

CAMP 'ZINE

 *The Campus Kids Summer Newspaper*

July 2021 Session 1

The Fun is Back!

Summer 2021 brings campers back in-person.



{The Zebra Pod rocks out on their way to Period 4}

Story by Camp Staff: Classes from **Juggling** to **Comic Book Art** to **Culinary Creations** started back up this summer at Camp College's Mercer location this past July; and boy were campers happy! The smiles were a mile wide and the laughter louder than ever. (story continued on next page)

(from front page) The “safety first” plans kept everyone on their toes and the camp moving along. We of course have to thank our amazing staff for all of their hard work! From Mr. Krupa aka “Mr. Cupcake” who teaches everything from Jedi Academy to Animal Art, to *Ms. DeLauro who taught Juggling and Chess; a shout out to Ms. Nina M. of Broadway Love and other various dance classes, and Miss “Cat” Epps who always engages campers in classes such as Comic Book Creations or Passport to the World. Now, over to Ms. Rozner who runs classes like Pamper



Yourself and Culinary Creations, Ms. Ethe’s Slime Time and other STEM based classes i.e. Kooky Science, Mr. Braender’s Archery and Woodworking, and finally, across to Mr. Mike Belfiore’s energetic Sports and Games or Boot Camp. The two classes of Scratch coding were well-received and are being offered again next session. The office staff, counselors, and counselors in training (CIT’s) also deserve to be recognized for their hard work the entire summer!

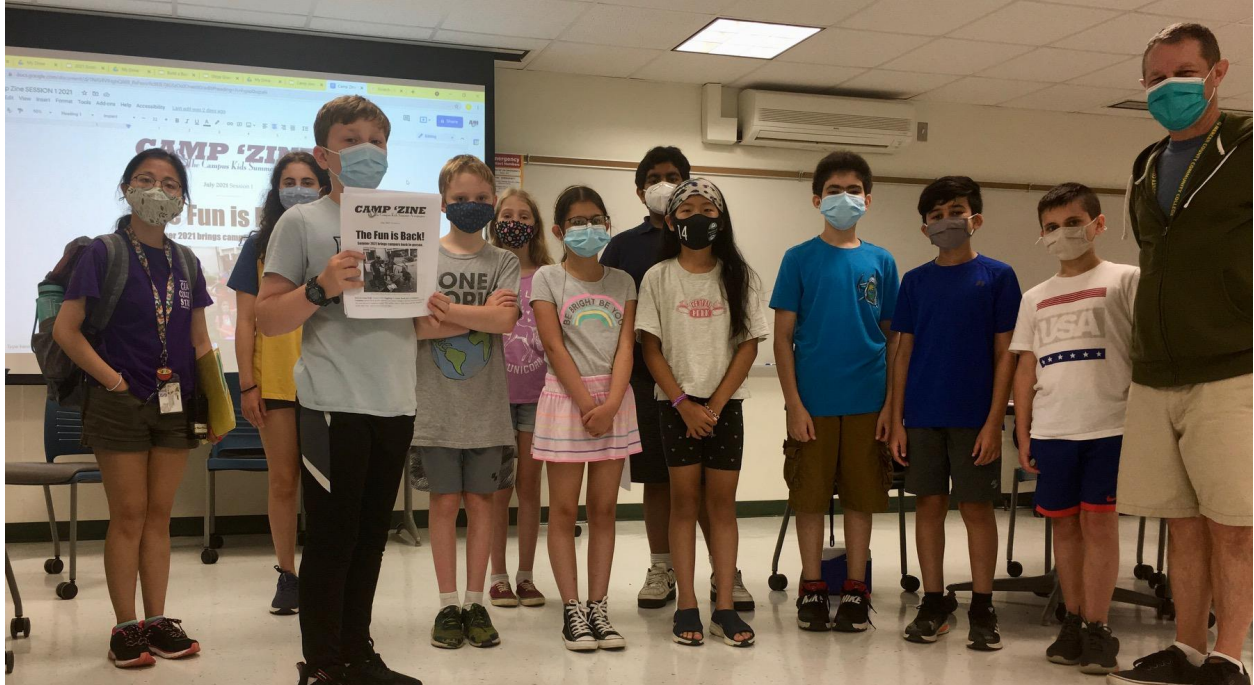
(*Does the name Ava DeLauro sound familiar? She’s the daughter of long-time juggling and chess teacher Lou DeLauro! Here she is on the left. That Catherine Epps on the right, Mr. Epps’ daughter here to teach some of the art classes.)

