



# SUMMER SNAPSHOT

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## A Farewell to Summer 2024

Camp - the 38 best days of summer! However, the last day of camp is bittersweet for the campers and for the staff. We celebrate weeks of fun and friendship, but we are sorry to say good-bye to old friends and new friends we've just met.

As is our camp tradition, campers from all groups came together for special event days. On a particularly hot day, we enjoyed the H2O-lympics with a variety of water games. Field Day featured games on the fields and in the gyms. The Arts Festival and Sports Showcase featured all things baseball. The "home team" Rubber Ducks challenged the Roland Park Streamers to a 4-inning game, culminating with a counselor condiment race. Campers cheered as Relish (Intermediate 5's Head Counselor Ryan) won! On Carnival Day, campers were excited for the opportunity to dunk their favorite counselors in the Dunk Tank and to scavenger hunt for hidden rubber ducks. Our final event was the annual Cardboard Boat Regatta, and once again we were amazed with the sailing vessels made with cardboard, plastic sheeting, and lots and lots of duct tape!

The swim staff proudly reports that they have issued 200 Learn-to-Swim Cards to our campers! Our nurses compassionately cared for campers and staff, and our food service team prepared more than 200 lunches every day.

We fully embrace the American Camp Association's mission of Building Communities of Belonging. On the first day of camp in June, campers participated in our "Cans for Campers" food drive. On July 17, we joined camps across the country celebrating Camp Kindness Day by donating and delivering more than 275 food items to a local food pantry. Each day as I walk around campus observing camp groups, I witness intentional acts of kindness and friendship among campers and staff. Camp is for the campers, and what a wonderful group of campers we had this year! I want to personally thank our staff members for their work and dedication to making camp fun and safe. I also thank you, parents, for choosing Summer at Friends.

Today marks the end of our 64th camp season. Planning for camp 2025 has already begun and, as the camp song says, "We'll meet again next Summer at Friends!"

Sincerely,

Sue Cusick, *Summer Programs Coordinator*





## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer seems to go by so fast. It is, at times, a grueling marathon for the staff. But each year when we pause to look back, I'm amazed at everything we squeeze into 38 days. I'm proud of our counselors, lifeguards, nurses, and teachers, each of whom add a little something special to the camp day. I hope that every camper left camp with a new skill or a new friend. Maybe both! We gathered on the last day for our Closing Ceremony to celebrate many things - our winners from the cardboard regatta, our age out campers, our color rush winners, and our Spirit of Summer at Friends winners! I'm so grateful for this community, and the friendships, new skills, and positive memories we share each summer!

- STEVE CUSICK



2017 SPORTS CAMP

2018 ROBOTS & ROCKETS

2019 JUNIOR CAMP

2021 INTERMEDIATE  
GROUP 1

2022 INTERMEDIATE  
GROUP 5

2023 IMAGINATION ALIVE

2024 Senior Camp

### The Spirit of Summer at Friends Award

is presented annually at the *Camp Closing Ceremony* to recognize camp groups for exceptional contributions to the *camp community* and the *Summer at Friends* experience.





## ANNUAL CARDBOARD REGATTA WINNERS

### Race winners:

Junior D - Grand Champion  
Junior B  
Intermediate 1  
Intermediate 5  
Senior Camp

### Award winners:

Golf Cart Award (minamalist entry) - Tech Tapas  
Lifeguard's Award (most compelling boat) - Intermediate 6  
Theme Award - Intermediate 4  
Esprit de Corps (most spirited and enthusiastic) Junior A  
Titanic Award (most specatcular sinking) - Senior Camp  
Best Decorated - Imagination Alive  
Pride of Summer at Friends (best use of material) - Visual Arts



## COUNSELOR OF THE DAY

Each day we celebrate counselors, lifeguards, and other staff members who go above and beyond to make camp awesome! Counselors are nominated by campers or directors and recognized with a commemorative "tree cookie".

### This week's winners:

Aidan - Floating Head Counselor  
Lex - Senior Camp Assistant Counselor  
Luke - Robots & Rockets Head Counselor  
Nate - Intermediate 1 Head Counselor  
Mason - Technology Camp Head Counselor  
Alex - Sports Camp Assistant Counselor  
Brack - Intermediate Camp Floating Assistant Counselor  
Lana - Head Counselor for Imagination Alive  
Greyson - Assistant Counselor for Imagination Alive  
Ella - Intermediate Assistant Counselor  
Yameece - Pix & Flix Assistant Counselor  
Sasha A - Intermediate Assistant Counselor  
Will S - Lead Counselor  
Anthony - Lead Counselor  
Kara - Junior Camp Teacher  
Chrysanthemum - Junior Camp Teacher  
Ben C - Intermediate Floating Head Counselor



### LEGACY OF ROBOTS + ROCKETS AWARD

presented when merried, the Legacy of Robots & Rockets award is presented to recognize a staff member who has made a lasting and meaningful postitive impact on the Robots & Rockets Camps. We are pleased to recognize the 2024 recipient, **Ben W.**