

THE BEELINE



LEAGUES BREAK

Written by: Abby Choi

When an all-camp activity is announced, the people of Camp Danbee are left to wonder whether or not leagues will break. From light shows, to concerts, leagues break never disappoints. The titles Nationals and Americans are used with pride and display the exciting spirit of the Danbee Girls.

It was the Spice Girl's music during dinner that created the suspicion. It was no surprise that there was going to be a 90s concert taking place the next day. After an hour of dancing, screaming and singing, campers cheered for more when the band went off of the stage. When Jay came on and led us in the cheering, Eye of the Tiger boomed through the speakers. Campers were confused, yet excited about the Leagues Break.

When we all thought that a 'Not' sign that appeared, in its place, team captains were introduced, and it was confirmed. This was Leagues Break 2022.

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FIRST DAY OF LEAGUES

Written by: Jordie Kaplan

Almost everyone's favorite activity during the summer is leagues. Leagues is when the entire camp gets split into two teams, The Americans and the Nationals. Leagues is a full day of activity that starts right after breakfast and lasts until shower hour. After breakout happened, everyone was excited for Sunday, July 3, the start of leagues. Usually, leagues happen every Monday, but due to July fourth this year, the start of leagues was a Sunday. Everybody on camp woke up at 8:00 a.m. and got ready, dressed in red, white, and blue, for Americans, or green and white, for Nationals, to show team spirit. After breakfast, the Americans met behind pottery and the Nationals met at the soccer field. "Get in your age group lines," screamed all of the Wel-B-Yon. Once everyone got organized into their age group lines, the Wel-B-Yon introduced themselves. Then, each grade met a Wel-B-Yon and sat in a circle to get slotted. Each grade gets to do two activities. I did ultimate Frisbee and Handball, but the other eighth graders could do tennis and basketball. During the activities, everyone wanted to cheer to get spirit points. After each grade did its two games, we met at the campus volleyball courts to watch the counselor game: volleyball. Nationals won! After the counselor game, everyone went to lunch where everyone was spirited and cheerful. After a rest hour, everybody went down to the soccer field to play group games, which included throwing tennis balls into different baskets to get points and the Wel-B-Yon games--boot toss and softball throw. Afterward, everyone ate snacks and got to go to the pool party. Campus got to go to the campus pool. Queen Bee's through eighth grade went to the acres pool, while ninth and Well went to the lake. Soon after, the anticipation began: waiting to figure out who won the first day of leagues, which is announced every Sunday. When the following Sunday came, everyone was excited to see who won the first day of leagues and the winner was... The Americans!!



THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Written by: Fiona McArthur

As the 7th graders boarded the bus all dressed up and ready for their first social at MAH-KEE-NAC, no one knew how the night would turn. At the same time, the Queen Bees headed to the field house for their first social too. Seventh-grade Mah-Kee-Nac boys walked into the field house and the Queen Bees were excited without knowing that there was a mistake. Queen Bee Ella Weiss said, "When I saw my friend hugging her 7th-grade brother I got really confused." The 7th-grade girls had to drive all the way to Mah-Kee-Nac to hang out with 6th grade boys. To make up for the mix-up, the Queen Bees got to have ice cream, and the 7th graders got ice pops. Despite the mix-up, both grades still had a blast and got frozen treats!



WBY: LAST FIRST WEEK OF CAMP

Written by Ananda Accardi

The first week of camp is special for every camper, but for the Wel-B-Yon it marks the start of a summer centered on them. On the drive to camp, I had the chance to reminisce about all of my first days of camp throughout the years and all the emotions that lead up to each different summer. This summer, my emotions consisted of excitement and melancholy for my last summer as a camper at Danbee. When I arrived at camp, I was greeted by returning staff and friends I had grown up with—instantly the feeling of Danbee was back. Then I was able to go into the Wel house and unpack my things. The organization was quite important as Wel-B-Yon had many special things they are asked to pack and bring into camp. After we had unpacked, our Mama Wel (Lex) handed out our marshmallow suits. Marshmallow suits are a sweat set the Wel-B-Yon are given to wear at events like campfires. The sweatshirts had the Wel-B-Yon year on the front with a nickname on the back. This was extremely special to receive as all of the girls watch the older Wel-B-Yon wear their marshmallow suits, and to finally have one to call your own is a surreal feeling. That night at the opening campfire each Wel-B-Yon is invited to share their advice with the younger campers and share a start to their final summer. The first day of the regular schedule was the first taste of what the summer will hold for each camper, but for returning campers it served as the chance to be back doing your favorite activities with your favorite people in your favorite place. Another important first for Wel-B-Yon was the first social. This year, our first social was with Mah-Kee-Nac. This social was especially enjoyable as it allowed the girls to talk to their friends from MKN, either from home or from friendships formed through camp. Another special part of the first week of camp was leagues break. Leagues break occurred as a whole camp event when the song "Eye of the Tiger" played and the famed league's competition started for the summer. This event brought a slew of emotions for the WBY as they were filled with passion for leagues but was sad as that moment served as the last time we found out what team we are in. At the end of the event, WBY got up in front of the whole camp and flicked batons that released the color of confetti for the girls' corresponding leagues teams. After the confetti was out, the girls ran to their teams and hugged the girls that had already been revealed on their team. This was one of the most special parts of the last first week of Danbee for the WBY. The last first week of camp was special for the WBY as it gave a taste of what the rest of the summer will hold, along with bringing on emotions of excitement and melancholy for their final summer.

