



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!



Words from Our Director

Curiosity Around Every Corner

At camp, we believe curiosity is so much more than asking questions—it's having the courage to wonder, to try something new, to explore an unfamiliar idea, to make a new friend, or to take that first brave step outside of a comfort zone. Every question asked, every challenge attempted, and every conversation started helps our campers grow into confident, compassionate learners. This week, we've seen curiosity come to life across all of our programs. Our Daisy Days campers have been exploring the world through imaginative play, hands-on activities, and joyful discovery. Our Summer in Farmington campers have been asking big questions about leadership, global citizenship,

and the communities around them while diving into new experiences both on and off campus. Our Leaders in Training have been embracing curiosity as emerging mentors—reflecting on their own leadership, seeking feedback, and discovering new ways to support and inspire younger campers. Curiosity doesn't always look like having the right answer. Often, it looks like raising a hand, trying again after something doesn't work or introducing yourself to someone new. Those small moments are where confidence grows. Thank you for partnering with us as we encourage campers to stay curious, ask thoughtful questions, and embrace every opportunity to learn. We can't wait to see where their curiosity takes them next.

Camp Office

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Instagram

📷 Follow @summeratporters for daily camp highlights & updates!

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!

Program Updates

Daisy Days

Today, our campers discovered what it means to build strong communities around the world! In **MOVE**, they worked together to complete bridge-building challenges, learning that teamwork, communication, and trust help connect people just like bridges connect

places. In **CREATE**, campers added their own blossoms to a cherry blossom tree, celebrating how communities around the world come together through shared traditions and joyful celebrations. During **DISCOVER**, they practiced greetings in languages from around the globe and explored how a simple "hello" can help others feel welcome and included. Finally, in **COLLABORATE**, campers took on cooperative team challenges that



encouraged patience, problem-solving, and cheering one another on. It was a wonderful day filled with kindness, laughter, and community building!

Reminders for DD Families:

Field Day TOMORROW: We're excited for Field Day on Friday, facilitated by our LITs! Campers will spend the morning participating in games, challenges, and team activities.

Please remember to:

- Come to camp fed and ready for fun
- Wear sneakers and comfortable clothing for playing
- Apply sunscreen before arriving and send a hat if your camper has one

No swimsuit is needed.

We can't wait for a day full of teamwork, sisterhood, and camp spirit!

Leaders in Training

Our LITs continued to grow as leaders today! This morning, they heard from a leadership panel featuring members of our camp leadership team, who shared how they approach problem-solving, collaborate with others, navigate challenges, and lead with confidence and kindness. Campers asked thoughtful questions and gained practical strategies they can apply both at camp and beyond.



The group also put the finishing touches on tomorrow's Field Day plans, carefully thinking about activities that will be engaging for Daisy Days campers while also brainstorming ways to modify games so every camper can participate and feel successful. During practicum, our LITs jumped right into the fun—leading games, making connections, and bringing smiles and energy to our youngest campers throughout the afternoon. They wrapped up the day by decorating personalized tote bags, adding a creative touch to an already meaningful day.

We are so proud of the thoughtfulness, enthusiasm, and leadership this group has demonstrated all week, and we can't wait to watch them put those skills into action as they lead Field Day tomorrow!



Program Updates

Sarah Porter Leadership Institute (SPLI)

Today, our SPLI campers focused on one of the most important leadership skills: problem-solving. They learned the S.T.A.R. strategy—Stop, Think, Analyze, Respond—and then put those skills into action through a series of hands-on leadership challenges.

Campers worked together to build spaghetti-and-marshmallow towers, solve a leadership-themed escape room, complete a campus-wide problem-solving scavenger hunt, and create personalized "Leadership Queen" crowns celebrating their strengths, values, and goals. Every activity encouraged communication, collaboration, and creative thinking. One of the biggest highlights of the day



was our beloved counselor skit about bullying. Through lots of laughter (and counselors getting covered in ice cream!), campers explored the importance of kindness, standing up for others, and creating a community where everyone feels like they belong.

Attention Day Campers!

SPLI - We are heading out to Winding Trails tomorrow for our morning at the ropes course. Please check your email for reminders on what to wear, as well as arrival times on campus!

IGE - We will be working on our projects tomorrow! Please bring your personal technology (iPads or laptops); they will be checked in upon arrival at the camp office.

Pack a swim suit, towel, and change of clothes for tomorrow - the pool will be open!!

Thanks!

Issues to Action

Today, our IGE campers began work on their action projects by selecting one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals that resonated with them during last week's visit to UN Headquarters. They spent the day researching the issue, exploring its root causes and brainstorming meaningful solutions focused on the changes they can make within their own communities.



Campers also reflected on yesterday's visit to LEVO International, connecting their hands-on service experience to the larger themes of sustainability, community engagement, and global citizenship. It was inspiring to see them begin turning big global challenges into local action plans, and we can't wait to watch their ideas continue to develop throughout the week!



Pick Up on Saturday Summer in Farmington

Summer in Farmington families are invited to join us for our Closing Ceremony on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. We encourage our day campers and their families to join us as we celebrate the week's accomplishments together.

Please park at 69 Garden Street, then walk to the Camp Office (60 Main Street) for the ceremony.

After the ceremony, residential campers will complete move-out. All campers should depart campus by 12:00 p.m., unless enrolled in our Weekend Overnight option.

The Porter's Admissions team will be available to answer questions and offer campus tours. Our school store, The Ivy, will also be open if campers and families would like to buy school apparel.

Tomorrow's Lunch Menu

Chicken	Salad Bar
Salmon	Bagels
Wild Rice	Yogurt
Lemon Green Beans	Dessert
Crispy Tofu	Gluten Aware Options

We encourage families to review the menu with their campers before camp each day. We are committed to providing healthy, balanced meal options each day, and previewing the menu with your camper can help identify foods they enjoy. Our goal is for each camper to feel confident choosing meals that leave them feeling full and ready for the day.

Pool Time Tomorrow Summer in Farmington & LITs

Don't forget to pack a swimsuit, towel, a change of clothes, and goggles/ cap, if needed.

Campers who choose to swim in the pool must successfully complete a swim assessment with our lifeguards before entering the water.

For more information about our swim procedures and swim levels, please visit our [Family Information Hub](#) on the Summer Programs website.

Weekly Survey

We would love to hear how your camper is experiencing camp so far! As we work to make this the best summer ever, your feedback helps us celebrate what's going well and make thoughtful adjustments along the way.

Please take a few minutes to complete our Week 1 Survey that was sent via email this morning.

We are grateful for your partnership!

