GRAMERCY TIMES

VIRTUAL EDITION!

HAPPINESS IS CAMPING
a camp for kids with cancer since 1982
Why 'Gramercy Times?'

The Name 'Gramercy Times' is an homage to Camp Gramercy, which was the name of our facility before it became Happiness Is Camping. Camp Gramercy was designed to provide children from the Bronx, NY with a place where they could explore nature away from the sights and sounds of the city. The Gramercy Times is a weekly newspaper written by our campers and has been providing us with activity recaps, jokes, and camp gossip since 1982!

Did You Know?

The building that houses all 4 of our Boys cabins is called Gramercy Lodge as an ode to Camp Gramercy!

Girls 'Dominate' Game Show Night

During Week 2, the boys and girls faced off in Game Show Night! The night featured Price Is Right, Cash Cab, and Deal Or No Deal. In their totally unbiased reporting, one of the girls wrote "My favorite activity at camp was the boys VS. girls games. I liked that we (the girls) totally CRUSHED the boys. Because, like, girls are totally awesome! It was intense but very fun. I LOVED IT!!!
Notes From The Editors

They find fun activities to do during this difficult time.
I really liked making the diorama. I can’t wait to actually go to camp next year. -Anonymous Camper

This camp is so much fun. It has always been so much fun! I wish we could be at camp doing these things in person. I really like the boys vs. girls. The girls were so awesome and we crushed the boys! I can’t wait until the next thing that we do. I am so excited! -Tulsi

My favorite thing about camp is color wars. It was really fun to do different activities every day for color wars. Even though we are not at camp, it is still fun to see everybody on Zoom. Green team is on a winning streak for many years and Blue team has been losing badly. My favorite color wars game was capture the flag. I had so much fun doing that and playing against my sisters -Dylan

This has been a wonderful week! We had so much fun. The color wars were amazing. So was the boys vs girls. I wish camp could go on and on. I will miss you guys when Summer ends! -Beatrix
To this day, many people have had a few mysteries about the color wars, and I am speaking on behalf of all the people who have always wondered about them.

First of all, why have the colors always been Blue and Green? Why not Red and Blue? Or Orange and Purple? I feel like green is hard to show; mostly because there are only green T-shirts and capes (I mean the one’s superheroes wear). But for blue, many people can wear blue jeans, blue shirts, blue capes, and blue bracelets. (You get what I mean). We could have done all of the primary colors. So why is it that we have blue and green?

Secondly, why did they choose 2 colors? Couldn’t we have done Green, Blue, Red, Yellow? Or why not, as I mentioned earlier, the primary colors? I understand you might have chosen an even number so there can never be one team left out, but how did you come up with 2 teams? Were there only even amounts for 2 teams? If there were more teams, there would be less people on each team, which would allow people to have more chances to play. For what reason should we have 2 teams instead of 4?
THE WONDERS OF COLOR WARS (CONT'D)
By Arjun

We all have seen and played the color wars, but have you ever thought about how the Color Wars was first played? Did it contain mini games that went throughout the whole area of HIC? Or was it just a bunch of board games and challenges? Many counselors say that there are more games than ever before. These days, most of the color war activities are physical activities like basketball and dodgeball. They also include racing to the top of the rock wall (Did they even have a rock wall back then?) or playing a made up game like Humans vs. Zombies or soccer with different rules. Back then, what did they have? What did they do in the late 1900's?

Aside from not knowing how they played color wars back then, where did the counselors get their inspiration to start a color war? Was it from the internet? Was it a dream that they thought about? Or maybe a friend/different camp that had it? There are many ways they could have started it, but how did they know it was a good idea?

In conclusion, these queries have made many people sit and think of the layers of history camp has. The colorful moments of color wars and the day long activities, camp has been one of my favorite places.
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Game Show Night
By Sophia

On Game Show Night, the boys went against the girls (obviously the girls won). We played games like Deal or No Deal, Cash Cab, and The Price Is Right, which the girls dominated the boys in all of them.

The HIC Pet Show
By Meghan

HIC hosted a Pet Show on Thursday, July 16th. Many campers and counselors showed up with their pets ready to compete. The categories included: Smallest/Biggest Pet, Youngest/Oldest Pet, Best Costume, Waggiest Tail, and more. No matter who won, all the pets were adorable so they all won in our hearts.

Color Wars
By Tina

Even though we are not at camp in real life, we still have color wars on Zoom calls (which is also very fun). Blue team has a very positive vibe and if we are losing we just have to keep it positive. Green team won Quidditch but as I mentioned, Blue kept it positive and won Last Jedi. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." - A member of the Blue team was keeping everyone's heads up during stressful times.
Dear Drew,

I’ve never gone to camp before, so I’m not sure what exactly everyone means when they keep talking about “Color Wars”. Green Team? Blue Team? What about the rest of ROYGBIV? I’m feeling a little confused (and a little afraid, honestly, some of these events seem pretty intense). Who do I root for? Help!

Best,
CampNewbie123

Dear CampNewbie123,

Thanks for asking! What is Color Wars? Color Wars is love; Color Wars is life. While I cannot choose an official team for you to cheer for, as I’m an admin, if I WASN’T an admin I would probably tell you that I was on Blue Team for two years and every single team member is elite. But then again, I’m an admin, so I would never say that. Blue (or as some affectionately dub them, the Bluesers) has been on a bit of a losing streak, but it isn’t over until it’s over! Stay tuned for the next battle between the amazing people at HIC, the Dutch Auction on Wednesday, July 22nd!

See you there,
Your best homie, Drew
One thing we love about camp is color wars. It's really fun and exciting trying a lot of new and different games against two teams and it's fun seeing people being so competitive. - Avery

Another thing we love and miss about camp is the three morning activities. They're a nice way to hang out with your friends and have fun like you always do at HIC. You're always having fun at HIC and most of the time you have a nice and bright smile. - Sydney

One thing I love about camp is trying new things like meeting new people, trying new activities, and going in the pool. I also love to hang out with the campers in our cabin. - Peyton