Every summer, Jay describes the upcoming summer as “Danbee, but different”, an idea that the traditions and values of camp may not change, but the people will. Annie Copp and Zach Aronson are definitely different, but they still retain the embodiment of the Danbee spirit that all of the directors share. Annie and Zach are living proof that long distance can work out. After meeting as counselors at a sleepaway camp in Maine called Laurel South, Annie (in Canada) and Zach (in Florida) maintained a long distance relationship for many years. Even when Annie moved to London, they stuck together until she was able to join Zach in Florida.

“If it’s the right person, you can find a way to make it work,” Annie said. “...Camp teaches people how to keep relationships strong, even without being together all of the time.”

Camp was a vital part of their love story, and now it is a core piece of their lives.

Both Annie and Zach are “lifelong campers”. They have gone from being campers, to working as counselors, to working in education for a plentiful experience with children. Recently they have been searching for the right place to take on the position and responsibilities of directors.

“We’ve known about Danbee for a long time,” Zach said. “I knew a number of girls at my middle school [in Florida] that went to Danbee.” Annie and Zach are a seamless team.

“I am all about being a strong, female leader. I know how hard it is to grow up as a girl and not know how to just be yourself. Whether you are loud and a leader, or quiet and more introverted, Danbee teaches campers how to love each other and themselves,” Annie said.

While Annie leads the way, Zach is full of background expertise. “I gravitate towards behind-the-scenes things anyway. Camp is camp. Kids are kids, and it’s all about child development and staff development,” Zach said.

Those who know and love Danbee were just as excited to get to know and love Annie and Zach. For example, they both recall receiving a warm welcome from CATCO Sophia Friedman less than 2 hours after releasing an email saying that they would be joining the staff.

“Jay, Mark, Courtney, and Lauren took their time to teach us about the Danbee culture, and we made a lot of calls to people who have been here a long time,” Annie said.

Throughout the year, Annie and Zach went around the country. They attended several meet-and-greets, the new camper luncheon, and even the Wel-B-Yon sleepover. But even after getting to know the campers and staff, they had still never seen the camp all together, singing and dancing like no one was watching.

“I feel like I was just excited to see it in action... I love to see the cheers between the tables, and seeing the younger kids using their voices,” Annie said.

It is expected, as with any change, that Annie and Zach would encounter obstacles in their preparation for taking on their new responsibilities. However, they found the transition smoother than one may anticipate.

“[There were no] major obstacles or hurdles, we were just getting to know the camp and starting to get the flow of things,” Zach said.

Danbee is a camp with a central focus on tradition. Each summer, campers participate in the same classic special events, dances, and cheers. Although Zach and Annie are both dedicated to the spirit of Danbee, new directors bring changes.

“We are trying to foster the Danbee that has been here already. The new Hornet bunks are an example of some face-lifts and beautifying the camp that we might do,” Zach said. “We are going to be stewards of the Danbee culture.”

“If campers have ideas, we want to listen. What do you want to see? What do you love about camp?” Zach said. “We want to help Danbee continue to be a place for girls to feel at home in themselves, so just let us know how we can help the modern girl.”

Annie and Zach

By Lila Golden





JULY 4TH

Written by: Ava Sophia Benerofe

Here at Danbee, we celebrate the 4th of July in a fun way. First, everyone was split into four teams to compete against each other in games. The teams were white, red, stripes, and stars. The games were like leagues; each team in the age group competed against the other teams. Then after lunch and rest hour, there were group games. The group game we played took place on the soccer field. One age group at a time, all the campers in the age group put their shoes in the middle of the field. Counselors then threw the shoes around, so they were harder to find. Then, the campers ran back to one corner of the soccer field to join the rest of their team. On the count of three, each camper chicken ran to the center, found their shoes, and ran back to their corner. The team with all their campers back first won.

