Yom Galaxia

**9:15 Nikayon:**

Captain Hannah recruited each chanich for the mission, going into each tzrif

**10:00 Each chanich reports for duty!**

First step of training: obstacle course consisting of going over and under tables, around the gaga pit, and spinning in circles

**10:30 Making their uniforms**:

Each chanich decorated a T-shirt that already had our team Kochavim logo on it. They also each made hats, covering a Styrofoam bowl in tinfoil and sticking pipe cleaners into it.

**11:00 Graduation**

Each chanich was presented with a badge, with their name and title on it, to be worn the rest of the day

**11:10 Making their spaceships**

Each chanich made a model spaceship out of Oreos, icing and sprinkles, then explained all of their spaceships’ special features before eating!

**12:00 Flying the spaceships**

Chanichim made paper spaceships (most of which looked identical to paper airplanes) and flew them towards a target (bocce ball lying in the grass).

**12:30 Lunch and Menucha**

**3:00 Fixing the space ship**

Oh no the space ship crashed! The chanichim went on a treasure hunt all over the upper migrash, looking for various items the madrichim had created out of tinfoil, pipe cleaners and cardboard tubes. These items represented the coils, engine, lights, etc. of the spaceship that had fallen off in the crash. Each item had a specific place to be put on a large poster of the spaceship. Chanichim could look at the poster and see which outlines were yet to be filled, in order to know what they were looking for.

**3:45 Capture the aliens!**

Capture the counselor, where each counselor was dressed up as an alien.

**4:15 Defeat the aliens!**

The aliens were defeated by water – they melted. We ended the day playing drip- drip- drop, which the chanichim enjoyed immensely!

Notes from Hannah Glickman’s 2014 Kochavim Edah Report:

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We only had one Yom Meyuchad planned by the madrichim, Yom Galaxia, which was really successful. It did not have as much educational content as possible, for a few reasons. First of all, it was early in the summer and the madrichim weren’t that developed yet. Second of all, I didn’t push them as hard as I probably could have in that area; I chose to focus on age appropriate programming that could cover the entire day, as opposed to focusing on the educational content. The basic premise of Yom Galaxia was that the chanichim were training to save the planet from evil space invaders. The first half of the day was spent in training for the mission, and the afternoon was devoted to actually caring out the mission of saving the planet. The keys to success for this day were the length of p’rakim – none more than about 45 minutes, and the mixture of different types of activities. Activities included outfit making (decorating T-shirts and making helmets out of Styrofoam bowls, tinfoil and pipe cleaners), training (an obstacle course), edible space ship creating (making a space ship out of Oreos, marshmallows, icing, and sprinkles), graduation ceremony (each chanich was presented with a badge proclaiming them ready for the mission), fixing the space ship (scavenger hunt around the migrash for the missing pieces to a spaceship), and capture the alien (essentially capture the counselor). It was important for the chanichim to be doing physical activities as well as creative activities, and for us to build in time for Menucha so they didn’t get burned out. See appendix for details.