

Week 1: We believe in Magic!

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The first week has already flown by and we are ecstatic with all the new friends we have made at Almost Anything Goes! We celebrated welcome week with our theme “Do you believe in Magic?” by creating magical monster masks and sharing their magical powers with the rest of the camp. We had monsters who could fly, fight, and some that were just furry. I’m blown away with all the artistic minds in our AAG group! For our imaginative gamers, we had a video game truck join us at camp. All the campers were excited to show off their gaming skills with Mario cart and Just Dance. On Wednesday, we had a visit from a professional magician who showed us the true meaning of magic. His card tricks and mind reading skills truly had me believing in magic!



I have been impressed with many of the campers taking charge and leading a few of our games and activities at camp this week. We have competed in camp wide games such as Wall Ball, Cat and Mouse, Hospital Tag, and Skokie that have all been led by a few of our leader campers. I am in love with their enthusiasm in sharing their ideas with the fellow campers. We are quickly building a close team here at AAG and I am excited to see how the campers grow throughout the summer.



Next Week: We will be challenged with the “**Summer Olympics**”. Monday, each group will make their own country flag and torch to present in our opening ceremony. Wednesday, we will have a water day to take on our Olympic water sports. Thursday, we will have an open field Olympic day with a variety of team and individual competitions. At the beach on Friday, we will complete our Olympic games with a volleyball match, sand castle competition, and closing ceremony.

We will have our first field trip next Tuesday to **Blast Zone & Pinstripes!** I believe a pizza lunch will be provided at Pinstripes. Please pack a lunch for your campers with special diets. If your camper is currently signed up for AM/PM only, they need to plan on spending every Tuesday (9am-3pm) with us or choose to stay home for the day. Our bus will leave about 9:15 am and return at 3 pm. Please call me to tell me if your child will not be attending on field trip days so we can plan accordingly. We will also have additional staff members on Tuesdays to help our current counselors. Please help our entire staff to keep your campers visible and safe by sending them in their **red camp T-shirt on Tuesdays**. If your camper has not received a t-shirt, please let me know by Monday and I will send one home with them.

Other reminders:

- Wednesdays- we will have water days at camp unless otherwise noted on the calendar.
- Fridays- we will be at Tower Beach all day. Please pick up/drop off at this location. If your camper attends Adventures in Learning, we will have staff to ride with them on a bus shuttle to the beach at 12 pm. Please call the **Weather Hotline** at **847-446-0080** if severe weather conditions occur to determine where camp will be held.
- **All electronics are not allowed at camp!** I understand that cell phones are helpful for emergency situations. However, they have become a distraction for most of the campers and interfere with their experience. I have a phone on me at all times that the campers may use for an emergency. We have all their emergency phone numbers on file as well in case they do not know them.
- I have done my best to honor all parents' requests for placing their camper in their desired camp group. However, I did not receive friendship requests for these last minute requests. If your camper is unhappy with their current group, remind them that they will not be limited to this group all summer. There will be constant opportunities for them to interact with other campers and they should embrace this time to make new friends and experiences. To guarantee that they are placed with a designated camper next year, each parent needs to fill out a friendship request with camp registration.
- To make the pick-up process run more smoothly, please create a sign with your camper's last name and place it in your window. The parking lot at Skokie and Tower are small so this will limit confusion and waiting time for staff and parents.

We are excited that more campers are joining us at camp every day! With our growing numbers, I am asking all generous parents to donate supplies to make the campers' experience continuously exceptional. We are in need of hand sanitizer, tissues, tape, and Ziploc bags. To help challenge your campers' math skills this summer, we would love to have decks of cards on hand for rainy days. These are items that the campers have expressed they have at home and asked if they could bring to camp. Please feel welcome to donate anything to our campers to enhance their summer experience.

I look forward to another week at AAG and can't wait for the new memories to come. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at Hannah.jahns@gmail.com or call my director line at **847-770-0820**.

Thank you,

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