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Second Place

Summer Recreation Camp

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Have you ever been sprayed by a fire truck's hose? Do you enjoy outdoor games? Does drawing or crafting call your name? If any of these things sound like fun activities, the Franklin Township Summer Recreation Program is the thing for you.

Summer Recreation is all about playing fun games. The children go outside and play all kinds of sports. Some of the many different games we play are dodge ball, baseball, soccer, football, tag, kickball, and even free playground time. Sometimes competition games are played. For example, groups of students play basketball against the friendly and outgoing counselors. When you are in eighth grade or high school, you can apply to be a counselor. Counselors make camp fun because they are entertaining and they goof around a lot; you are never bored with them.

You also have arts and crafts. We draw our school and all kinds of amusing cartoon characters. We make jewelry, including bracelets and necklaces, and give them to our friends. We make masks with customized paper plates. We sometimes scare each other with the masks. I love that time because arts and crafts is indoors, and it's the only time we get air conditioning.

The best is yet to come. This is my all-time favorite part of summer recreation. It is called "Theme Week." During Theme Week, we have Water Day. A fire truck comes and sprays you like crazy with the hose. They put the lights and sirens on. The next day we go to the roller rink. We skate around, talk to our friends, and dance. The day after the roller rink there's Airplane Day. A guy and his son come and fly remote control planes. Sometimes they even purposely crash. I guess this shouldn't really be funny, but we all laugh anyway. Then there's Sports Day. The counselors divide us up into three groups. Then you pick a team name and wear a color that the team votes on. You compete with your friends. There is a first place ribbon, a second place ribbon, and a third place ribbon. Everybody gets a ribbon. It is one of the best weeks in summer camp!

In conclusion, I think the Summer Recreation Camp is the best active camp for anybody from kindergarten through eighth grade! It's one of the best camps in Franklin Township. If you go, you are sure to have the thrill of a lifetime!