



Daisy Days
Summer in Farmington
Summer Explorations
Leaders in Training

CAMP CONNECTIONS



PORTER'S CENTER
FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

At Porter's Summer Programs, our mission is to provide a safe, supportive, and fun environment where campers can develop curiosities, explore new experiences and ideas, grow an understanding of the world, and – most importantly – have fun!

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Photo Album

At camp, we use SmugMug to offer a virtual photo album of our day. We do our best to upload new photos a few times a week – thank you for your patience!

Check your email for the link!

Words from Our Director

Reflections from Camp

There's no better way to understand the magic of camp than through the voices of the campers who experienced it. Here are a few moments, memories, and reflections from this week's adventures.

"I have been at Summer in Farmington for 3 weeks now. When I first saw that I was going to have two roommates, I was nervous, but my roommate Mata changed that for me. When we first met, we clicked instantly. She's more than a friend to me: she's like my sister, the person who give me advice and makes me laugh. You never know how people are going to connect. My RCA, too, made me feel so special over the past three weeks, bringing energy like no other. These people who were once strangers now have a special place in my heart."

–Mathilde A
Camper, Summer in Farmington



"It's amazing how three weeks can fly by so fast. Now, when my RCA Maddy wakes me up with her warm and energetic voice, or my roommate Mathilde yanks me out of bed to get ready for the day, I find myself counting down the days I have left here. My days are packed from morning calls at 7:30 a.m. until lights out at 9:30 p.m. We are always busy, but all of that hard work pays back with a box full of memories.

During the hundreds of hours I have been here, if you ask me about the most memorable part, it always comes back to the people. As an international student who flew here alone, I arrived with a suitcase full of worries. But when I felt insecure, it was the people who were there for me. Once strangers, they became the people who ground me, lift me up on hard days, and are the ones I look for when I need a family. They are more than staff, RCAs, or friends—they have been companions, supporters, and some of my closest friends. Colony 301 will always be my home away from home."

– Daheen (Mata) E
Camper, Summer in Farmington

Program Updates

Daisy Days

Campers spent the day asking big questions, testing bold ideas, and discovering that some of the best learning happens through play! They explored the invisible power of air during cooperative parachute challenges, experimenting with what makes objects move and float. In CREATE, campers traded paintbrushes for unexpected tools, discovering new ways to make colorful works of art while embracing creativity and happy accidents. Our young scientists mixed up batches of slime, making predictions, observing how materials changed, and adding their own colorful twists along the way. The day wrapped up with an engineering challenge as teams designed, built, tested, and improved marble roller coasters, learning firsthand how creativity, teamwork, and perseverance help turn ideas into successful designs. It was a day full of curiosity, experimentation, and the confidence to ask, "What happens if...?"



Leaders in Training

Our Leaders in Training continued putting leadership into action today! Campers heard from a leadership panel, where staff shared how they approach challenges, solve problems, and navigate real-life leadership situations with confidence



and empathy. They also spent time preparing for tomorrow's Field Day, putting the finishing touches on games, materials, and plans they'll lead for our Daisy Days campers. During their practicum, LITs continued building their skills through hands-on leadership experiences, while a spirited game of Jeopardy! provided the perfect mix of teamwork, quick thinking, and fun. They're excited to put everything they've learned over the past two weeks into practice as they step into leadership roles at tomorrow's Field Day!



Program Updates

Sarah Porter Leadership Institute (SPLI)

Today, campers took our leadership learning outside as we explored environmental well-being through interactive scavenger hunts, solving riddles and creating sustainability guidebooks inspired by the world around us. In the afternoon, we shifted our focus to spiritual well-being with a restorative yoga session that

challenged campers to deepen their partnership, trust, and communication. It was a thoughtful day of connecting with both nature and one another.



Creative Studios

Today in Creative Studios, campers explored what it means to express themselves through words, movement, and visual art. They wrote speeches about topics they are passionate about, using persuasive and creative writing techniques to prepare for tomorrow's public speaking practice. They also stretched their imaginations through improv games that encouraged quick thinking, confidence, and collaboration. Later in the day, campers dove into the world of abstract art, exploring questions like, What makes something art? and Can art really be "good" or "bad"? They experimented with color, shape, and emotion as they created their own abstract paintings inspired by these conversations. Meanwhile, in campers completed the plastering phase of their body extension projects and began bringing their creations to life with paint. To round out the day, campers used their bodies as artistic tools, creating



choreographed dances inspired by the letters of their own names and discovering new ways that movement can become a form of creative expression.



Future Creator's Lab

Today in TIE, campers brought their artificial intelligence projects to life! During the morning and early afternoon, they put the finishing touches on their AI models using Google's Teachable Machine, testing and refining them before pitching their products to the group. Each team shared how their AI could solve a real-world problem, demonstrating not only their technical skills but also their creativity, empathy, and entrepreneurial thinking as they considered how technology can make a positive impact. In the afternoon, campers launched an exciting new creative challenge: an AI-powered music video project. They began brainstorming concepts, writing lyrics, and using AI tools to generate original songs that reflect their ideas and personalities. Over the next few days, they'll transform those songs into music videos, combining artificial intelligence, storytelling, design, and performance to create one-of-a-kind productions. It's been inspiring to watch campers discover that AI isn't just a tool for coding—it's also a powerful medium for creativity and self-expression.



Reminders for Saturday!

Summer in Farmington families are invited to join us Saturday from 9:30–10:30 a.m. for our Closing Ceremony as we celebrate an incredible week together!

Please park at 69 Garden Street and then walk to the Camp Office (60 Main Street) for the ceremony. Following the ceremony, residential campers will complete move-out. All campers should depart campus by 12:00 p.m.

If you'd like to extend your visit, the Miss Porter's Admissions Office will be available to answer questions and offer campus tours, and The Ivy, our campus store, will be open for families interested in purchasing Miss Porter's apparel. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Tomorrow's Lunch Menu

French Bread Pizza	Yogurt
Garden Salad	Dessert
Pre-Made Sandwiches	Gluten Aware Options
Bagels	

Field Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow is Field Day for our **Daisy Days campers** and **LITs**! Please have your camper arrive dressed in comfortable athletic clothing and closed-toe shoes, ready for a fun day of teamwork, games, and camp spirit. We will continue to monitor the weather closely, including both the heat and air quality. The health and safety of our campers and staff remain our top priority, and we are prepared to move activities indoors or adjust our schedule as needed to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable day.



Pool Open Tomorrow!

Tomorrow, our **Summer in Farmington campers and LITs** will be enjoying pool time!

Please remember to pack:

- Swimsuit
- Change of clothes
- Goggles and/or a swim cap, if your camper uses them

All campers who wish to swim in the pool will be required to pass a swim test. To learn more about our swim procedures and water safety policies, please visit our [Summer Programs Family Information Hub](#) on our website.

