



Preserving Franklin Township's Rich History & Rural Character

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First Place

Community Summer Fun

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Fun, fun, fun in the sun, sun, sun! Franklin Township's Summer Recreation Camp is an awesome and exciting event in Franklin Township. I like it the best out of all the fun events in our rural and agricultural community for many reasons. The camp runs for two weeks and my favorite week is Spirit Week. Spirit Week is based on daily themes, and among my favorite themes are Water Day, Olympic Day, and Rock Star Day. There are lots more, but these are the top three that I enjoy most of all.

Water Day is when you bring your towel and bathing suit to camp. We have our regular schedule, but at the end of the day, a fire truck arrives with sirens blaring and lights flashing as they bring out the hose, and there is a build-up of an air of excitement and anticipation. Everyone has a blast while water is flying everywhere. As children are sliding in the mud, giggles echo across the field. Eventually all the counselors are tackled and dragged into the water. Everyone laughs and has fun with their friends and counselors. Involvement in this wild event promises a good time.

Olympic Day is when we do numerous, fun activities. The activities are geared to ability levels based on specific grade levels. We split up into teams and we brainstorm and vote on team names. There are usually three teams for Olympic Day. Some of my favorite activities are partnering up and racing while holding marshmallows cheek to cheek, popping balloons, running between cones, and scooter racing. At the end, we get popsicles as a reward for good sportsmanship.

Lastly, we have Rock Star Day. Rock Star Day is when you dress up like your favorite singer. People come in with crazy hair, dresses, makeup, and amazing costumes. You can be any singer you choose to be. Imagine seeing Michael Jackson, Taylor Swift, The Beatles, Justin Timberlake, and Johnny Cash all at the same time. It's really interesting to see what people dress up as. What is really great is the fact that every year it is different. Never a dull moment at Summer Recreation Camp!

Personally, I like Franklin Township's Recreation Camp the best because you can make new friends, it involves teamwork, and you always have fun. Mrs. Hyland runs this mind-blowing event every year. I can't wait to see what she has in store for us this summer!