



# Camp News

## Seppy's Summer Day Camp

### Special points of interest:

- New Program at Seppy's Summer Camp: Music with Jeff!
- Writers focus on all the dances being done at the Closing Ceremony.
- World Cup fever takes over Seppy's!
- We take a look at the experience of the first-time counselors.
- Creative Arts goes Broadway; The Chickasaw Cool Kidz do Play Production.

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### First Day of Camp

By: David Martinez, Age 11 and Staff

The first day of camp was filled with many emotions. Many of the counselors and campers were shy and even a little afraid of this new experience. As they settled into their groups. The prepared for the day's Locational being done by the Activity Coordinators. They would later introduce themselves and their activities: Alicia and Lizeth coordinate Creative Arts, Abraham and Marco coordinate Sports, Katy and Lazaro coordinate Dance, and Julio and Miriam coordinate Arts and Crafts. Later the lead counselors would also introduce themselves along with the names of all groups: Braulio lead *Los Chiquilines*, Claudia lead *The Crazy Rascals*, Jeanette lead *Los Beasties*, and last but not least, Kevin who lead the Chickasaw Cool Kidz. The day went on with all



Campers and Counselors getting ready for the summer's first Locational.

groups introducing themselves to each other as well as the counselors. This made everyone more comfortable and began to have fun. This would set the tone for the rest of Seppy's Summer Day Camp. ■

### Experience as a First-Time Counselor

By: David Martinez, Age 11 and Diana Valencia, Age 11

Imagine working with 30 energetic kids for 6 hours a day. This is the experience of a Seppy's Summer Day Camp Counselor. Sometimes it is really hard for a first time counselor to deal with the children, but it balances with all the fun activities. Kimberly of the

*Crazy Rascals* commented, "I really enjoy working with kids so I thought this would be the perfect job." She later mentioned that she has plenty of fun with the kids. Emmanuel, another first time counselor, speaks of the perks of joining camp, "What I like about the camp

is the locationals, field trips, and the activities." A lot of the first time counselors have positive experiences even when the campers get a little crazy. Many considered coming back for next summer. ■

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### Chickasaw Cool Kidz do Broadway

By: Esmeralda Luis, Age 12



*Chickasaw Cool Kidz acting *The Mice Family*.*

This year the Chickasaw Cool Kidz performed plays based on different stories. The plays they performed were Pinocchio, The Mice Family, and Cinderella. Each camper got a role in the play and did very well performing. Some of the kids were really loud and really got into their characters. They practiced for days before their performance in front of the Seppy Patch Kids. Pinocchio was about a wooden doll that was turned into a real boy; an important theme was

to be honest and not trust strangers. The Mice Family story was about two parents that wanted their daughter to marry the most powerful man, but at last she married a mouse just like her. They finally performed the classic Cinderella tale. The Seppy Patch Kids carefully watched and listened as the Chickasaw Cool Kidz acted. The plays were excellent and just one of the many activities done in Creative Arts. ■

### World Cup Fever

By: Ivan Rodriguez, Age 11 and Julio Estevez, Age 12

The 2010 FIFA World Cup fever has invaded the minds of many Seppy's campers and counselors. The World Cup is an international soccer tournament in which 36 nations participate. It has influenced the dances that repre-

sent some of the many countries that participated in the competition; it has also influenced the locationals, art activities, and lunch hours. The 2010 World Cup has almost everyone in camp thinking about soccer especially during lunch time when

the kids and counselors have the chance to listen to the radio or watch the television as they cheer for their favorite team. The 2010 FIFA world cup has been a great part in this year's Seppy's Summer Day Camp. ■

### Sleep, Skits, and Fun

By: Enrique Martinez, Age 11

Every year Seppy's Summer Camp has the tradition of hosting a Sleepover at the Mar Vista Family Center. All the campers look forward to this event. There is tradition that the counselors do skits and then show a movie. This year the skits included *La Hora Pico*, *Toy Story*, and *Chavo del Ocho*; they were funny and creative. The counselors also had games. The games were *Wheel of Misfortune* and *Tasty Treats*. The game *Wheel of Misfortune* was



