

Stone Mountain Adventures

**Camper and Staff Memory Book
4th Session Summer 2014**



A Note from the Camp Directors:

Greetings to everyone in our Stone Mountain Adventures (SMA) family. It is hard to believe that the summer 2014 has come and gone so fast. It seems like only yesterday we were dusting off the canoes and tuning up the mountain bikes, and now this incredible summer is in the history books. The remainder of August was great, but we often found ourselves playing "remember that time in 4th Session... that was awesome!" during our down time.

Campers, we miss each one of you so much, and it's just not the same without you here. We hope you have recovered from the craziness and had an awesome end to your summer.



Parents, thank you for sending your child(ren) to Stone Mountain Adventures. Each member of the incredible fourth session of SMA 2014 possessed fantastic qualities and helped to make the group so special. We had incredible experiences as individuals and as a group – it was truly a memorable session.

On the last full day of the session we asked each member of our group to take a few moments and "reflect" about his or her experience at Stone Mountain Adventures. Enclosed are written reflections of campers as well as a brief description of many of the activities that we did at camp written by our stellar staff.

We will be uploading the **Fourth Session Slide Show** to our web site and to Bunk1 in the weeks to come. As we peruse summer photos we can't help but smile because there were so many silly costumes, 'go fast' activities, and quality friendships. What an incredible summer!

We hope you enjoy this SMA Memory Book and these "reflections" as much as we do!

Best wishes on the school year ahead,

Jud, Anne, Wyatt, Molly, Pam, Biff, Comet, Sula, Frisbee, the Cats, the Horses,
the Rabbits & other random farm animals!

Anna A.K.A. Marshmallow

The two weeks I spent at camp were amazing! Horsemasters gave me the chance to bond with not only the horses, but also with the other Horsemasters. On the second to last day of riding, McKenna, Lisa, Jin, and I created a Drill Team and had so much fun and made a ton of great memories. SMA also gave me the chance to make many great friends because everyone is so friendly. I had an amazing secret friend, D-Funk, who made me an awesome tie-dye shirt. The counselors were extremely fun to be around as well. I loved all of the activities I have done. The two overnights I went on were so fun. Between the actual activities and spending time with the other campers on the overnights, I made so many fun memories. SMA even made doing laundry fun for me. There was not a minute where I did not have fun. I thought I would be missing my friends from home the whole time, but instead I spent time making so many new friends.

Will

The two weeks that I spent here at SMA were absolutely amazing beyond imagination. I have absolutely no complaints. I have been to other summer camps before, but they are nothing compared to SMA. Everyone is just so much nicer and cooler here. It's impossible to not make friends here. The small camp ensures that everyone knows



everybody. It's like a different world here...I would absolutely come back for one, two, or maybe even three sessions next year. I love it here and I don't want to leave. I can't wait for next year. Thanks to everyone for being so awesome, especially the wakemasters crew. Everything was just so perfect, thank you all. It's just unreal how fun, amazing, and life-changing this camp is. Thank you, guys. I will miss it here. See ya next summer!

Isabel

At the beginning of camp I was very nervous, but after a few days I had made a lot of new friends. I loved all the van rides, horsemasters, bunk junk, evening meetings on the front lawn, and all the activities. I did a lot of new activities like rock climbing, canoeing, and relearning everything at horsemasters. I was so happy every day of

SMA and the two weeks seemed to fly by. I still can't believe it's almost over. I had a lot of fun getting to know campers like Mia, Annalia, Sydney, McKenna, Eliza, Meghan, Phoebe, Lydia, Beth, and all the counselors. Everyone in Rothrock was awesome. I loved waking up every morning and hearing all the birds singing and hearing rain falling on our roof. Rothrock adopted Figaro as our cabin cat, but I loved all of the animals including Comet, Frisbee, Sula, and Jake Buckets. I will miss a lot of things here including the barn, the counselors, all the campers, all the activities, and so much more.



Michael

I've made so many new friends at SMA and so many memories. Like when Tim fell off the water skis. I laughed so hard I almost fell off the boat. I've learned so many things about, well, everything. I loved mountain biking on Allegrippis except when I fell off—lucky for me I landed in something soft! Some of the best memories I have here are with the friends I made here and all the time we had together. That is

what I love most about Stone Mountain Adventures, all the friends I make here.