To ensure campers have a fun and safe summer, camp staff made sure to incorporate indoor and outdoor classroom settings with plenty of distancing and sanitizing items. Masks were seen everyday by all staff and campers in an act to come together and protect each other this amazing summer! A huge thanks to Lindsay and Rose for supplying this camp with all of the necessary and fun resources. We couldn’t do this without the endless help from Rose and Lindsay who brainstormed, organized and supplied the camp to get the summer rolling in style.

examples of art made at camp



Meet the Staff.



Session 1: August 2021

Mr. Mike Epps: Chief Editor

Counselor: Dylan R.

The Awesome Newspaper Staff: Thomas B, Zachary D, Themis G, Lily L, Alex M, Emma M, Yaseen R, Soham S, Myles W and Angie Y! We had less than 3 weeks to get this issue together, but we made it happen!

A special shoutout to our camp office staffers, Natola, Anthony B, Anthony V, Christine M, Anne S, Jenna M, and Heather G! From Remind app messages to answering Mr. Epps' endless questions, they've made sure to keep us all on track!



Have you noticed the green tee-shirts in camp? Those are the CITs! They're on campus to learn how to become counselors and future teachers! They meet with Anthony B daily to learn things about safety, responsibility, and making sure the campers have fun! If you see one of the CITs go and say hi!

Thanks also to the teachers, counselors, office staff, CITers, parents and campers who make the summer go! Email us at campzine@gmail.com.

THIS SUMMER'S TOP STORIES BELOW

Camp Class Report by Soham



Sports and Games is my favorite class because the teacher Mr. Belfiore is very kind, and he is very chilled out. Plus, he likes the movie **The Karate Kid**. When we can't play games outside, he sets up FourSquare for us, and we play that. We all have fun playing that, and no one feels left out. You have so many choices to play in the class. You can play with cards, board games, and get this, some indoor archery! Overall it is a fun class - I loved every minute of it.

Camp Class Report by Thomas

Archery class is my favorite class. When I chose a pod this summer I had never done archery before so I figured I'd give it a try. The first day I was already a natural, I hit the target several times. The second day was the best - I came there with excitement and he put balloons on the targets... I had to hit one! I aimed and fired - "pop!" went the balloon. I felt so good. Last but not least, today we did it from farther away... I thought that's pretty far but when I shot it, the arrow was going way over the target. When we were done, I had 3 balloons in 3 days. It was pretty good. Archery is the best class - next time you come to camp - **choose ARCHERY!**



Camp Classes - Observed and reported on by Yaseen



One class I am taking this summer is **Archery**. I think this class will be one of my favorite classes because I really enjoy the sport and it's also kind of competitive. One day we decided to try to pop balloons with the bows and arrows and it was awesome. The teacher, Mr. Mike, is very helpful and gives us many great tips on how to perfect our archery skills.

Another class I think might be one of my favorite classes is **Sports and Games**. The reason for this is, we get to play whatever sports we want! For example, we played four square, soccer, and kickball. The teacher, Mr. B watched us play four square and he is really nice

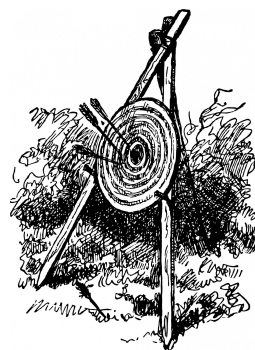
Finally, **Avengers Academy** is another great class. This is because I love the Avengers and it said that we would be making Avengers gear so it would be really fun! Also, I really like the teacher; Mr. Ken, AKA "Mr. Cupcake". He is super good at art and is kind, nice and funny. Overall, I like a lot of my classes and I think I will enjoy this camp.