*Adan, Vanessa, and Eva performing a skit.*

about spinning a wheel and having the counselors do embarrassing things. *Tasty Treats* was about counselors trying different recipes and guessing what they were. After the whole show, the three younger groups watched the Pixar/ Disney movie *Up* while the *Crazy Rascals* were allowed to watch their own film. It was an enjoyable night and one for all campers and counselors to never forget. ■

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## OPINIONS SECTION

### Opinion: My Favorite Activity

By: Esmeralda Valencia, Age 12

**S**eppy's Summer Camp has a lot of different activities, but the one that I like best is sports. The sport that catches my attention the most is Soccer. I am a good kicker because we practice a lot in school playing kickball, but the position I play best is defense;

I try not to let the other team score in our goalpost. I also like sports because Abraham and Marco come up with fun activities and once in while we have free time which allows me to hang out with my friends or play cards. I could play sports everyday! ▣



*Los Beasties enjoying Sports.*

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### Opinion: My First Summer in Seppy's Camp

By: Ramiro Cano, Age 12

**A**s a regular kid, right before the summer started, I began to hear things about a *Seppy's Summer Camp*. I heard great things, not too many negatives. When I finally went to camp I was still shy, but I knew some kids because I went to pre-teen here at the Mar Vista

Family Center. The counselors in the Crazy Rascals made me feel more comfortable, especially Raphael and Emmanuel. I then started to meet and talk to other people. I like camp, I like that camp makes us feel good about ourselves, and keeps us away from bad influences.

I loved that this summer, I have been kept busy because compared to last year I would only sit myself down on the couch and watch the television. I am very glad I heard about Seppy's Summer Camp this year! ▣

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### Before It All Starts

By: Mr. Williams (Guest Staff Writer)

**S**ummer camp has been characterized with fun, games, and excitement. Yet, nobody knows the true story, until now. Before Seppy's even starts, the staff finds itself working to make every year a surreal experience for the children. Every volunteer, counselor, and activity coordinator goes through a two days training which focuses on solving problems and coping with

emergency situations throughout the summer. What exactly happened in that obscure and dark time called "training"? We would arrive at ten in the morning, sit down with our assigned team and would discuss the various issues that spring up unexpectedly in camp. We discussed medical concerns, natural disasters, internal conflict between children or even

staff. After addressing concerns, we were introduced to methods and techniques that would help us solve problems; the most notable being the upset process that we use here in Mar Vista Family Center. The techniques the staff learned in those valuable and necessary two days helped create the embracing environment that we know as Seppy's. ▣

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## Carnia

By: Diana Valencia, Age 11 and Esmeralda Luis, Age 12



*Abril dancing to the Samba.*

Seppy's Summer Day Camp is presenting different dances based on their focus of the World Cup. One of the dances, being brought to the closing ceremony, is the Brazilian Samba; a musical genre that originated in Africa. The Samba has become an icon and national identity to the people of Brazil. The Samba is usually celebrated during the Brazilian Carnival and played to the Bossa Nova, a type of

Brazilian music. Working on this dance throughout the summer, the Chickasaw Cool Kidz will be wearing bright energetic colors to represent the dance's energy. The boys will be wearing white shirts and black jeans while the girls will be wearing colorful shirts and skirts. This dance will surely be a sight to see! ▣

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## Tango Article

By: Esmeralda Luis, Age 12

In the past years, Seppy's Summer Day Camp has presented different types of dances. The theme for this year is the World Cup. One of the dances, being presented by the group *Los Beasties*, is the Tango. The Tango is one of the most fascinating dance types. It originated in the area of the lower

class of Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. It took time for this dance to become respectable and it would later spread its influence throughout Europe in the 1900's.

Los Beasties have worked hard to get this dance through. Taking influences from Spanish and African culture, *Los Beasties* are

using a lot of hand movements and all partners are closely paired. The dance hardly looks easy because of the many movements, but their efforts will be worth it in the end. It will certainly be an enjoyable experience at the closing ceremony. ▣

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## German Polka Article

By: Roman Ortega, Age 12

Ever wondered what it is like to music that yodels? Los Chiquilines do; they are dancing the German Polka. The Polka is a European dance that originated in the middle of the nineteenth century. There are also many versions of the Polka spread out through Latin

