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Honor Those You Love

Want to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary of someone you love? When you make a thoughtful gift to Camp in someone's honor, we will print your tribute in our quarterly thank you ad in the Hartford Courant. We will also provide acknowledgement to the honoree(s) once your gift is received.

Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts can also be made to honor the memory of a friend or family member.

Another Way to Give

If you give to the United Way, please consider donating 100% of your gift to Camp Courant by writing in our Agency Code: 5318 on your donation form. Thank you!



ACTION!

Help connect Hartford's children with a wide-open world! Financial support from our donors keeps all of the services and fun at camp FREE of charge.

To provide a free summer camp experience to a Hartford child, it costs:

- \$25 per day per child.
- \$125 a week.
- \$750 for the full summer season.

Butterfly Girl graphic courtesy of Tom Dorzy and Adams & Knight

Camp Courant Summer 2008

Camp averaged 917 campers per day for a total of 24,466 camper days!

A heartfelt thank you from all of us at Camp Courant to all of you who support the largest and one of the oldest free day camps in the country!



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A Camp Courant Alum Remembers

"In 1921, at the age of 8, I arrived in Hartford with my mother and two siblings to join my father who had emigrated from Sweden the year before. We lived on Hamilton St. and the following summer I would walk down to the corner of Park St. and Laurel St. where the Billings and Spencer stood. That was one of the pick up spots for the Camp Courant open-air trolley to pick up city children for a day at Camp Courant. The trolley line ended on Park Road, just west of Quaker Lane and we would all disembark and march down the hill to Camp Courant, singing lustily along the way.

The entrance to the camp was down the hill near where the entrance to I-84 now comes out to Park road. At the entrance to Camp Courant we would hand over five cents and as soon as we were all onto the camp grounds we were given Graham crackers and milk. I had breakfast at home but for many of the other children this was most likely breakfast.

We then spent the day playing, swimming in Trout Brook (bathing suits provided because no one had a bathing suit!), taking various craft courses etc., with a light lunch at noon. There I learned to knit and have been a knitter all my life, right up to today.

Those were wonderful days and I learned a lot, the give-and-take of getting along with others, citizenship (tho I did not realize that at the time) and responsibility.

Thank you Hartford Courant for helping me integrate into a new land and providing me with some wonderful summers."



Ms. Jespersen is 95 years old and knits hats for preemie babies and mittens for the Social Service Dept. in Newington, CT.



Camp Courant Clean Up Day

Employees from the Hartford Courant teamed up with Bank of America and The Hartford to help Camp Courant get ready for summer by weeding, raking, and power washing. Volunteers from Walker Systems Support in Farmington donated time and effort to get the camp's computer lab up and running and Comcast provided internet connection for the season.

Campers chosen to join the year-round junior leadership/counselor-in-training program, learn leadership, self-development and job preparation skills that prepare them for the world of higher education and work. This past summer 11 graduates of the program were employed at Camp Courant as full time counselors.



Camp Courant Junior Leaders meet Dean Andrews, Vice President, Market Development Manager for Bank of America



In Their Own Words

In the computer lab this summer, campers were asked to use their creative writing skills. Here 'in their own words' are two pieces of their work.

Opinion Article by Gaby Silva

Everywhere there is something to do such as swimming at a huge underground pool. During pool time if you don't want to swim you can go to the playground behind the pool and go on the tire swing. It can make you very dizzy but it's lots of fun! We also have sports time where you can play basketball, go on swings and even a bounding board!

For lunch we get ice cream and get to eat outside! At the playground you can do many fun things like go on a tire swing or play ping-pong. Every age group is separated, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10 and 11 and 12. Each group has a different color. That is what Camp Courant is like!

My Autobiography by Malik

M - My favorite thing to do is playing B-ball

A - A person who loves playing with his dogs, cats, birds and sister

L - Loves eating Taco Bell's Burritos

I - Is a leader not a follower

K - Kitchen cleaning in my favorite thing to do

My favorite thing to do is to play B-Ball at Keney Park or watch some good football. My team, the Patriots 'Rock On.' I'm also an animal person. I have lots of animals like cats, fish, dogs, even birds. I play with them when there's no football games on or if I'm not 'feeling' basketball that day. My favorite food place is Taco Bell. They have the best Burritos there - meaty, lettucey and crunchy. I'm always going to be a leader like my idol Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He's very cool. I love cleaning my kitchen. I like scrubbing dishes.