



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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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!



Words from Our Director

Growing Together

One of my favorite things about camp is that it gives girls permission to ask, "What if?"

"What if I try something I've never done before?"

"What if I ask a question?"

"What if I make a new friend?"

"What if I surprise myself?"

At Porter's Summer Program, curiosity is something we celebrate. There is no pressure to have all the answers or to be the best at something the first time you try it. Instead, we encourage campers to wonder, explore, create, and discover alongside one another. Curiosity reminds us that learning isn't about getting everything right—it's about being brave enough to try.

This week, Daisy Days campers will explore curiosity through hands-on adventures, creative projects, and imaginative play. Every question they ask and every new experience they try helps build confidence and reminds them that learning begins with wondering.

Our Leaders in Training are exploring curiosity in a different way—asking thoughtful questions about themselves as leaders. Through feedback, reflection, and hands-on experiences with younger campers, they're discovering that great leaders aren't the ones with all the answers, but the ones who never stop learning.

Here's to another week of asking questions, trying new things, and discovering what we're capable of!

Program Updates

Daisy Days

Campers jumped right into the day with refreshed energy and excitement as we kicked off week 2. There was a noticeable buzz around camp, especially with our upcoming talent show—free time was filled with rehearsals, creativity, and campers eagerly preparing to share their talents.

At **MOVE**, campers explored the graceful movement of jellyfish, discovering how these fascinating creatures navigate the ocean without a brain!



At **CREATE**, campers sculpted clay crabs while learning about their protective exoskeletons, adding creative details and imagining each crab's personality.



At **DISCOVER**, campers tested their engineering skills by designing aluminum foil boats to see which could hold the most weight before sinking, learning that trial and error is part of the process.

At **COLLABORATE**, campers explored the many ways sea creatures communicate without words—from flashing squid to singing whales. Through movement, sound, and visual cue challenges, they experienced firsthand how teamwork, observation, and creativity can help us understand one another in new ways.

The excitement of being back together this week is already shining through, and we can't wait to see all the fun and connection continue to grow in the days ahead!



Leaders in Training

Today, our Leaders in Training explored one of the most important qualities of effective leadership: emotional intelligence.



The morning began with a special visit from Sarah Quinn, Director of Admissions and educator at Miss Porter's School, who led an engaging workshop on emotional intelligence. LITs explored what it means to understand and manage their own emotions while recognizing and responding to the emotions of others—an essential skill for leaders.

Later, LITs rotated through scenario-based stations inspired by their practicum experiences. Together, they discussed real situations they may encounter with younger campers and brainstormed developmentally appropriate strategies for responding with empathy, confidence, and care. It was exciting to watch them reflect on yesterday's experiences and think critically about how they can continue growing as leaders.

The afternoon brought a splash of creativity as LITs tie-dyed their camp shirts before heading into practicum. Back with their camper groups, they had another opportunity to put their learning into action, supporting activities, building relationships, and practicing the leadership skills they've been developing all week.

Overheard on Campus

"I forgot how fun it was dancing with you guys! Same time, tomorrow afternoon!"

Car Ride Convos

The ride home can be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the day together. These questions can help spark conversations about friendship, belonging, growth, and joy.

👯 Sisterhood

"Who made your smile today?"



💖 Belonging

"When did your group feel like a team today?"

🌟 Growth

"What is something that felt easier this week than last week?"

😊 Joy

"Tell me about a time today when you felt happy!"

❤️ Well-Being

"What helped you feel your best today at camp?"



Week 1 Camp 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!

Tomorrow's Lunch Menu

Grilled Chicken	Salad Bar
Cauliflower Steaks	Pre-Made Sandwiches
Potato Salad	Bagels
Grilled Carrots	Yogurt
	Dessert
	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.

Weather Advisory

We are keeping a close eye on the forecast, as temperatures are expected to be quite warm over the next few days. We'll adjust our schedule as needed—moving activities indoors or into the shade and building in extra water breaks to help campers stay safe and comfortable. Please help by sending your camper with a full water bottle, applying sunscreen before arrival, and, if you'd like, packing sunscreen so they can reapply throughout the day.

Save the Date: Daisy Days Talent Show!

Join us for one of Summer Programs' favorite traditions—the Daisy Days Talent Show! Campers may choose to perform a solo, partner, or group act as we celebrate their creativity, confidence, and unique talents. Families are invited to join us on Friday, July 3, at 2:00 PM in the Hacker Theater (69 Garden Street) as we celebrate an incredible week of friendship, fun, and camp memories!