America, and influences can be heard in the music. The Polka is a very upbeat dance. In the dance of Los Chiquilines, it requires much jumping and joining together. There is a sense of togetherness as the campers make circles and hold hands. The campers will be wearing

the traditional clothing of the German Polka. The boys will wear suspenders that include shorts. The girls will be wearing traditional dresses, so everyone get ready to dance and yodel. ▣

## Spain Wins More than the World Cup

By: Diana Valencia, Age 11 and Esmeralda Luis, Age 12

The Crazy Rascals provide a culture clash with their dance the Flamenco. Flamenco comes from Spain which coincidentally won the World Cup this year. This has made dancing Flamenco even more exciting because

of Spain's win. The most popular music is the tourist Flamenco. The Crazy Rascals are working hard to accomplish this dance. The Flamenco is a technically demanding dance. The dancers should be well posed and positioned with very strict move-

ments. The boys will be wearing black shirts and black jeans with red suspenders, and the girls will be wearing black long sleeved shirts and long dresses. With this dance Spain has won more than the World Cup, but our hearts as well. ■

## Waterslides and Rollercoasters

By: Ivan Rodriguez, Age 12

This year Seppy's camp took the campers to many thrilling and exciting field trips like; one of them was Hurricane Harbor. At Hurricane Harbor, the campers got super soaked and went on many amazing water rides. They floated on the lazy river, and rode the waves and the most famous ride in Hurricane Harbor, "The Tornado". They also went on the craziest



*Los Chiquilines having fun at Camp Snoopy.*

tube rides and relaxed and had fun while they ate delicious juicy hamburgers, pizza, and funnel cakes. At Knott's most of the people went sprinting to the most famous ride, "The Ghost Rider", Many of the campers believed "Supreme Scream" and "Silver Bullet" were just as good. They had very expensive food but the food was good while it lasted. What a fun day. ■

## Temescal Canyon and the Griffith Observatory

By: Ivan Rodriguez, Age 12

The kids at Seppy's Summer Camps participated in many fun field trips. The first trips they went to were Temescal Canyon in the Pacific Palisades and the Griffith Park Observatory. Many of the campers went hiking and played soccer in the lower grounds of Temescal Canyon. The soccer games were often cut short due to damage of the grass. At the Griffith Observatory, we saw many things re-

lated to space. We were able to watch a presentation on the importance of water and planet Earth; it was informative and interesting. We were also able to measure our weight due to the different gravity in different planets. After viewing the Griffith Observatory, the campers were able to play outside before we headed back home. Both were in different areas, but much fun! ■



*Los Chiquilines at the Observatory.*

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## Music with Jeff

By: Roman Ortega, Age 12



Clap clap clap and bam bam bam are some of the sounds and noises that Jeff and the campers make during Creative Arts.

This year Creative Arts created the hour Music with Jeff. Jeff is a person whom has passion for music and volunteering. He volunteers to teach the campers to make music and understand it. The campers really enjoy making different rhythms and sounds. He teaches us how to feel the music through the rhythm and beat of a song and also has us draw pictures to describe what we feel.

Some activities that the

campers do are break into groups and do different activities. The first group makes rhythms with their body or mouth. The next group involves a soccer ball and kicking it to someone while they say a song they like and why they like it. The third group involves Jeff. One person is singing and someone else is plays the guitar. The last group involves some African drums and creating a rhythm. ■

## Survey: Favorite Moments

By: Diana Valencia, Age 11 Esmeralda Luis, Age 12 and Lesly Vela, Age 12

We went around Seppy's Camp and asked the campers what their favorite funny, memorable, or most embarrassing moment was:

“ Going to Knott's Berry Farm.” - William E.

“Farting in front of my friend, Edgar, accidently.” -Jorge

“ Playing with the kids in the dance room.” - Jocelyn C.,

“ Nahomi's murph dances.” - Kimberly

“ Being Buzz Lightyear in the Toy Story Skit.” - Vale

“Having Creative Arts.” -Kendra

“ When we learned to dance the Tango.” - Arlene U.

