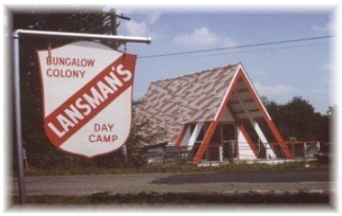
The Lansman's Ledger *COLOR WAR*



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But wait... there are more photos online in the weekly video!

It Isn't Over 'Til It's Over... But Now It's Over!

File this one under "Things That Don't Often Happen at Lansman's." Friday's traditional Color War Sing was moved to… Monday?! Yes, that's right… the Red Thunder and White Lightning teams lived up to their names most of the week and we had four consecutive days of rain, rain, rain during Color War. Not to worry — some daily tweaks of the schedule based on up-to-the-minute weather forecasting ended up salvaging most of this week's exciting activities. Alas, some severe storms and the chance of a tornado pushed Sing to another day. Nevertheless, Friday featured a "half color war" schedule that saw the Red Team win their way up into striking distance of the White Team's prior lead of over 1,500 points.

Monday's big event did not disappoint. With huge camp spirit, the White Lightning team, led by Charlotte Steingart and Edwin Morales (Generals) and Lyndsey Kaplan and Justin Costello (Lieutenants) marched in with their banner and campers accessorized with lightning bolts. The Red Thunder team, led by Lily Siciliano and Aiden Tambascio (Generals) and Anna Bowman and EJ Johnson (Lieutenants) followed suit, entering with their banner and much enthusiaism. Both teams comically attempted to bribe the judges, as per Lansman's tradition.

White Lightning won the entrance, march, and banner and Red Thunder dominated the Alma Mater song. Both teams chose singer-songwriters with hits from the '70s and '80s, helping the audience connect their poignant, sentimental camp lyrics with familiar tunes by Elton John and Billy Joel. The words were beautiful:

So goodbye Lansman's Day Camp / 'Cause our summer is nearly through / We'll remember our moments together / 'Til we're back here at camp with you (Red Thunder)

Lineup each day, where the sun's shining bright / With the friends that we've made, standing right by our side / And each day that we're here at our home, L.D.C. / Yeah, we've laughed and we've smiled / Here at Lansman's, we're one family (White Lightning)

After all the points were added up, the White Team was victorious, winning by a score of about 17,000 to 15,000. At the conclusion of Color War, another Lansman's tradition took place — jumping into the pool. The winning team, followed by the runner-up, took a fun dip before reuniting as one [soaked] camp.

Scott M. Eckers

Campers of the Week

N Jonah Cohen
Mac Ingber
Kinsley Klebanow

B1 Ari Delle Chiaie

G1 Alexis Hoff
Louisa Puretz

B2 Erez Haskell
Eddie Perrelli

G2 Brielle Reed
Olivia Roth
Beatrice Zeskind
Ava Garchik

B3 Aldo Perrelli
Ancel Chavez

G4 Chelsea Markowitz
Lea Blaustein

B4 Henry Rothstein
Miles Heller
Harrison Skolnick

G5 Liana Haskell
Adelaide Robbins
Daniella Blaustein

Apache Relay in the Perpetual Drizzle

Three, two, one, GO! Every camper participated in the annual Apache Relay last Thursday, which took half the morning and almost exhausted Scott and camp parent Ali, who ran with the teams in the mud!

The Apache Relay featured all sorts of silly elements, such as painting the lieutenant's nails, reciting the alphabet backwards on the microphone, doing cannonballs into the pool, running a three-legged race, playing catch with an egg, leapfrogging, getting a bullseye in archery, and putting a whipped cream pie in the face of the opposing team's counselor.

The grand finale of the Apache Relay was the traditional Lansman's rope burn. The first team to arrive at the fire pit got to start making a campfire under a rope. The first team to break the rope with the flames wins. It took both teams over half an hour to get a flame going due to the intermittent rain and extremely wet firewood gathered by the Seniors. In the end, the White Team burned their rope just before the Red Team. Thank you to Adam Bowman for expertly assisting with the rope burn and keeping us safe.

Color War Happenings

The first day of Color War featured an all-camp kickball tournament between the two teams, run by Scott. So that every camper would participate, each inning was played by one member of every group, from kindergarten through high school.

Wednesday's big event was a lively Track and Field competition facilitated by Will. Fifty– and 100-meter dashes, base relays, tennis ball throws, and the tug-of-war involved every camper. The teams were very close! On Thursday, Anthony Schiano ran a fantastic afternoon of trivia for all groups. The Red Team dominated in this area after the White Team won a majority of the group sporting events.

On Friday, Scott organized wacky races for Upper Camp that included scooter and ping pong ball relays. Lower Camp competed to assemble 100-piece jigsaw puzzles the fastest.

A selection of Track and Field photos (with more in the video)!

Announcements for Week Seven

Talent Show and Awards Ceremony

This Friday at 3:00 P.M. will be the camp talent show and awards ceremony. Each group has been preparing an act for the talent show (such as dances, songs, and comedies) with their counselors.

Every camper will receive an excellence award after the talent show. Though camp is less than two months long, an amazing amount of learning and growth occurs in those seven short weeks. This is our opportunity to celebrate those achievements!

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed at camp. Kindly check to see that your children are leaving their devices at home.

The **camp carnival**, featuring inflatables such as slides and bounce houses… and Sno-Cones… will be Wednesday by division.

For safety purposes, campers should wear **proper footwear**, like sneakers, to camp every day. Kids will be very active this week.

The **camp phone number** is (845) 434-8480. Please call the office directly if you need to pick up your child early or have any questions.

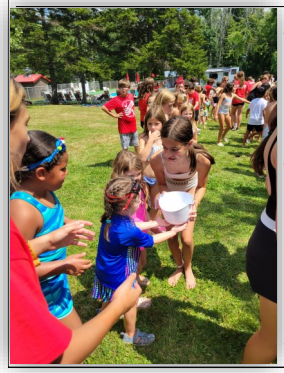
Campers should **always bring their bathing suits and towels** to camp, even if the morning looks rainy.

Order lunch online by clicking ldclunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net. Join **Remind** through www.remind.com/join/ldc2024.

A Quick Tip

Our enthusiastic group of counselors, most of whom are college and high school students, have been working diligently with your children all summer alongside our professional adult staff. We will be sending home a staff list with suggested tips; we hope you consider showing gratitude to the people who put so much time and effort into making camp a fun and safe place!

Swim Meet During Summer Olympics



This year's Swim Meet was an intense competition in the pool that involved nearly every member of the camp! The smallest children found pennies in the shallow end before racing across, and the older kids competed in kickboard and free-swim relays. After the Swim Meet, another staple of Color War took place: the bucket fill. Each team lined up from the pool to the gate in a literal bucket brigade. Some buckets had holes, making the movement of water more challenging. The Red Team won by about two buckets.