Camp Class – Angelica Yu

Sports and Games is my favorite class because it is really fun. What I like most about Sports and Games is that it gives us (The Pandas Pod) a lot of time to play outside. However, the last few days of camp we had to stay inside...the cafeteria. This happened because of the rain and the heat that happened that week (June 28-July 1).

Camp Class - Zachary Dietrich

Hello, my name is Zachary, my favorite class is Archery. I had a lot of other fun classes over the years, but I'm only going to talk about this year (2021). My favorite class is Archery for 1st period. One thing I like about archery is shooting arrows. Another thing I like about archery is that you get to shoot at balloons and targets. And, what other class would let you shoot arrows?



Camp Classes: Camp 'zine AND Comic Creations

by Themis Giakouminaki



Camp Zine is fun because I like typing. The teacher is funny and he lets us play games when we're done typing sometimes. I also like Camp Zine

because, like I said, I like typing, and it makes me be creative (idk/I don't know if that's the right thing to say, but it does). This class is taught by Mr. Epps and Dylan. I also like the Comic Book Creations class because I like drawing and comics. I also like the teacher. Comic Book Creations class is taught by the creative Ms. Cathy.

Sports and Games report

by Myles W

My favorite camp class is Sports and Games. Sports and Games is my favorite class because I love sports. I like being outside during summer in the hot weather. We get to play lots of different games so it is pretty fun. Sometimes when we have sports and games, it is too hot out (or it's raining) so then we have to stay inside.



I don't really like being inside for sports, but it is still fun playing games like 4 Square inside. Hopefully we can go outside more so there will be more games to play outside. All in all, I think that all people should sign up for this class. Will you sign up for it?

Camp Class Emma: Archery



I love archery. I have always found a passion for archery. My brother has a bow and arrow and he used to let me use it, but my dad said Alex and I could not use it because it was a danger to our neighbors since we are not professional archers. But that didn't stop me from never doing archery again. I wanted to sign up for a camp class in MCCC that had archery. I also wanted to sign up for pandas because of the other activities. but one of the big reasons was archery in the Panda Pod. During archery class we get to shoot arrows at different things like balloons and we are going to shoot pictures of people, don't ask me why

cause I don't know. When we do shoot some people like me shoot far and we lose the arrow. Every time when we lose arrows we go and look for the arrows and we always find them, "Well, at least some of them."

Some things I love about archery are the ability to imagine your arrow having a sort of potion on it like healing or speed or instant damage. I like imagining these things because if it were true it would be so cool. The second thing I love about archery is the ability to look at the target, pull back the string, and see the arrow as it darts through the air and the feel of pulling back the string. The last thing I love about archery is the funny, fun, cool, experience doing archery = you get to laugh with your friends, congratulate somebody when they hit a target and learn how to get better aim and have a friend or teacher always say "I know you'll get better." or "You're doing great!".

There's one more thing I want to go over with you guys; why you should enroll in archery: Know that you don't have to if you dislike archery a lot. It is your choice completely but if you have never tried archery before and you want to or don't know about it here are some reasons why I love archery and some reasons why you might enroll in archery class, 1, everyone always gets to give opinions on what they want to shoot as long as it's appropriate like you can shoot a blown up glove, balloon, picture of a counselor as a joke to shoot, or may just the target trying to get a simple bullseye, 2 you get to play with your friends and make jokes and help each other if you don't get a on point shot, the third reason why you should enroll is it can be life changing... I can't prove this, but it's like it opens you up and you get to be free.

Favorite Class: AA By Lily L.