After group games came the most memorable part of the holiday. All the WBY wore their weirdest hats and got wrapped in toilet paper by other campers. When everyone was wrapped, the WBY ran to a mat and got covered in oatmeal. Covered head to toe, they ran to get all the other campers covered. The entire camp celebrated with pool and lake parties to end the games. For dinner there was a cookout and bomb pops for dessert. Finally, as an EA, everyone gathered in the theater to watch the 4th of July Talent Show. At the end of the day, everyone went to bed knowing that they had had a great day!



4TH OF July

Talent Show



As the evening of July 4th came to a close, the Wel-B-Yon took deep breaths as they prepared to host the night's grand finale: the July 4th Talent Show. Fluorescent lights lit up the stage, beaming down on the campers as they showcased their many talents. In a jam-packed hour, acts ranged from singing, gymnastics, dancing, comedy, and more. Between each performance, WBY '22 acted as comedic relief with their skits and songs to transition from act to act.

By Grayson Keglovic

WBY TAKE ON LAKE PLACID AND GEORGE

Written by: Maddie Pearson

A new trip was introduced to Wel-B-Yon as the Canada trip was canceled. The new trip was to Lake George in New York. The three day trip consisted of fun activities with Winadu. The first day, Wel-B-Yon started their journey to Lake Placid. The first stop was at the Olympic ski jumping facility. WBY went up on a gondola to see the views of mountains. After seeing the jumping facility we headed to mountain coaster. The coaster was meant to portray bobsledding and it was self controlled with levers on the cart. We had loads of fun and took a lot of pictures. The second day we headed out to go white water rafting. The waves were class two and three meaning that they were moderate. Around eight girls were in a raft. We had lots of laughs and had fun rafting. That night, we went bowling and played lazer tag; both were a blast. The third day we went to Six Flags Great Escape and explored the park. We rode lots of rides, played lots of games, and had lots of fun. Some of the rides we did included a ski lift overlooking the park, flashback, and a car ride which we could steer. After the park we went back to the hotel to get ready for a dinner cruise. The cruise was a ride around Lake George and was very pretty. The fourth and final day we went to play mini golf. After a little bit of golfing, we headed to the mall. At the mall we did lots of shopping, eating and saw a movie. We saw the new Thor movie and it was really good. After the movie we headed back to camp. The lake George trip was not only a chance to hang out with our friends and Winadu, but we had a lot of fun. The trip was a great time and I'm glad we got to go.





BOSTON TRIP (8TH GRADE)

Written by: Lily Sheinfeld and Sophia Benn

After we all ate breakfast we got on the bus and went to the first stop of the Boston trip, Hampton beach. Once we arrived at the beach we were each given \$45 for shopping at the beach and for Faneuil Hall. At The Hampton beach, some people got their first taste in a while of outside-of-camp food. A few people had the bagged lunch so that they could save their money for shopping later in the day.

The second stop for the Boston trip was going on a boat ride called Codzilla with Mak-Kee-Nak. Most of us got soaked but it depended on where we were sitting on the boat. Godzilla was a forty-minute boat ride. Straight after Codzilla, we walked to Faneuil Hall for shopping, and for dinner, we were each given \$20 for dinner. We were at Faneuil Hall for about two and a half hours. At around 8:00 pm we get to the hotel and find out who is in each room. There were three to four campers in a hotel room and one counselor per room. We got two hours to get to our friends' hotel rooms and then at 10:00 pm we had to be back at our hotel rooms. To start day two, we headed for the Museum of Science. We got to the Museum of Science at 9:45 am and walked around with our walking groups for around an hour and fifteen minutes. Once it was 11:00 am we arrived at IMAX called Ancient Caves at the museum. After the IMAX movie, we left the Science Museum to head for a restaurant on Newbury St. called Eataly. We got to shop for two hours and forty-five minutes, then after shopping, we went to Prudential Center for the Duck Tour. We went on the duck tour with Mah-Kee-Nak. At 6:30 we arrived at The Chateau Restaurant for dinner. We got back to the hotel at around 8:30 pm, and then we all went to each other's hotel rooms. To start the last day of the Boston trip we left for Water Country at around 10:00 am and the bus ride was forty-five minutes away. At 3:45 pm we were all getting ready to go back to camp and go out for dinner. At 4:00 pm the bus was all loaded up and we started to head to dinner at the mall. At 5:30 we got to the Solomon Pond Mall and we were each given \$15 for dinner. Once we finished eating, we got on the bus to go back to camp. During the bus ride, we watched movies and talked to whoever we sat next to until we got back to camp and the trip was over.