“ Tripping while sliding during the dance.” - Naim

“ When I missed a goal when there was no goalie.” - Daniel (Chiquis)



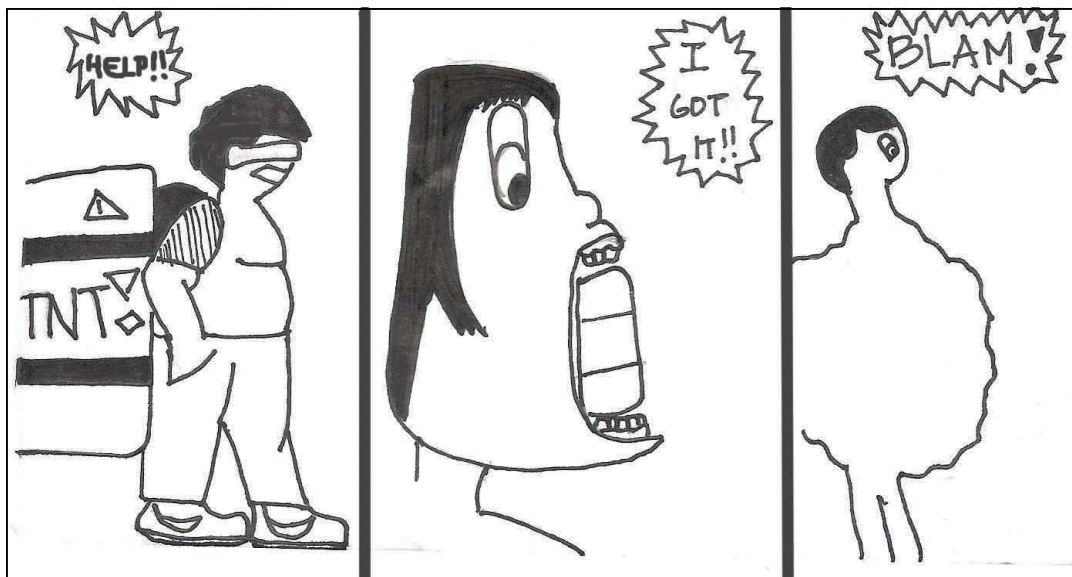
Counselors relaxing during the last day of camp



Abby and George having fun during lunch.

## Comic Strip Space

By: Francisco Lopez, Age 12



*A citizen needs help!*

*Superhero saves the day.*

*BLAM!*

## Poll: Favorite Locational

By: Francisco Lopez, Age 12

We went around Seppy's camp asking campers what their favorite locational was.

With the selected locationals and 84 random campers we found the following results:

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| 1. World Cup Game (Chickasaw Cool Kidz) | 38% |
| 2. Bon Qui Qui (Los Chiquilines)        | 46% |
| 3. Super Hero Skit (The Crazy Rascals)  | 16% |

## Poll: Favorite Field Trip

By: Francisco Lopez, Age 12 and Lesly Vela, Age 12

The Favorite Locational Poll was such a success that the newsletter crew decided to do another one. This time we surveyed fifty campers from all different groups and asked them what their favorite field trip was. The following are the results.

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| 1. Temescal Canyon          | 0.0 % |
| 2. The Sleepover            | 02 %  |
| 3. Hurricane Harbor         | 34 %  |
| 4. Knott's Berry Farm       | 64 %  |
| 5. The Griffith Observatory | 0.0 % |



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Dear Readers,

This has been a fulfilling summer here in Seppy's Summer Day Camp. Watching the numbers increase in attendees, Seppy's Summer Camp was able to create a space for teenagers and children to productively and actively create and play in a given space. Aside from the outstanding number of campers, in Creative Arts, we were fortunate to have a myriad of resources that were previously not available to us. The computer lab and media room allowed *The Crazy Rascals* to create the newsletter you hold now, and to also create the traditional slideshow viewed during the Seppy's Closing Ceremony. We thank all the Crazy Rascals campers and counselors who contributed to the newsletter, slideshow, and scrapbook. We thank all who contributed pictures, and finally parents, coordinators, counselors, outside sources, and camp directors alike for making this summer a success. We hope you enjoy the fruits of our labor and cherish our work as much as we do. Thank you all for your support.

Most Sincerely,

Creative Arts Coordinators and Staff



The Newsletter Staff included the following campers and counselors:

(Left to Right; Top Row) Francisco Lopez, Ramiro Cano, Esmeralda Luis, Ivan Rodriguez, (Middle Row) Enrique Martinez, Lizabeth Hernandez, Diana Valencia, David Martinez, Lesly Vela (Bottom Row) Alicia Morales, Roman Ortega, and Natalie Fonseca.