British Beth

I have really enjoyed my time at SMA as it is like a real American camp—so different from England. I have loved the van rides with rule number 6 being put into action (turn it up to 11). My favorite activities have been the overnights as I have had my first s'more and roasted my first marshmallows. Also you get to know everybody there so well. I have made so many amazing friends here that I will definitely stay in touch with some way or another. The counselors have been so welcoming especially our bunk captains. Best memories: canoeing overnight, finding the gigantic turtle floating down the river. I am also super happy that I got up on the wakeboard for the first time ever. Whitewater rafting, climbing, and biking are experiences I will never forget because

they are real courses and not just man-made plastic things, it was just so amazing to experience the real thing. This was my first sleepaway camp and to do it in Pennsylvania was even better. I am so grateful for my time here and I will come back next year for longer! Thank you every staff member and campers.

Sydney

I am so happy I got to spend my summer at SMA. The whole experience feels like a dream, something too good to be true. We all love and accept each other here, which makes me so happy. Getting to know people is so fun and interesting. I'm gonna miss everyone a lot. Bye SMA, see you next year!

Meghan

I am really happy that I got to spend some of my summer at SMA. This was the first time I've been to this camp and I'm so glad I came. I've made so many new friends including Phoebe, Sydney, Beth, and Annalia. I'm so glad I was able to enjoy this experience with them. The thing I enjoyed the most was whitewater rafting with Will, Eliza, Dontá, Katie, and Brenna. I had so much fun. I also enjoyed van rides and blasting music. This experience has changed my life



Jack

I loved the sessions I spent at SMA this year. I had so much fun, made great memories, and a lot of new friends. I'm coming back for three sessions next year.

Arek

I had a lot of fun in camp. Sleeping in the cabins was fun because Dontá kept me laughing throughout the nights. I enjoyed taking showers early before everyone got up.

All the activities in the mornings and afternoons were a lot of fun, and the food was really good. I was always able to fill my tummy after a long day of camp. I had the most fun chilling out with my boys Dontá and Nathan.

Dontá

My second year at Stone Mountain Adventures was great. We did new activities, as well as some I knew already. I got to see old friends and create new friends. I really liked the van rides and the awesome overnights. Also I had a great time at the talent show. Other great memories were going to the county fair, playing gaga in the barn, and playing Newcome. My friends made the session even more fun. I had a blast with Katie Bisio, Arek, and Nathan. I love everyone at this camp. Like they say at camp, YOLO SWAG!

Alex

My last session at SMA was so amazing. Tim pulling me on the kneeboard was crazy, I got five feet every time. Tom and I had a great time on Allegrippis, and we named a deer, Laura. My cabin was so amazing, #pyramid, #twinklylights. The van ride back from the Yough was so insane. Roy at Sheetz was also so funny. Also girl talk with Roy and Emily on windsurf/sail was surprisingly deep. Alex's Lemonade in State College was so fun. We raised a record amount and Walter helped so much. I also loved Mattawanna's nightly calls back to the Furnace, and having Sydney for my secret friend. The staff this year was amazing. Spencer coming back was the most unbelievable thing to happen. I'm going to miss the Yough, Raystown, and Allegrippis. I'll miss this place. Thank you Jud, Anne, Pam, and Biff for everything.



Daniel A.K.A. D-Funk

I had an awesome time at SMA. The secret friends were really fun to see what everyone got. My favorite activity was getting to go mountain biking so many times. Another fun thing was getting to go waterskiing and getting up my second time. I also met many new friends who made SMA amazing.

Lisa

SMA was definitely a different experience for me. I've been to some other summer camps and I can honestly say this was the best. Horsemasters was a big highlight of my camp experience, along with the many other new activities I tried for the first time. I met so many amazing people. The people in my cabin were just so fantastic and funny, I felt right at home in the first few days. The camp was just so fun, and it went by way too fast. I had a blast full of fun activities, new friends, yummy foods, and amazing memories.

