

## **About Our Trips and Vendors**

### **ABOUT COLOR WARS**

Color war is a competition played in summer camps, schools and some social organizations (such as sororities, fraternities, or small businesses). Participants are divided into teams, each of which is assigned a color. The teams compete against each other in challenges and events to earn points. Typical color war challenges include tug-of-war, dodgeball, archery, soccer and basketball. These challenges and events vary based upon the venue for the game. The games' durations can range from a day to several months. The winning team is the one with the most points at the end of the game. Typically, color wars consist of several events that are worth insignificant numbers of points, and then one large final event that is worth enough points to win or lose the entire color war. It is usually at the end of the summer. Color wars can also be useful in the school setting for pep rallies or to get students excited about learning. Points can be allotted for completion of academic activities or events. Points can be tallied and scored.

Color wars usually begin with a surprise 'color war breakout' to begin, at which point generals and captains are announced. Booklets or flyers are given out dictating teams. Students/campers have meetings and team time periods throughout color war.

Cheers are made up by members of the teams and teams come up with songs to sing and flyers to put up around the location of color war.

Multiple events occur, each worth a certain number of points. Events include sports competitions, cheer-offs, as well as knowledge competitions. Sometimes silent lunch is an activity, where every team has to be silent. In some cases, each team gets a day where they have to decorate a lunch room and they do their best to encompass their team's theme throughout the location. At the end of color war, there are presentations such as the teams' banners, songs, skits, multi-media presentations, and team movies. These presentations are worth the most points, and can tip color war in favor of any team. The last day of color war also usually includes some sort of relay races or another large event which the whole team must participate in, also worth a very high number of points.

### **ABOUT SWIMMING**

Location: Riverbank State Park  
679 Riverside Drive, New York 10031

All campers will be swim tested to assess whether they are a swimmer or non-swimmer on the first swim day of each session. H.S.A. travels with an aquatics director and 2 life guards in addition to the life guards on staff at Riverbank State Park. Campers and staff will walk to and from the park on pool days. Only proper swim attire is allowed. Male bathing suits must have lining and string. Female bathing suits must be one or two pieces. No leotards, cutoffs, Lycra biker shorts, t-shirts, undergarments or dance skins are permitted. Street clothes and footwear are not allowed in pool area.

### **ABOUT THE AQUARIUM**

**[NYAquarium.com](http://NYAquarium.com)**

Just off the boardwalk of Brooklyn's famous Coney Island, dive in and explore the incredible diversity of the world's oceans! During your visit, you'll see our revitalized exhibits, experience the thrills of our Aquatheater, and be a part of the New York Aquarium's amazing transformation.

## **ABOUT ACADEMIC ENTERTAINMENT**

**AcademicEntertainment.Com**

Academic Entertainment offers a wide range of K-12 School Assembly Programs, School Shows, Anti-Bully Assemblies, Camp Shows and Educational performers nationwide. Topics such as Anti-Bullying, Bully Prevention, Character Education, Music, Dance, Multi-Cultural, STEM, Energy Conservation, Writing, Math, Science, Reading, Multi-Media, Magic, STEAM, Basketball, Nutrition, Fitness, Violin, Keyboard, Motivational Speaking, Art, Drawing, Ballroom Dance, Ballooning, Game Show, Board Game, Bugs, Robotics, Bullying Presentations and many others are available. We offer the highest quality, most entertaining, and above-all, educational programs for all school assembly and camp show needs.

## **ABOUT ANIMAL EMBASSY**

**AnimalEmbassy.com**

Animal Embassy will take campers on a journey around the globe with incredible live Animal Ambassadors! We will explore their diverse habitats and discuss some of the conservation issues and challenges they face. Animal Ambassadors will include animals such as an African Bullfrog (the second largest species of frog in the world), a Solomon Islands Monkey-Tailed Skink, a Central American Milk Snake and a South American Red Foot Tortoise. For the softer side of nature, we'll learn about a family of South American Chinchillas and a domestic Rabbit. Animal Embassy enables campers of all ages to connect with the natural world with this unforgettable, interactive live animal presentation!

Animal Embassy specializes in hands-on, educational, entertaining and interactive experiences for children of all ages. Our popular program offerings allow children to connect with the natural world through live animal visits, wildlife artifacts and interactive experiences. Our programs, presented by professional educators, can be tailored to meet specific camp themes or goals.

Animal Embassy has many rescued and adopted animals with which we work to enhance our presentation of a wide range of topics including diversity, science & nature, conservation, habitats and more. Animal Embassy has rescued or adopted more than 500 exotic animals over the years and currently maintains over 100 non-releasable animals, including small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, arachnids and insects.

## **ABOUT SELFISH GIANT (Literally Alive Theatre)**

**LiterallyAlive.com**

The Players Theatre 115 MacDougal Street NYC

A play based on the short story by Oscar Wilde

Can the laughter of a child melt the cold heart of a shellfish giant? Yes it can! This adaptation of Oscar Wilde's beautiful fairytale will warm the hearts of young and old alike.

## **ABOUT RYE PLAYLAND**

**PlaylandPark.org**

Playland, often called Rye Playland and also known as Playland Amusement Park, is an amusement park located in Rye, New York. Campers will be given a band, giving them access to unlimited rides and attractions. The park remains open until 10pm and is less than a 30 minute drive from our facility. If desired, parents will be able to take their child back into the park for free for the remainder of the day after dismissal from camp.

## **ABOUT ADVENTURELAND/ CATSKLILLS NY**

**RingHomesteadCamp.Com**

**We recommend sneakers and long pants.** ADVENTURELAND NY has been family owned since 1978. We offer children and adults of all ages a variety of outdoor activities that promote fun, safety, and education. Among the activities that are offered, we are most known for our "Outdoor Ropes

Confidence Course". Typically the session runs for 4 hours. During the visit, the participants engage in activities that challenge them both physically and mentally. They also provide opportunities for building team spirit, collaborating, increasing self-esteem, improving self-confidence, and developing problem solving strategies. We have over 55 activities, containing both high and low elements, to challenge participants. The course is inspected every year and is fully insured. Examples of some activities include: "Rope Ladder", "Cargo Net", "Two Strand Bridge" and "Zip Line". Some activities allow for the opportunity to climb trees and repel from high wires. When the participants arrive, they are broken into groups and assigned a highly trained facilitator (guide). The adventure is on!

### **ABOUT ABRAHAM IN MOTION**

**AbrahamInMotion.org**

Campers will attend a special matinee session in central park.

The mission of Kyle Abraham/Abraham.In.Motion is to create an evocative interdisciplinary body of work. Born into hip-hop culture in the late 1970s and grounded in Abraham's artistic upbringing in classical cello, piano, and the visual arts, the goal of the movement is to delve into identity in relation to a personal history. The work entwines a sensual and provocative vocabulary with a strong emphasis on sound, human behavior and all things visual in an effort to create an avenue for personal investigation and exposing that on stage. A.I.M. is a representation of dancers from various disciplines and diverse personal backgrounds. Combined together, these individualities create movement that is manipulated and molded into something fresh and unique.

### **ABOUT A.C.E. (Capoeira Experience)**

**The-ace.org**

Capoeira is a physical and creative outlet that promotes a sense of community and self-confidence. The physical aspects promote good balance, strength and flexibility while the mental aspects encourage improvisation, strategic thinking and progressive achievement.