OH MY CAPE COD!

Written by: Phoebe Boxenbaum and Ava Sophia Benerofe

Anticipation built as all of the 7th grade packed for the long awaited trip to Cape Cod. The trip started when we woke up at 7 A.M. We ate breakfast at 7:30. Then soon after, we boarded the bus with all our bags and headed to Craigville Beach. At the beach, we swam in the ocean, sat in the sun, and played in the sand. After the beach we headed to the hotel we would be staying at for the rest of our trip. We all showered and went to dinner in a mall. We were all excited by the food at the food court. After we ate we were able to shop around the mall for a little while. To end the day's activities we saw a movie, Thor: Love and Thunder.

On our second day, we woke up at 8:30 and ate breakfast at different times, but at 9:45 we left for Cape Cod Inflatable Park. As well as inflatable rides, there was also a water park with rides like a lazy river, wave pool, waterslides, and more fun things. We ate lunch and had ice cream as a dessert. At around blank, we left the water park to go back to the hotel. We quickly showered and got ready to head to Provincetown. In Provincetown, we shopped around and ate a delicious dinner. We went to stores like the Black Dog, a shell store, a candy store, local beach shops, and more. After hours of fun, we headed back to our hotel to get some rest. We all went to bed with the anticipation of what the next day would hold. The next morning we woke up at the same time and ate at the same time as yesterday, but at 10 AM we brought all our bags down and left for Scusset Beach. At Scusset, we went into the freezing water, made a pool for some hermit crabs, had lots of fun, and ate pizza. Our trip was coming to a close as we went to a mall for dinner and did a bit of shopping. The trip ended with our bus ride home. Although it was sad for our trip to end, it was so nice to come back to camp.





WHEN YOU WISH UPON A BOAT

Written by: Lila Goldin

Every summer ends the same way.

All of camp files down to the lake, holding hands until eventually the very last person will leave Banquet. Once torches are passed, it is time for the very last camp tradition of the summer: wish boats.

Every camper gets to light their own wish boat and send it off into the lake, sending their wish off along with it. This tradition has held a special place in campers' hearts for so many years, but most people don't know the history of how the tradition came to be.

When Jay and Mark came here first 31 years ago, the tradition of wishboats had already begun. "It is a cool tradition, and it's kind of like the end. A lot of people don't want it to end, so they might wish to do it again or to stay," Mark said.

The torches passed from Wel-B-Yon to 9th grade are an important tradition that symbolizes the ending of one Wel-B-Yon and the start of another. These flames are then placed in the sand and used to light the wishboats. The Wel-B-Yon flame is used to grant the wishes of each camper. "We started the tradition of passing the torch to 9th grade. Boy, did Wel-B-Yon not want to do it, but it's a good idea," Mark said.

Watching your wishboat float out on the lake makes the summer really feel over. So make a wish and hope it comes true, because the magic of wishboats may be more powerful than it seems.



GYMNASTICS SHOW

Written by: Izzy Yura

The gym show is when girls display the skills they have learned this summer at camp. Since the beginning of camp, the gymnastics and cheer coaches have been teaching campers skills since day one of the normal schedule.

During the gym show, each age group was called up, starting with Honey Bumbles. After each campus age group displayed their skills, cheerleading took the center mat. Cheer showed off their routine. After Cheer finished their routine, Acres stole the show. All of Acres' cheerleaders and gymnasts took the floor as they tumbled and bounced throughout the gym.

GOLD RUSH

Written by: Maddie Lapierre

Ever since 1975 (before Jay, Mark, and Neil worked at Danbee,) there was the camper favorite event- Gold rush, the night filled with flannels, hayrides, candy, and angels. On July 9, campus, 7th grade, and 8th grade all dressed up in jean shorts and flannels for Gold Rush. Throughout the evening, campers walked around campus trying to find the three categories of rocks: ruby, silver, and gold. The all-time best and hardest rock to find is the mother lode. There were different mother lodes, a gold and silver mother lode, and a mother lode with all three colors- ruby, silver, and gold. The bunk or house that found the most money would win gold rush. The rocks were hid all over campus and by the field house. When girls found any rocks they cashed them in at the bank, which was by the hive and in front of gymnastics. Bandits also roamed around camp trying to steal any sort of gold bunks might have.