One of my favorite classes that I've had so far is probably Avengers Academy with Mr. Cupcake. I think this is my favorite class because we get to talk about MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe). Basically, it's a class about drawing characters that you really like. We do draw mostly, and I like drawing so it's fun to me. Most of them are Marvel characters, but you can draw anything you want. Even though I'm not the best at drawing, It's still fun!



We also make gear for ourselves that superheroes would wear or use. In the class for far we were working on making roller coasters (not real ones, but like a blueprint for a roller coaster) based on our favorite superheroes, or a superhero that we made up. I think my favorite thing we've done so far is, when camp started, we made movie posters for our favorite Marvel characters, and I think that that was my favorite thing we've done.

Family interview from Thomas Interviewee: My Dad

Q. What's your favorite thing to do? Spend time with kids.

Q. What's your hobby? Going on my motorcycle.

Q. What's your favorite sport? American Football.

Family interview by Myles Interviewee: _Scott Worland_-(My Dad)

Q. What is your favorite season?

A. Fall.

Q. What was your favorite subject in school?

A. Math class.

Q. What are you going to do over summer break?

A. Go to Wildwood for a week.

Humor Section

Jokes & Riddles contributed by Themis

Q. Why was the bunny so upset?

A. He was having a bad “hare” day.

Q. What did the lone wolf say when you asked her for a piece of gum?

A. “Sorry, I don’t have a pack.”

Q. What did the zebra say after coming home from work?

A. “The office was a zoo today.”

-Riddles- provided by Angelica

Why are pirates horrible at the alphabet?

They always get lost at “c”

What is so delicate that it breaks when you say it?

Silence

What belongs to you, but people use it more than you?

Your name

Why did the math book seem so sad?

Because it was full of problems

What word is always spelled incorrectly in the dictionary?

‘incorrectly’

Bonus: Two More Riddles from Thomas

What is the size of an elephant that weighs nothing?

A. Its shadow!

What gets wetter the more it dries?

A. A towel!

File Under: Staff Bios and More

All about Me! - Soham

My favorite movie is The Karate Kid. It is one of the best movies I have watched in recent memory from when I was 5. I'm Soham and this is just some stuff about me. I go to Melvin H Kreps, and some school activities that I do are wrestling, escape rooms, and I went on to win the social studies trivia with a time of 1 minute and 49 seconds. Some after school activities that I do are karate, American football, summer camp, and being some sort of a party planner.

All About Me - Zachary

Hello, my name is Zachary. My dream job is to be a pilot. I go to camp every summer. I go to University Heights for school. I'm in 5th grade. I have been going to Camp College for 5 years. I like to play video games, read, and go camping. My favorite colors are blue and green. My favorite sports are basketball and golf. My favorite video games are Roblox, War Thunder, and Counter Strike. I also like to program things. I go on vacation almost every year except when I was a baby and 2020. That is all for now.



All About Me! - Yaseen

I have a cat named *Fayrooz. She is almost 3 years old and her birthday is August 5. She is a grey medium-haired cat. She loves to go on our porch and catch bugs. She is very cute and lovable. She is a great pet!

Most of my family is from Egypt and I have one older brother and one older sister. Me and my sister like to rollerblade, while my brother likes to skateboard. I go to Pond Road Middle School and I am going into 7th grade. Some of my favorite video games are Roblox, Minecraft, Super Smash Bros, and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. I love to create things out of cardboard and play soccer; I am working on my rainbow kick. I also like to swim. Those are a few facts about me.

*That means Turquoise in Arabic

All about Me - Thomas

Some of the hobby's I would like to do are tennis and archery - both of which I am trying to start now. **One vacation that I want to go to is to LA** because there is so much to do there. There is good food in the show Hell's Kitchen. I love that show. I like to watch the cooks and how they make the food and make it pretty fast. There is so much excitement, lights and fun things to do in LA. My dad went once, but he didn't tell me much of the things - but I know it's fun and nice there. Another vacation I want to go on is North Carolina - NC for short. The only reason I want to go there is the beautiful mountains. And I kind of want to stay in a log cabin. All in all, those are some things about me.