Cherry

Stone Mountain Adventures has been a blast for me for Session 4 2014. My favorite activities had to be wakeboarding and especially the overnights. I also loved whitewater rafting and the rush of excitement that went



through me while we encountered the rapids. I was in love with all the animals, like me and Katie's new bunny Tyrone. Raystown is the best lake and we created so many memories there. But really, I enjoyed everything at camp, literally every second of it, and I'm proud to call this place my home.

McKenna

Fourth session was amazing! The activities were amazing and I loved all the other campers! The Yough with Tom and Alyna was great, and Dimple Rock was the best ever. Hanging out with everyone on the front lawn and in Mattawanna made every day amazing! Party vans with Ali, Melissa, Brenna, and all the campers were awesome. I was so excited Eliza could come back, and I spent almost every afternoon activity with her. Our talks at night in Mattawanna and calling back to the Furnace every night made leaving home a little easier, but leaving camp is a lot harder.

Cupcake Charlie

Camp has been really fun. I really enjoyed it all, especially whitewater rafting, bowling, and canoeing. I have a ton of memories from all the activities like at windsurf/sail when we shared ghost stories on the water. Candlelight meetings were more serious. I loved all the canoeing I did. I really enjoyed me and Lucy's game. Overall I had an amazing time and I hope I can come back next year.



Donny

People at SMA are really nice and fun to hang out with. Wakeboarding and waterskiing are really fun to do. Whitewater rafting was so fun that when I come back I am going to do it again. The bus ride back to the vans from the river was really fun. Camp was fun in total!

Mathilde

This was a great last session of the summer. Great group of people, great cabin, great everything. This was my 6th session at SMA and I still love everything about this place from the van rides to the talent show to the Yough and back again. I can't wait for my 7th session of SMA. I love you guys! #4thSessionYOLO

Cecelia

SMA has been so much fun. Horsemasters was my favorite activity. I feel like I have really progressed this session. I rode Avant, and we have really gotten better since our first lesson. I also liked secret friends and buying things for Fish. I had so much fun at camp and I really want to come back next year!

Ana

This year of camp I had a lot of fun. The van rides were very fun. This year I went rock climbing which was also very fun.

Jeff

This is my fourth and probably my final year at SMA. Looking back on my time here always puts a smile on my face. This has been a great year with some awesome people. Whatever activity I was on, I always had fun. I credit this to the awesome staff this year, the counselors were hilarious and so great. This session I had an awesome boat with Lucy on the Youghiogheny River whitewater rafting. Also shout out to Chase for being a great secret friend and getting me a plate with Obama on it. I made some great new friends this year, and also reconnected with my friends from past years. This has been such a great last year. Shout out to Emily for making this summer great! Goodbye SMA.

Emily

This is my second session of the summer, and sixth session ever, and it was one of my best. This session felt so different from all the rest because my core group of friends had all left last session. Even though the people I'm used to left, the feeling of SMA



stayed the same. Every moment here is made into something special—whether it's compost with Jeff, snacking in Mattawanna, or dancing between talent show acts, SMA makes everything fun.

I tried to be more adventurous this session, and I even went on the boat with Lindsay! This camp challenges you to try new things, and the feeling I get when I accomplish something is so amazing. I really hope this is not my last session here, SMA is like my home.

Logan

I like camp because of the great memories like funny stories, horsemasters, and whitewater rafting. It was all so fun. Buggy is a great horse, I like him. I am going to miss everyone.

Chris

These past six weeks have been truly amazing. I've got to do things I could never believe like waterskiing, mountain biking, and whitewater rafting. The counselors were also so great in both advice and being friendly. The other campers were also so cool like Jeff, Will, Alex L, and Mathilde. Leaving SMA is going to be very hard by since my adventure here was awesome, I think I'm going to come back next year.

Sarah

I would just like to thank everyone in this camp for a great summer. This is probably the most I've laughed since, well, since the last time I was here. The jokes, the van ride jam sessions, the activities; there was really so much joy to be had there two weeks. And to all of you in Little J, you are like family to me, and I love you guys. Hopefully I will be back next year.