Campers were also "wanted" which was when their names were on wanted posters spread around campus. People would try to find people on the wanted posters and bring them to jail. When campers were jailed, their other bunkmates could get them out of jail by doing a random activity such as telling a joke or doing a cartwheel. The only ways these campers could escape being brought to jail were by holding the hand of an angel. 9th graders dressed up in all white and wore angels wings made out of paper and glitter. The wings had their last name and the year. They walked around camp holding hands of campers who didn't want to get stuck in jail.

Besides angels and searching for gold, nobody could forget the camper favorite- the candy canteen. Wel-B-Yon all dressed up in their coordinating merch and gave out candy by the mess hall. Different age groups, starting with the honey-bumbles all the way to 9th grade, were called up to grab their candy. Tables were set up by the Mess Hall with Wel-B-Yon sitting behind the tables checking off names and handing out candy. Overall Gold Rush, was a fun camp event where all campers could participate and have fun.



PARENT VISITING DAY: THEY’RE HERE WITH US IN DANBEE SPIRIT

Written by: Avery Portugal

Early into camp, Jay Toporoff made an announcement that due to COVID, parent visiting day had been canceled. Many were devastated, but then he followed that announcement by saying that the camp would send home boxes for parents to fill with goodies, snacks, treats, toys, and much more for the campers to open on Sunday, July 17th, which was supposed to be visiting day. Right after the meal, many girls ran to the bunk and started creating lists for their parents of what they wanted in their boxes. I asked Jordie Kaplan her feelings about the boxes and she said, “Well, after I heard there was no visiting day, I was upset, but I also didn’t care because I was going home 5 days after visiting day because I am a 4 weeker. The boxes were great. I loved the boxes.” Just like Jordie, at first, I too was upset about not being able to see my parents, but once I heard that we would be receiving boxes filled with my favorite foods and snacks from home, I got so excited. The anticipation started to rise as we got closer to the big day. On the 16th of July, one day before we got our boxes, they announced at assembly that we would be watching fireworks after evening activity. So, at around 8:45pm, every camper headed down to the lake. The wel-b-yon was there with their parents for the night, which was a nice treat for their last summer. Alex Kabakov says, “Seeing my parents for a mini-visiting day gave a sense of normalcy from the past crazy summers.” Once the whole camp was at the lake, Jay explained to us that the fireworks were in honor of the town of Peru’s 250th anniversary and that people from the town were on the bridge watching with us. It was a nice break from our regular EAs. The next morning, I woke up feeling nervous, excited, and just anxious to find out what my parents packed for me. The movie we would soon be sitting in the fieldhouse watching was Shrek, a movie most have seen but I have not. All day I was daydreaming about what I would soon open my box to see. Would it be big bags of candy? Would it be chips? Would I be happy? It was all everyone was thinking about all day. As shower hour was ending, I grabbed my blanket and crazy creek and headed up to dinner. I was so excited to see what my mom would think I liked. Once dinner was over, Acres went to the theater basketball courts to hang out and campus went back to campus to wait for the fieldhouse to be ready. The 8th grade sat in a big circle with each other and talked until we were allowed inside. Once they called the age groups, the counselors from each bunk started handing out the boxes. I noticed that there were 2 different sized boxes. A thinner shorter one, or a smaller but taller one. Me and my friends counted to 3 and ripped the tape open. We all gasped as we saw what our parents had surprised us with. Some girls received a letter in their box that their parents wrote saying to enjoy! You would occasionally hear a squeal or a scream from a happy camper. Once the movie was over, campers ran back to the bunk on a sugar high, struggling to get into bed as the night came to an end.



CARNIVAL AS A 9TH GRADER

Written by: Lila Goldin

Carnival is a classic special event. Danbee grams, bouncy houses, Wel-B-Yon in the dunk tank, and more all are what make Carnival a tradition. Although Carnival has always been an enjoyable event, I found that this year’s Carnival was an entirely different experience altogether.

Ninth grade campers are always given the job of running the different food stations: snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, and fruit pops. As a campus (and acres) kid, I would watch them walk around in their handmade shirts and wonder what it would be like to be in their shoes. If I had known how much fun it would be, I would have been even more excited.

My bunk worked at the snow cones station, so we took shifts working on ice, flavor, and crossing off names. The line stretched all the way down the hill, but being in the shade was a relief and a snow cone in your hand makes anything seem fun. In addition, it was fun being able to go around to the other stands and help out there or grab a snack (or two).