All About Me! - Themis Giakouminaki

Hi! My name is Themis. One word to describe me is creative. If I could visit anywhere without paying, it would be Tokyo. A book I read this year is Trading Faces. My favorite food is tacos, and my least is mushrooms. My favorite board games are Crazy 8s and Go Fish, and my favorite video games are Animal Crossing, Roblox, Gacha Life, Gacha Club, Slither.io and more. My favorite animals are cats and bunnies. My dream job is inventing something or becoming the president.

All About Me! - (Themis G continued)

If I had \$1,000,000, I would get a house, house decorations, and a new wardrobe. *I would also buy stuffed animals* My pets are Andy and Iris (my cats). My favorite dessert is banana cream pie, especially made by my grandma. I also like mochi. My favorite movie is **A Whisker Away**. One thing I do when I'm bored is watch TV or **read**. The best part of summer is swimming and my birthday.

ALL ABOUT ME * MYLES W

My favorite part of summer is going on vacation to the beach for 1 week. My family and I are going to Wildwood in about a month from now. We are very excited for the trip, because we have been planning for a long time now. Our hotel spot will be the 8th room, on the last floor, just like every other time we've gone to Wildwood. We will be going to the boardwalk, the beach, and the waterpark area every day we are there. I know it is going to be very fun! So, what's your favorite part of summer?

All about Me - Emma Morgan.

Hello, today I am going to tell you a little bit about myself but first going to say some words that would describe me and why. My first word to describe me is imaginative because I love to imagine things happening. For example, if I'm shooting an arrow I like imagining that there is a spell on it like healing or instant damage just for fun. My last but best character trait for me is helpful, whenever something is wrong with a human or animal I always help them whether they want it or not. Also I love helping people clean up and take care of the dog (I just love helping). Okay that is all for right now. for my introduction. Now I am going to tell you a little about myself freely, okay so first here are some things I love to do - not just like, "love" ... 1. I love the violin. I have loved it ever since my mom showed me a violin song to listen to and then I realized that I could start physically playing the violin when I hit 3rd grade. I am still playing the violin and I will never stop until the day I rest in peace. 2. Another thing I love to do is drawing and coloring. Now, I'm not good at drawing bodies and animals, but in my opinion I am good at drawing designs and drawing cool animals I made up.

All about Me - Emma's story continued

Another thing I love to do is (3) making friendship bracelets. I pretty much know how to make every single Friendship bracelet. I even know how to make ones with words in it. I've always loved making them. I started with tying a bunch of random knots and making a simple braid or twist and that's what started me making complicated Friendship Bracelets! 4. The last thing is hanging out with my family. They are so fun, funny, helpful, joyful, and kind I wouldn't want any other family. There's one more thing I want to tell you before I go, I love the restaurant **Pappy's**- that is all for today! I hoped you liked my little bio ... goodbye!!!

All About Me! - Alexander M.



What is my favorite board game? That is a hard question because I'm split between Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic: The Gathering, but if I had to choose, I'd choose Yu-Gi-Oh. Why? I'd choose Yu-Gi-Oh because I've spent more time playing it and understand it more. I also, in Yu-Gi-Oh, have just finished making a few decks that I can actually win against my brother with. Do I have any siblings? Yes, I have a twin sister (She is very annoying), a 19-year-old brother, and a 21ish year old brother (he introduced me to Yu-Gi-Oh and Magic: The Gathering).

All About by Me - Angelica Yu

If I had an extra 1,000,000 dollars, I would donate half to charity and keep the other half for myself and family. My name is Angelica, but I prefer to be called Angie. I am an only child in my house. I do have 2 kittens and I'm getting a puppy in late September. I just graduated from Stony Brook Elementary in Hopewell, and now I am going to go to Timberlane Middle School. My family usually likes to travel somewhere every year or spends a few days in New York (NYC). I play soccer as a hobby - I play the striker position. I have been playing since I was 5 years old.