Nick

I am so grateful for SMA, the experiences I've had here, the people I've met, the friends I've made, and what it's done for me in the long run. When I started out as a camper at SMA, I was really nervous, shy, and reluctant to open up because of bad experiences at other sleepaway camps. But here, I tried many new activities and talked



to campers and counselors. The next year, I made new friends, tried more activities, and became a wakemaster. Once I opened up, I became more confident about myself and felt better.

This year, I was thrilled to come back as a super camper. It has been truly awesome. I've gone on two rock climbing overnights, become even more confident on the boat as a wakemaster, and challenged myself on Allegrippis. I also enjoyed canoeing, service days, and art studio. I'll never forget those whitewater rafting trips. This year, I also made many new friends, enjoyed the old ones, and hung out with many other new people.

Shout out to my friends who have been here for me throughout the summer and even the year, especially Lydia, Campbell, Jin, and Cherry. Lindsay, thank you for an amazing two years on the boat, making me more confident, and teaching me how to be myself. Tom, thanks for pushing me on Allegrippis, and just being a great counselor. Also Ali, Chase, and Roy for being awesome counselors. And, of course, Jud for everything these past three years.

I will cherish everything about SMA, forever. Whether it's the crazy van rides, the chill times on the boat or in the Furnace, or just throwing a Frisbee around at Freezewood. Everyone here had an impact on me, and the experiences I've had here have changed my life. I really hope to come back and visit soon in the future and maybe be a counselor here. Honestly, I don't know where I would be without Stone Mountain Adventures. Thank you, SMA.



Emilie

The girls in mattawana were just amazing! #neverforget.

I practiced lots of sports that I have never tried before! I went wakeboarding and it was amazing! I met lots of great people I will never forget, the counselors were amazing!

I have left camp with lots of great memories I will never forget.

I had a great time at SMA.

P.S. I don't have a lot of vocabulary so I will use the word I use all the time 'Amazing'!

Phoebe

I thought at first I was going to hate this camp but I guess I am going to miss it instead. The relationships I have made here have been very successful and I am happy about that. I am also glad that there are people who live close by to me. YOLO. SWAG. I LOVE YOU SMA!

Katie

During 4th session this year I had such a great time. Again, so many new firsts. I love wakeboarding so much I was on Wakemasters for the first time and I learned how to go out to the left side of the wake and how to get back to the middle. I'm going to learn

how to ride the wake when I'm at a family reunion next to the lake. I also sped up the middle of the wall at Donation Rocks, the first time I got up it took so long, I was really shocked how fast I got up but of course I would never be as fast as Chase! I love rock climbing! I never quit, I have to make it up to the top or else.

My cabin was great! White water rafting was so much fun, sometimes I didn't feel like going but I always had fun doing it. Camp time here is so fast, it feels like such a short time but at the same time a long time.

I am also excited to keep in contact with all of my new friends and showing my new self to my old friends.

I will most definitely come back every year I can for as many sessions as I can. One day I want to become a camp counselor for real. Thanks to a wonderful, amazing summer like no other. Thank you, Jud, for a great summer and for the next years to come. I'll miss everyone here and all the counselors. I hope you all come back.

Annalia

I am a returning camper from last year and before coming I was worried that this year wouldn't be as great as last year. From the moment I pulled up on the lawn the first day and my car was swarmed by all my old friends I new I had



nothing to worry about. It was so great to see all my friends from last year like Nick B, Mia, Alex, Mathilde and some familiar faces in the staff like Lucy, James, Tim Bailey and ally and when I got up to the cabin it was great to see all my Rothrockians from last year. During this session I've made so many great friends that I hope to see next year like Isabell, Emilie, Lisa, Cupcake, Sydney, Jack, D-funk and Will. I've also met some great counselors this year that feel more like siblings like Roy and Alyna. Overall this has been a wonderful year and I can't wait to come back next year and hopefully see everyone again!

#missing my twin Isabell and my new English best friend Beth.

Jin

This year at SMA I made great friends, amazing memories and had great fun, my favorite memory of the whole session is disco bowling, this is because everyone was having so much fun and we all looked great in bunk junk. I also loved going on the rails to trails in the rain with Merina and tom! One of my other favorite things about SMA is secret friends because of all the silly things you receive. By the time we get this packet we will have been home for quite some time and I know that most of you guys will be counting down the days until you can come back to SMA weather its one year or many more we will always have SMA to remember.