Other highlights of ninth grade carnival included dunking your sorority sister and other WBY friends in the dunk tank, learning how to use the machines, and for me, making myself a huge blue raspberry snow cone on a hot summer day.

Overall, if Carnival isn’t your favorite special event, all you need to do is wait a couple years.

JUST A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR

Written by: Charlotte Zigman

Most summers, there is a campus and acres play, but for the past two years there have been plays that feature the entire camp. This year, the all-camp play was Mary Poppins! With only two weeks of rehearsals, all 53 cast members put in so much effort to make the show as incredible as it was. Rebecca Kaplan, who played Bert in the show, said “It was quite a lot of work because we only had two weeks to memorize our lines and the directors were very stressed and also rehearsals were every rest hour and fun and fitness.”

"We spent over an hour daily learning songs, practicing choreography, and running scenes."

Rehearsals usually started with Rebecca Stavis, the theater director, taking attendance. We spent over an hour daily learning songs, practicing choreography, and running scenes. Two weeks later, after countless hours of insanely hard work, hundreds of campers file into a dark theater with the curtains closed, and maybe if you were in the front row, you could hear a “break a leg” or some nervous chatting from behind the curtains.

Stavis made a short speech and then the curtains opened. Around 20 performers were already on stage and started singing the prologue in which we meet the main characters: Mary Poppins, played by Izzy Alter, Jane Banks, played by Kyla Israel, Michael Banks, played by Lauren Yanover, Winifred Banks, played by Lily Schnetzer, Bert, played by Rebecca Kaplan, and George Banks, played by Lila Goldin. Later scenes took place at the bank where George worked, in the park where Mary, Jane, and Michael went on a walk, and on London rooftops where Bert sings about being a chimneysweep. Around an hour after the play started, everyone sang and danced in a grand finale and then exited for bows. Every performer scrambled into lines and took bows in groups and then as one whole cast. Everyone exited stage and changed back into their regular clothes so that they could go to the 4 weeker campfire. Sadly, the annual ice cream after the play did not occur but ice cream or not, participating in Mary Poppins was an experience worth having.

KIDS CANCEL CANCER

Written by: Haley Silvers and Ava Litman

In the beginning of the year, two campers and their friends came together to discuss an event that could have an impact on the future of medicine. The campers that started the event are Hayley Silvers (Camp Danbee), Ava Litman (Camp danbee), Mischa Abend (Camp Mataponi) and Abey fuks (Bryn Mar). These girls are co chairs for Kids Cancel Cancer, an event that is a kid-ran cancer research event through the Samuel Waxman Cancer research foundation. The way we raise money for the event is by getting sponsorships. There is a specific committee that helps with fundraising and finances for the organization. For the sponsorships, there are different levels named after candy so it is more appealing towards kids. This is the first Kids Cancel Cancer event, but we are all hoping for there to be more.

At the end of camp, when all campers go home, these four girls are getting ready for the event. The event takes place at the Clubhouse, East Hampton, New York. The clubhouse has mini golf, bowling, arcade games and so much more fun stuff for children to do. Kids Cancel Cancer is trying to raise \$100,000 by August 17, 2022.

To learn more about this event visit:

<https://www.waxmancancer.org/events/kids-cancel-cancer/>



Hayley Silvers



Ava Litman





SPOTLIGHT ON KAYLA

Written by: Ana Medina

Camp Danbee is a place where everything is crafted for all types of people to enjoy, the food is no different. Danbee has food for every dietary restriction: vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and lactose intolerant people all have a variety of different foods available to them. As someone who doesn't eat meat, I was pleasantly surprised when I found that I had so many options to eat at Danbee. At every meal, there is a separate area to go get food for people with dietary restrictions, they attempt to replicate all the food that's served for everyone else.

At Danbee, when you go get specialty foods, there will always be a familiar face, Kayla. Kayla is a new addition to Danbee staff this year and they are in charge of crafting the specialty meals. Kayla is a traveling chef that specializes in foods for people with dietary restrictions. Personally, Kayla tries to avoid gluten, dairy, beef, and pork which influenced why they decided to work in food for people with dietary restrictions. Kayla said specialty foods can sometimes be bad, and lack healthy proteins and fibers. Kayla goes above and beyond to find options that will not only taste good, but include all types of macronutrients.