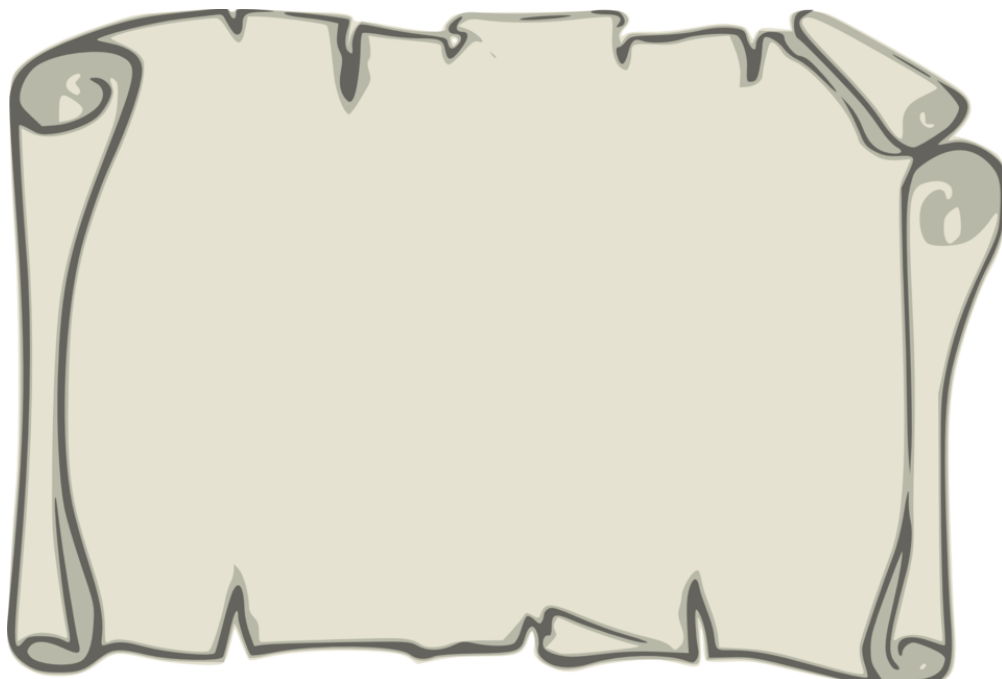
I also play the flute, I practice 20-30 minutes everyday. My weekly lessons are usually on Wednesdays, unless I have a conflict with something. My lessons are currently 45 minutes long, before they were 30 minutes, but my parents felt like that wasn't enough time. During Covid-19 I did my lessons on Zoom, but now I am starting to do in person lessons again. I have been playing the flute for 2 years.

Tennis Wimbledon Review

The Wimbledon Tennis Tournament was one fantastic event. It was Italy vs Serbia. The person representing Serbia was Novak Djokovic and the person representing Italy was Matteo Berrettini. Worldwide Tennis, Djokovic was ranked number 1, and Matteo was ranked number 7. Matteo had good serves, but it was Djokovic whose serves were amazing. AND, it was Berrettini's hits which kept on going out. But Djokovic came out on top - winning all 3 sets in a row while Berrettini won only 1 set, which had 9 deuces. Game over!

Hey - More fun stuff from the staff - next page!

Had Fun? Get some of your friend's signatures!



One Thing by Themis Giakouminaki



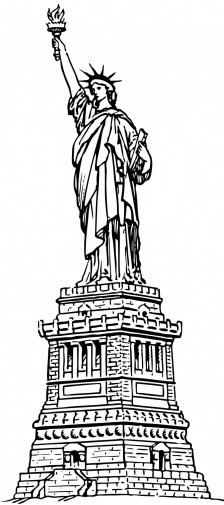
One cool thing that's about my family is that half of my family is from Greece. I was born in Greece, too! One Greek food is Souvlaki, which is gyro. Gyro is hot meat that spins while getting cooked and then eaten on a stick (not a real stick that someone found on the ground, silly) while the meat is still hot. Another Greek food is pastitsio, which is pretty much beef with pasta and really good cheese at the top. There are 2 other Greek foods I want to bring up—feta is one of them. Feta is a Greek cheese that is white and it is put into a container with yellow-ish liquid that is really salty. That is what makes the cheese salty. It might sound gross, but it's really good! The other food I wanted to bring up is lentils. It's soup that has seeds? that when you cook it, they become mushy. You can put ham in it and it's really good! I know that it sounds disgusting, but it is, in fact, DELICIOUS! So, yeah. When it's New Years, Greeks make this cake thingy. You get a quarter, cover it in tinfoil, and put it into the cake batter. Then whoever gets the quarter will have good luck for the whole year.