Caitlin

SMA has been so much fun. All the counselors are really funny. One day in Horsemasters we made hovers treats and then we tricked Lucy, Tom and Roy into eating them!! White water rafting was the best. I am glad I got to try it and I can't wait to come next year!!!! ☺ ☺

Eliza

This session at SMA has exceeded all expectations. Unlike 2nd session I was excited to come to camp and have two full weeks of being happy. I loved every single person in my cabin and had amazing late night discussions. The van ride to the Yough with Brenna, Ali and Melissa was just as fun as last time. My raft flipped and everyone fell out - it was amazing. Hanging out on the front lawn with everybody and awkward dancing made everyday enjoyable. I became so much closer to everybody I already knew and new people. One of my best moments here was making it to the top at rock climbing on the last day of activities. Walter, Brenna and Chase helped me through it all even though I'm terrified of heights. Overall, I could not be happier with my decision to come back I will never forget this summer.

Mia

Spending my time here this session was really great. I met a lot of new counselors and campers. But I really liked seeing returners that were new to me. I remember how nervous I was coming here in the car, and how I wouldn't like anyone else I didn't know last year but then I warmed up to the new campers and new schedule. Something I'll always remember is #sweatercore, since I've got a sweater core shirt. I'll remember all the new counselors and the evening events this year. I loved my summer here with all my warm fuzzies! Also some memories I can share with my friends back home are the yough trip, disco bowling, disco roller skating, disco bowling, the time I got whipped cream in my face and so many more. One thing I will take away from camp is the life lesson learned by Roy at the talent show. I will miss everyone and everything so so so so much!

Mirena

This session makes my seven weeks at SMA come to an end. Seven wonderful fun filled weeks are coming to a close. Over my seven weeks this session definitely has a special place in my heart. The last



two weeks were jam packed with activities, growing friendships and so much more. Since this is the last reflection I will write this year I will do the nice thing and thank people. Thank you to the boat crew, thank you to time bailey for a great wake masters. Thank you to the little J counselors for putting up with all our crazy shenanigans. Thank you for all the staff for getting me through the last seven weeks. Shout out to the other bailey twin Mellissa! Thank you to all my amazing friends thank you to Jeff and Sydney.

I love everyone and will miss you all! Thanks to Jud and Anne for making this possible.

Allison

Camp has been so much fun let me start with activities.

I did different activities, these included Horsemasters, canoeing, white water rafting, rock climbing, water skiing and more I can't remember.

Camp was great I hope to come back next year.

I beat up all the male counselors and I am going to join the WWE

Nathan

I really enjoyed my camp this summer. I made a lot of new friends and had lots of fun doing activities and meeting new people. I really like all the people here and all of the counselors #Tim Bailey #Tom #Lucy. Some of my favorite activities were white water



rafting, canoeing, kayaking, soccer and ultimate frisbee, I had so much fun at camp this summer and would love to come back here.

Lydia

This was my last session ever at SMA and it was a good one. Coming into the session I knew I had to make it my best. The campers here were amazing and I became great friends with most of them. Mattawana this session was the best and I love them all so much. We had so many good times together and made many memories. My good friends this session were Marshmallow, Jack, Jeff, Chris, Emily F, Cherry, Jin, Mckenna, Eliza. Thank you for making this session the best. I've had many great experiences with them e.g. jamming out to fall out boy and panic. At the disco with Chris. All of the counselors you guys are the best, thank you Tom, Roy and Lindsay for comforting me when I was crying you guys helped me a lot. Thank you Fish for taking me to the doctor, and thank you Ali for just caring! Horsemasters was the best, We had so many new people which is awesome, Pam is the most amazing person I love her so much and owe her everything. She has helped me through so much I am so glad I got to spend most mornings with her. During Horsemasters I had two accidents which make great stories to tell. Number 1, I was riding Chance and he tripped on his own front feet and fell to his knees and I flew out of the saddle onto his neck, I got really scared and cried, I didn't fall off which is successful. The next day though I wasn't so lucky which brings me to number 2. I was riding Buggy when I decided to jump him over a cross-rail, I was getting prepared to go into jumping position but it was too late, he jumped about 3 feet high in stead of 1 and I fell off. I fell on my side first and then my head, I was in shock and my head hurt and I started to cry. Pam took me inside and called Jud. I went to the doctor later that day and got a cat scan. I don't have a

concussion which is great! I'm so grateful that Jud let me come back an extra summer. I thank SMA for everything and I hope to be a counselor when I'm 21!