For breakfast there are always vegan sausages, and eggs available. Three of the eggs have six grams of protein. The protein in the eggs is mung bean protein, then the sausages can provide a good source of iron and protein. Another example of Kayla's hard work is using lentil pasta for the vegan gluten free pasta option. Lentil pasta is a unique choice since most of the time people use rice pasta as a vegan gluten free option, but rice pasta is carb heavy. Rice pasta is 1.6 grams of protein, while lentil pasta provides eleven to twelve grams of protein.

According to Kayla, Danbee offers specialty foods because it opens doors for all types of people to feel welcome at camp. Out of five hundred people, a good percentage are bound to have some sort of dietary restriction. Whether or not the dietary restriction is voluntary, it is reassuring to know that the camp you're going to be living in for weeks is catering to your needs.

HAVING A SISTER AT CAMP

Written by: Ellie Choi

One of the best parts of Danbee is all the friends all the campers make. In addition to having friends at Danbee, a great part of Danbee is having sisters here with you. As many campers can agree, having a sister at camp helps in lots of different ways. Some of these ways include: sisters are easy to talk to, they are someone you know well, and someone who gets them, and lots of other ways. Queen Bee Becca Cunningham said, "When you have a sister at camp you don't get homesick as much because it is like you brought a small piece of home with you." Others said that you can depend on your sister. One new camper told me that having a sister at camp makes it easier because she was shy at first but with words of encouragement from her sister, it helped her open up. Queen Bee Counselor Diane Marie said, "Whenever I feel homesick, I go to my sisters and they help more than anything or anyone." In fact, girls that come here for 7 weeks and are sisters stated similar things regarding feeling homesick and how their sisters help. All the younger sisters that I interviewed admitted that it is easier when you have someone by your side that went through the same things as you. Other campers said that when you have a sister, they also help at home. For example, one camper said that sisters help them with packing, focusing on the necessities, and fun extra things that are necessary to campers. So in conclusion, sister or no sister, Danbee is such a fun experience. But as many campers can agree, having a sister at camp just makes it easier.





HALLOWEEN:QUICK AS A JUMPSCARE

Written by: Rebecca Kaplan

Widely regarded as the best national holiday by children all around the world, it's no wonder that Halloween is one of the most anticipated EAs here at Danbee. It all starts with the costumes; campers can dress up individually, in groups, or with their entire bunk. Bunk 2B got together and dressed up as Winadu boys, bunk 4B transformed themselves into zoo animals with their counselors as zoo keepers, but the group that campers look forward to the most is the Wel-B-Yon. Every year, each WBYPairs up with each other and dresses up according to a theme. This year, the theme was sweets, with each WBYPair dressing up as a candy and the WBYPcounselors as dentists. It was titled, "Wel-B-Yon '22 has a Sweet Tooth!" After the campers and counselors are prepped for the evening to come, everyone heads to the soccer field for a cookout, where the WBYPfinally show off their Halloween theme. Once all the bellies have been filled with burgers and hotdogs, Halloween begins. The first place everyone rushes to is the theater, which during Halloween is transformed into a terrifying haunted house. Campers of all ages made their way through a horrifying display of blood soaked freaks slamming on lockers and screaming in the pale faces of those who dared to walk in. Also at the theater were Miranda and Erica who used tarot cards to tell the futures of those who asked. Walking towards the lake, the Gaga Pit was infested with snakes that campers could take back to their bunks and scare all their bunkmates with. Further down was cookie decorating at cooking, which is always one of the more popular stations, given the fact that any camper can decorate and eat as many cookies as they please. Once you reach the lakefront, you'd find alien expert Mark Toporoff who scanned campers to check if they're secretly an alien from outer space. All throughout Campus there were games to play like, drawing the best pumpkin, poke a ghost, the search for the Golden Pumpkin, and more. You could also catch a lift on the hay bale rides that rode throughout camp. Finally, any camper could stop by one of the Campus bunks and go trick-or-treating. While all of this was great fun, Halloween was unfortunately put to a sudden halt when an enormous black cloud flew over camp. Strong winds started blowing from all directions, so for everyone's safety, Jay and Mark decided it was best that they had to cut Halloween off short and send everyone back to their bunks. This hit 9th grade and WBYPthe most, as their whole time of Halloween was dedicated to the skits that they do every year. However, once those were over and they all started walking down to the activities, Halloween had already been cut off. It had barely even been an hour. Despite the short run-time, Halloween was still enjoyed by those who participated.

