp
- Make friendship bracelets
- Do paper plate awards for all the kids
- Have campers create a vision board/ collage for the upcoming school year
- Make a time capsule to be opened next summer.

Field Trip:

- Tuesday August 6th: Bell’s Crossing & Greenbrier at Imax
- Wednesday August 7th: Taylors at Cherrydale movies

Water Park Trips:

- Friday, August 9th: Bell’s Crossing at Otter Creek
- Friday, August 9th: Greenbrier at Discovery Island
- Friday, August 9th: Taylors at Otter Creek