Haley Bear, The Bunny Master

This year at Stone Mountain Adventures I did awesome things. Examples of this include friendships, relationships, activities and memories.

First of all I did many activities, I did rock climbing, windsurf sail and community service. In rock climbing I belayed my friend, I also tried to rock climb myself, it didn't turn out too good though because the counselors had to help me down. In community service we went to State College and asked for donations for kids with cancer. We wore fun bunk junk.

Secondly I made a lot of new friends and connected more with friends from first session. I met three kids from state collage and one of my friends dyed the tips of my hair pink and blue.

Lastly are the memories! One memory is becoming the bunny master again, I taught one bunny how to walk again. Also at the dance I rocked out! I danced like a crazy person! Another fact is that I enjoyed white water rafting. In conclusion I made wonderful friends, also I made memories I won't ever let go of. I will never forget SMA and the awesome friends I met there.

Mariana

This was my first year at SMA and my first time at a sleep away camp. I had a great time and made so many new friends and some new activities. I will never forget my first time white water rafting, rock climbing and learning to ride a horse. Some memories with friends include hanging out in Tussy, cuddle-puddle overnights, puzzling dirty with Mia and Meghan, dance and more. Aside from the new experiences and friendships from the last two weeks I've learned to live away from home and be open to new people and activities. My SMA experience lasted two weeks and I look forward to coming back and making new memories with new friends.

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR STAR STAFF TEAM OF 2014 AT STONE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES!



Tim

4th session was a great time! It just seemed to fly by. Wakemasters was so much fun and everybody improved so much. The boat ran great without any problems. I didn't do a wake overnight but I did do a climbing over night. We went to Shafer's rock and stayed in a cabin. It rained but the kids made the best of it and played a lot of board games. I will miss everyone so much.

James

SMA is my summer home and a place I will remember and cherish my entire life. This is my 2nd year as a counselor and I wish I could stay all year round. The environment here is something I never experienced in my entire life. It is almost indescribable to put

into words how I feel about this place. I have made lifelong friendships and experienced things I never thought I would or could do. Some of the highlights of this session for me was white water rafting on the Yough River, disco roller skating, and the talent show! I couldn't wait for session 4 so we could finish this summer strong!

Alyna

I've never had any younger siblings, but I can honestly say that now the summer has grown to a close I have countless little sisters and brothers. I had such a brilliant time during session 4, especially cuddle puddles with my Little J girls, mine and Tom's White Water Rafting boat (I'll give Tom a break and I won't repeat our name - OJ!), Alex L dying my hair purple, and Walter belaying me up one of toughest rock climbs. I have made such strong connections with campers and counselors alike and I will never forget the magic that happened at SMA this summer. Thanks to every single one of you.

Melissa

Session four was AWESOME! A great group of kids with a great attitude and energy. There were so many highlights of this session for me. An amazing canoeing overnight, Meow Boat successfully floating the Yough, and awesome activities everyday. I want to thank all of the campers for spending the summer with us and allowing us to be a part of your lives. This summer was truly amazing and I am so happy to have gotten

the chance to experience the SMA magic all over again.



Lucy

With session 4 being our smallest group of kids of the summer, it was a great opportunity for us as counselors to form strong relationships with the campers over the two week period. Session 4 for me was super

exciting as we had some great activities to do with the kids, such as: White water rafting down the Youghiogheny River, soccer matches at Juniata College, Mountain

biking down the heart pumping Allegrippis trails, the list goes on and on. My greatest memory of session 4 was the canoeing overnight and teaching some of the kids a game called 'snaps the name of the game'. Session 4 was the perfect end to another memorable summer at SMA!

