Introduction to Summer Camp 2020 Virtual Field Trip Projects

The best strategy for uncertain times is to restore a sense of certainty.

We know the current situation has changed normal procedures and planning for Summer Camp, and much of it will continue through the season. The constraints of the COVID-19 situation have made gathering in public for field trips either unsafe or simply not possible.

Because of this, the Kids ‘R’ Kids Support Center Team is creating a Virtual Field Trip and Project Learning program to enhance the Camp experience for 2020.

The idea behind this program is that campers will create long-term projects based on virtual resources like field trips and tours. Different themed activities will be scheduled throughout each week over several weeks. This will give your academy the ability to create a sense of stability and anticipation from week to week.

Just as was true for the traditional Summer Camp, the key to a quality program that includes virtual experiences is the importance of strong relationships for better outcomes (both child-to-child and teacher-to-child).

We are prepared to ensure that the virtual camp activities follow the same guidelines of a quality program that is expected of a Kids ‘R’ Kids camp by doing the following:

- Intentionally creating activities that promote youth development
- Keeping activities aligned with strategies to build supportive relationships and skill-building
- Considering meaningful ways for each child to be safely involved in decision-making and leadership

It is difficult to adjust to such a drastic change, but we can keep it in perspective by remembering how exciting it usually is for the children to anticipate going out on adventures, feel independent, and share experiences to make friends. We hope you will find this new program useful for enhancing your program!
MONDAY

Senior Virtual Field Trip Week 5: Lion King
Lion King is one of Disney’s most popular movies of all time and was recently performed on Broadway by amazing actors. While watching the show many kids had questions about actors off stage, costumes, who helps actors get dressed, hair, makeup, and many more. Let’s take an in-depth look backstage with actress Kissy Simmons.

Materials:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-Zb0URPhwq](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-Zb0URPhwq)

Senior Project/Activity Week 5: A Play for Our Little Friends
What better way to bring books to life than with a performance from our favorite big kids?? Allow campers to survey toddler and preschool teachers asking what their favorite books are that can be performed for their class as a Friday treat (Ex: Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, etc.). Allow campers time to brainstorm, discuss roles, remember lines and practice. If you feel campers need more than a few days to practice push performance until next week.

Materials:
- Book of choice
- Costumes and accessories
- Memory
TUESDAY

Senior Virtual Field Trip Week 5: Annie on Broadway
Annie is a classic Broadway musical based upon the popular Harold Gray comic strip Little Orphan Annie, with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and book by Thomas Meehan. The original Broadway production opened in 1977 and ran for nearly six years, setting a record for the Alvin Theatre (now the Neil Simon Theatre). It spawned numerous productions in many countries, as well as national tours, and won the Tony Award for Best Musical. The musical’s songs “Tomorrow” and “It’s the Hard Knock Life” are among its most popular musical numbers. You and your campers will enjoy this Broadway classic!

Materials:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoQomf9FBxc

Senior Project/Activity Week 5: Duck Tape® Director’s Megaphone
Every Director needs a megaphone! Follow the steps below to make your very own megaphone.

Materials: Duck Tape, scissors, poster board

Instructions
- Cover your entire poster board in Duck Tape®
- Shape your poster board into a cone shape. Tape the seams with a strip of Duck Tape®.
- Cut the top and bottom of your megaphone so the edges are level.
- Decorate your new Director’s megaphone
WEDNESDAY

Senior Virtual Field Trip Week 5: Wizard of Oz the Musical
Encourage your campers to join you in watching this classic musical that is based off of the novel "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" that was written in 1900.

Materials:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3B1GCpxzyk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3B1GCpxzyk)

Senior Project/Activity Week 5: Tornado in a Bottle
In the "Wizard of Oz" Dorothy got swept out of Kansas by a tornado! Today you and your campers will make a tornado in a bottle.

Materials: 2 empty, clear soft drink or water bottles, a pitcher of water, a "vortex connector", or a metal washer and duct tape, and glitter.

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Instructions

• First, take off the tops of your liter bottles and cut the plastic ring that is left around the neck of the bottle.
• The “vortex connector” is the most crucial part in this exercise. This piece of plastic can be purchased online or at a teacher supply store. If you’d prefer, use a metal washer from the hardware store, and place it on top of one of the bottles. The vortex connector and washer both do the job of narrowing the water as it transfers from bottle to bottle.
• Fill one of the plastic bottles three quarters full. The addition of glitter provides a great visual representation of a tornado’s water droplets and debris.
• Lastly, screw on the vortex connector to the bottom bottle, and connect the top bottle. If you are using a washer, get a second pair of hands to help you steady the second bottle as you use duct tape to secure the bottles together.
• Once all is secure and not leaking (this might take a few turns up and down), whip your bottom bottle up and quickly rotate the top in clockwise motion. You will see your vortex begin to form!
THURSDAY

**Senior Virtual Field Trip Week 5: Little Red Riding Hood - The Musical**
Put on your best outfit and enjoy this musical performed by the New York State Ballet! A fun retelling of the tale through dance, join Little Red as she rushes off to Grandma’s house and confronts the Big Bad Wolf!

**Materials:**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qji9Fk9tOeYuyEiGFZbJlYks6fNVqOP/view

**Senior Project/Activity Week 5: Harry Potter STEM Wands**
Feel your group is up to a magical challenge? Why not try some circuit builds? These Harry Potter Circuit Wands are so much fun and a fantastic project for campers who love magical lessons. Simple circuit supplies will be required.

**Materials:**
https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/harry-potter-wands-stem-project/
FRIDAY

Senior Virtual Field Trip Week 5: Pantochino Podcasts
Pantochino is excited to share its unique plays with a global audience by “Broadcasting ‘Ridiculous’ Worldwide.” You and your campers can pick a series to listen to and be prepared to laugh your butts off! *Podcasts are downloadable for both Apple and Android Products*


Senior Project/Activity Week 5: Waffle Pizzas  ***ALWAYS CHECK FOR ALLERGIES PRIOR TO ACTIVITY***

Waffles + Pizza = Mind-blowing Yummy Goodness! Your campers will have a blast combining two American Classics as one!