One Thing(s) by Soham Srivastava

Back in 2019 I was in my first NJ tournament for karate, in East Windsor. My rank was a Second-Degree Black Belt and I came to win my first ever tournament in 2019. I came to win the sparring match in 2019 for my dojo. I only competed in the NJ Sparring tournament. I could not compete in the second

2019 tournament. Another thing about me is that I can cook. I can cook meat such as chicken, and seafood such as shrimp and tuna. I can cook pasta, cake, stuffed shells, shrimp scampi, chicken burgers, salad, French fries, scrambled eggs, omelets, chicken nuggets, chicken curry, pizza, garlic bread, fried chicken Sammy, fried chicken, popcorn shrimp, butter chicken, ground chicken, and sandwiches. 😊

One thing by Lily L.



One interesting thing about me is that I've lived in New York for most of my life. I moved here in August of 2016. I moved here when I was in second grade. So, I was 6 years old. This August will be our 5 years of living here. I've also lived in about 3 different houses. Two in New York, one in New Jersey. It was a big change since most of my family lives in New York. Most of the time I go to New York on the weekends to visit family. I think that this is one of the most interesting things about me because not many people have lived in two different states.

PS: I am glad that I've lived in both states.

One Thing by Alex



One thing interesting about me is that my mom was born in Denmark, she lived in Denmark till about thirteen years ago. Because of this I know some words in Danish.

Some words in Danish are mormor=moms' mom, morfa= moms dad, mor=mom, fa=dad, famor=dads' mom, fafa=dads dad. When she married my father, she moved to the U.S.A. Denmark is a beautiful place.

One Thing by Angelica Yu

One thing about me is that I have been playing soccer for a very long time. I have been playing since I was 5, so I have been playing for 6 years now. I played recreational "rec" soccer until 2nd grade. Then I played my first 2 ½ years of travel soccer with the local team. The reason I quit the local team is because we started having less and less people and it was all breaking apart. After I joined Match Fit the local team joined NLSA (Next Level Soccer Academy). Then, I joined Match Fit Academy with my friend Dakota from my former team. My current team has 16 players right now, but 4 people are leaving. I currently play striker/forward and midfield.

Several weeks ago our team won 1st place in the YMS soccer tournament. It was our very first time that we won 1st place in a tournament. Also, 2 weeks ago, my current team had a pizza party for the end of the season. We did a mini game of parents vs. kids. Sadly, the parents won, but it was very fun. That was our last practice for the spring season. However, next Tuesday I am going to go to a game, but it isn't official – it is for all Match Fit teams from 2008–2011 kids. I am most likely going to play for a while with this team. Have a good day!

Many Things by Yaseen Rayef

I have one older brother and one older sister. I have a grey and white cat. Most of my family was born in Egypt so we speak Arabic. My brother skateboards and I roller blade so we both sometimes go to a skatepark. My dad is great at tennis.

Let me tell you more about Egypt. I have visited Egypt several times because we have family in Cairo. They have delicious food and there are lots of stray cats. The stray animals love one of my uncles because he feeds them every day. It is always very warm there and there is a great beach located on the Mediterranean Sea. The great Pyramids of Giza are there, so we visited those too! Egypt is a great place to visit.

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Hope to see everyone back here next summer! ©2021 camp zine

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Word Bank: Hero Space Wolf Burger Stray Spider
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