ACRES VS CAMPUS: COUNSELOR EDITION

Written by: Lily Morgenthau

As girls get older at Danbee, they move up to Acres. Girls who completed 6th grade and are going into 7th, girls who completed 7th and are going into 8th, and girls who completed 8th and are going into 9th. Just like on campus, Acres girls have counselors. But what are the pros and cons of both Acres and Campus for them?

Being Campus counselor:

Campus counselors- Abby Showan and her co, Claire Grayson, are counselors for the Queen Bees. Abby and Claire both expressed love for their bunk and age group. Abby said, " I actually really do love the Queen Bees because they're young enough where you can help them but old enough for them to be independent sometimes". Queen Bees are the oldest age group on campus. "It's really nice to see the younger kids grow in confidence over the summer and be a part of that."

Being an Acres counselor:

Acres is like another world apart from the chaos and activities that come with being on campus. Grayson Keglovic is a 7th-grade counselor with girls who just entered Acres. " I just came out of my teenage years myself, so it's much easier to connect with them". I think most acres kids will agree that Acres is pretty far from everything and it's a challenge to walk there multiple times a day due to the hilly terrain. " The girls are more independent on acres," said Grayson.





BANQUET

Written by: Alex Kabakov

On August 11th, the mess hall was transformed into the beloved 1997 Disney film, Hercules, which tells the story of a young man who must perform tremendous acts of courage to prove himself worthy of living among his family: the gods. Months before camp, Wel-B-Yon gathered at Winadu to vote upon the banquet theme. The ideas were narrowed down from twelve, to three, to two, and each Wel-B-Yon got a chance to make their pitch. The final votes were read out; The Incredibles had fallen just short, and Hercules would be the theme. All of Wel-B-Yon quickly got on board, dedicating hours, and hours of their summer to watching the movie repeatedly, sketching, painting, sharpie-ing, and assembling 3D models. The day finally arrived and the trash bags went up, blocking the mess hall from view. Wel-B-Yon assembled inside, armed with murals, tape, and streamers, and set to work. By the end of the day, it was finally done; Banquet 2022 had been finished.

At 5:30 p.m., the first bunk made their way up to the mess hall. Two Wel-B-Yons met them at the door and began their tour, leading them through the transformed mess hall.

Each banquet begins with a black hole: a dark room with a window displaying a clue as to the theme of this years banquet. This year, Hercules' medallion was displayed in the window and the Wel-B-Yon explained the backstory before proceeding into the mess hall.



WBV IN CALIFORNIA

Written by: Maddie Pearson, Izzy Yura, Alex Kabakov,

For the first time in three years, Wel-B-Yon made their way out west, joined by brother camp Mah-Kee-Nac, on Thursday, July 28. Following two bus rides and a cross-country flight, WBV pulled up to their hotel and promptly went to sleep. It was a great start to the week! The next morning, WBV awoke to clear skies and a busy and fun first full day ahead of them. The day started with breakfast and a bus ride to Laguna Beach. Laguna beach is known as one of the prettiest beaches in California. Along with going in the water, the WBV also had time to shop. After shopping, the WBV returned to the hotel to walk to downtown Disney for dinner. The WBV were able to enjoy the fireworks and Disney at night.

On Saturday, WBV hopped on the bus and headed to Los Angeles for the Grammy Museum. After the tour, Wel-B-Yon went to The Grove for some shopping and Lunch. Then WBV left for Rodeo Drive to browse at the shops. WBV then left for Universal Walk for dinner. Kicking off the fourth day, the WBV went to UCLA for a tour; the most anticipated part was the School Store. Afterward, the WBV headed to In-and-Out for lunch. From there, the WBV took a bus to Santa Monica Beach. The WBV were able to go for a swim, and enjoy the last time during the trip at the beach. The WBV spent the night in Downtown Disney.

The WBV woke up to a full day at Disneyland ahead of them. The WBV went to California Adventure first. The favorite rides included: The Incredicoaster, Guardians of the Galaxy - Mission: Breakout, and Radiator Springs Racers. In the afternoon, the WBV spent the rest of their time in the main and downtown parks in Disney.

The final full day started at Griffith park, where the WBV hiked a section of The Mt. Hollywood Trail. The WBV could see the Hollywood Sign in the distance as they walked on the trail. After the hike, the WBV went shopping and had lunch in Downtown Santa Monica. The last dinner before returning to having dinner at Danbee was pasta. The WBV enjoyed brownies for dessert. The WBV returned to the hotel for an early night.

The WBV awoke to dark skies early in the morning for their journey back to Danbee. Landing in Newark, the WBV took a bus to Danbee.

