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Summer Programs
MISS PORTER'S SCHOOL

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!

Camp Office

📞 : (860) 409-3653
📧 : summer-programs@missporters.org

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

At camp, mentorship happens in countless small moments—during activities, in small groups, over lunch, and while walking from one place to another. We believe some of the most meaningful growth comes through relationships, which is why mentorship is woven into every part of our program.

Campers are grouped by age, creating opportunities to build friendships and share experiences alongside peers who are navigating many of the same milestones. Campers encourage one another, develop confidence, and build a strong sense of belonging within their camp community.

Our counselors play an equally important role. They lead with intention, serve as positive role models, and take the time to get to know each camper as an individual. Whether helping solve a problem or celebrating a success, counselors create an environment where campers feel seen, valued, and supported.

Our LITs add another layer to this mentoring community. LITs often connect with campers in unique and meaningful ways. As they develop their own leadership skills, they serve as role models while learning alongside the campers they support.

Through these peer, counselor, and LIT relationships, we create a community where every camper has the opportunity to learn, grow, lead, and belong.

Program Updates

Daisy Days

One of the highlights of today was seeing the enthusiasm campers brought with them as they arrived. After a great first day, it was clear many were excited to be back—eager to reconnect with friends, see their counselors, and jump into another day of camp.



At **MOVE**, campers learned about whale migration and the incredible journeys whales make each year. Working in their pods, campers tackled a series of obstacle-course challenges that required teamwork and communication.



At **CREATE**, campers put the finishing touches on their penguin projects; we loved seeing each camper's creativity shine as their chilly friends came to life!

At **COLLABORATE**, campers continued their exploration of whales, learning how bubble nets help certain whale species work together to capture food. Through parachute games and other hands-on activities, campers brought these concepts to life while practicing teamwork and cooperation.

At **DISCOVER**, campers learned about dolphins and their remarkable use of echolocation to communicate and navigate. Through a variety of communication and active listening games, campers explored how dolphins connect with one another while also building trust and community within their groups.



There was a lot of excitement today for Water Play tomorrow! Keep reading for important updates on what to send your camper with tomorrow!

Leaders in Training



Today, LITs focused on one of the most important leadership skills: communication.

Throughout the morning, they explored how younger campers communicate through words, body language, behavior, and emotions. Through role-playing scenarios, observation challenges, and interactive activities, LITs practiced "decoding" what campers might be feeling or needing and responding with clarity, confidence, and care. They also worked on giving clear directions, active listening, and building communication tools they can use throughout the summer.



In the afternoon, LITs returned to practicum with a focus on communication in action. Building on yesterday, they led recess activities for younger campers, practicing clear directions, engagement, and relationship-building. It was exciting to see their confidence grow in real time.

Overheard on Campus

"To play with us, you have to use your imagination!"

"We are whales! The rain is our sea!"

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**
"What's something kind you saw another camper do today?"

💜 **Belonging**
"Is there a place or activity where you feel especially comfortable?"

🌟 **Growth**
"What are you proud of today?"



😊 **Joy**
"If you could relive one part of today, what would it be?"

❤️ **Well-Being**
"What's one word you'd use to describe your day?"



Water Day Tomorrow!

Wednesday is Water Day for both Daisy Days and LIT campers! Campers will enjoy a variety of fun field day activities designed to help everyone stay cool and make a splash. Please note that there will be no pool time.

Be sure to send your camper with:

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Extra sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Hat or visor (optional)

Get ready for a day of laughter, teamwork, and water-filled fun!

Tomorrow's Lunch Menu

Pork Stir Fry
Veggie Stir Fry
Steamed Edamame
Vegetable Egg Roll

Salad Bar
Pre-Made Sandwiches
Bagels
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.

Send a Letter!

A note from home can make your camper's day! Families are welcome to send their campers mail through the session.

Camper's Name
c/o Summer Programs
60 Main Street
Farmington, CT 06032

No packages please!



An On-Campus Adventure

We're excited to welcome Mystic Seaport to campus tomorrow for a morning of hands-on learning with our Daisy Day campers! Campers will dive into the world of sea creatures through engaging, interactive activities. It's sure to be a fun day!