Ali

Session 4 blew me away with the amount of enthusiasm the kids brought to each and every activity. Even the kids who had already spent four or six weeks with us woke up every morning with a smile and set the tone for the new campers of the session. What I love so much about Stone Mountain is how even though things change every session, somehow the overall feeling remains exactly the same. As the very last session of my second year as a counselor, I truly feel that Session 4 was an incredible end to another incredible summer at Stone Mountain. My fellow counselors and I all bound together and turned it up to eleven this session (rule #6) to round off our summer with a bang! A big thank you goes out to every camper and counselor who helped make this session, the first Session 4 in SMA history, one we will never forget.

Chase

Session four was great, we did so many great activities and had awesome campers. Canoeing down the Little J river and almost capsizing was great with all the kids laughing. The rock climbing overnight was so cool with all the kids and bouldering on the rocks with everybody was a great time. Even when we couldn't climb the next day due to rain we had a great time playing board games and laughing. All in all, it was a great session and I hope to see you all next summer!!!



Brenna

Fourth session was an incredible end to the summer at SMA. In the magic of camp time, the two weeks flew by way too quickly. I really appreciate the campers that had been here multiple sessions who kept up their energy and enthusiasm

for the spirit of SMA, as well as the new campers who willingly threw themselves into this wild and wacky place. While SMA sometimes seems to be in its own world, separate from “real life”, I hope we can all take what we learned at camp, from the friendships we made to the challenges we overcame, and carry this back with us into the rest of our daily life. Thank you to everyone who made this summer the amazing experience that it was, you are all beautiful people.

Roy

The last session was always going to be hard and it was certainly an emotional two weeks for me. New campers blended seamlessly with returners and by the end of the session I felt that my connections with them were as strong as those I had with campers who had been at SMA for the whole summer. It was the perfect way to end the summer. From arrival day to our beautiful day on the Yough to our final candlelight ceremony, session 4 was a dream. I'm looking forward to continuing all the friendships I had this session, and this summer. All you kids reading this better keep in touch! And remember, don't start something you can't finish!

Josh

One more session left, I couldn't believe it. Time at camp is a really funny thing, it goes by so quick but at the same time everything is intensified, friendships and connections build so quickly. With one session left I was feeling good, I was hugely confident in my ability as a counselor and I very much felt part of this amazing SMA family. I remember being amazed at how smooth the transition between session 3 and this one went, this was because of the remaining campers and how welcome they made the new arrivals feel. Session 4 was special as it had a lot of 'Lasts', last day on the lower Yough, last day at the Amish Market etc, so I really wanted to live in the present and cherish every connection I made with the campers and fellow staff. The highlight of this session for me was another great day white water rafting in Ohiohio. I love the excitement about the day and how much the campers get pumped up for it. This was another amazing session and I felt a little sadness as I knew this was the last one for the summer of 2014, but also felt thankful to have had the opportunity to spend my summer at this really special place.

Lindsay

Fourth session has been a great session. Being on the boat, white water rafting on the Yough, capture the flag, and even our All Camp Days have nothing short than incredible. All the campers were all stars. It was a joy and something I will never forget, waking up everyday and getting to get to know and do fun stuff with all of the campers! This summer and fourth session have made my summer the best summer yet. I look forward to keeping up with all the campers and hope to see them next year!

Sarah

Fourth session was the perfect way to end the summer. I was pretty worn out after six weeks of camp already, but the kids really lifted my spirits. This session was also really awesome because I got to spend more time in the barn with the horsemasters. I was a horsemaster for 4 summers when I was a camper, so it meant a lot to me to be back with the horses and the campers riding them. I had the most amazing crew - shout out to CREW 2: we will crush you - and yough boat this session. It was a smaller group, but the energy never wavered. High points were karaoke and gaga, disco bowling, tie-dye, and movies in the barn (even if we didn't get to watch school of rock). It was extremely hard to say goodbye to everyone, especially those who stayed for multiple sessions, but the sadness only meant that we had such an amazing time together and we never wanted it to end. I can't believe that soon I will be returning to the real world, but I'll never forget this amazing session and all of the people who came with it.