

SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP – 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



With the conclusion of its 11th consecutive year, the SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP continues to enrich the lives of our campers, one summer at a time!

This year's camper class consisted of ten rising third graders, nine rising fourth graders, and eleven rising fifth graders. Our returning camp directors, Mary Herman and Cameron Weaver, oversaw a quality teaching staff of college seniors and graduates from Susquehanna University's Education Department:

- Lead Teachers: Mackenna Bagley, Kelsey Kline, and Ryan Pelletier
- Assistant Teachers: Evelyn Atwood, Sarah Mahoney, and McKenzie Sweet

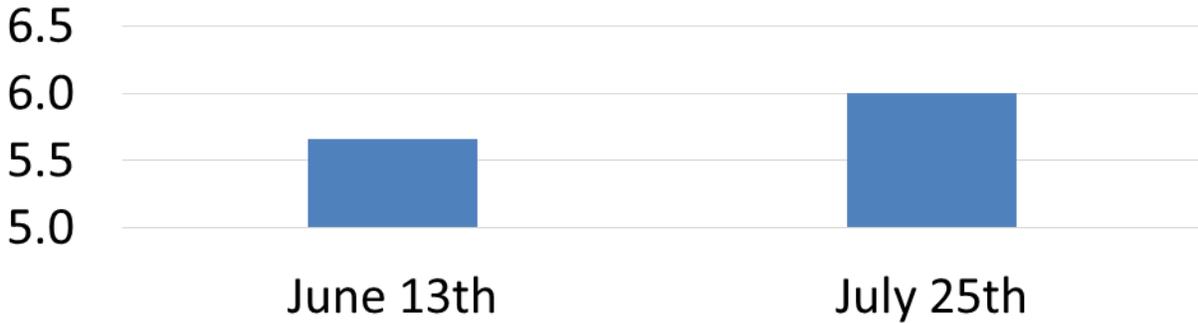
They were aided by newsletter editor Brittany Bunting-Specht and Americorps volunteer Kiersten Adee. A welcome addition to the program were our foster grandparents: Barb Bennett, Betsy Einsig, Carole Leininger, and Marsha Thomas.

SSDC wouldn't be possible without the support of our Selinsgrove Area School District partners, including school counselors Amy Veach and Judy Fatchaline , along with Principal Matt Conrad and Assistant Principal Jason Schmucker.

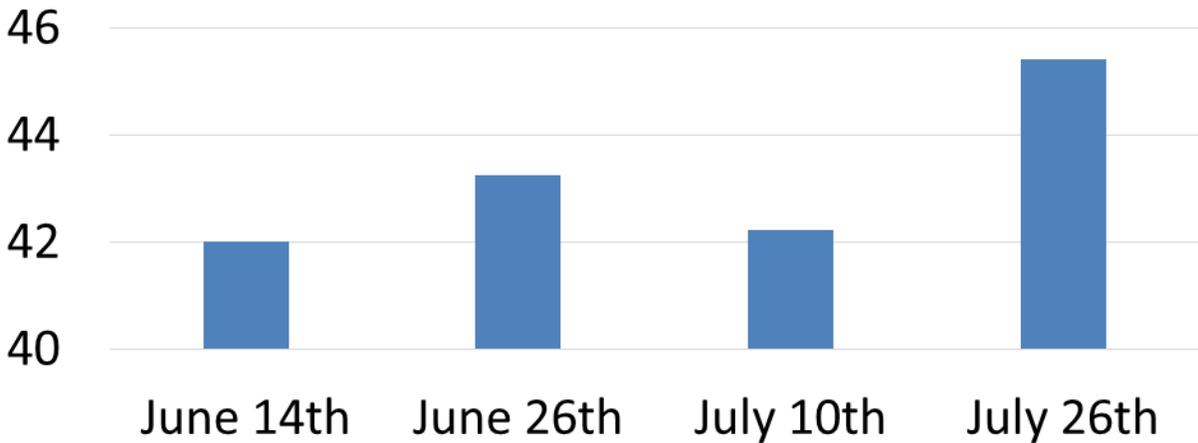
This year our teachers developed three separate educational units to improve the campers' core reading and mathematics skills: **safari discoveries, travels to ancient Egypt, and natural disasters!** Special events related to those units included trips to Lake Tobias, a Harrisburg Senators baseball game, and the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

In order to track the progress of the campers' learning, the teaching staff takes skill measurements during the summer, which are reflected in the following charts:

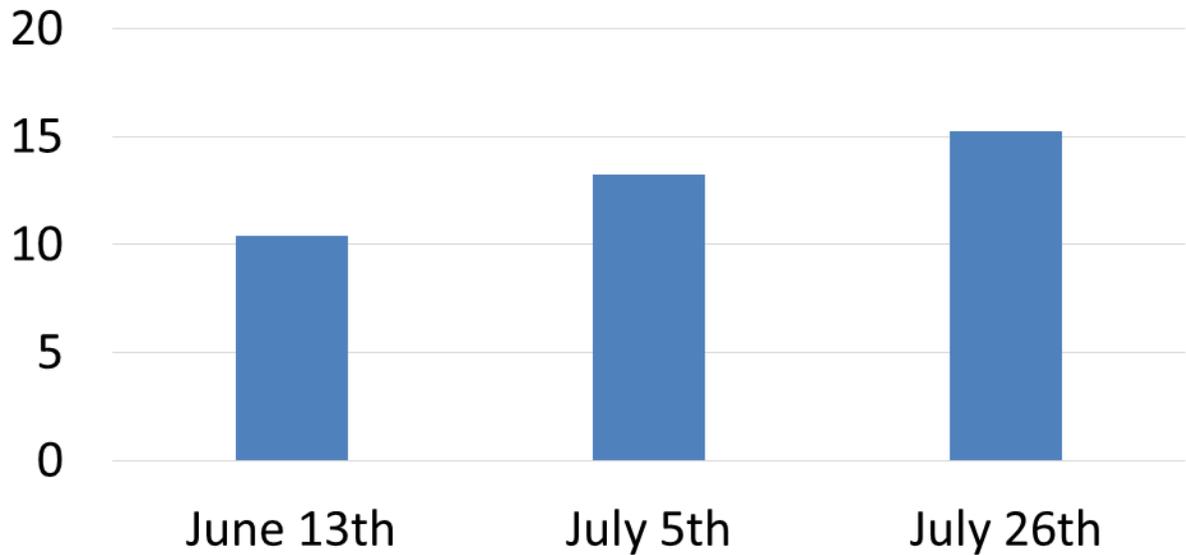
Campers' Math Concepts
(number of correct answers out of 10 questions)



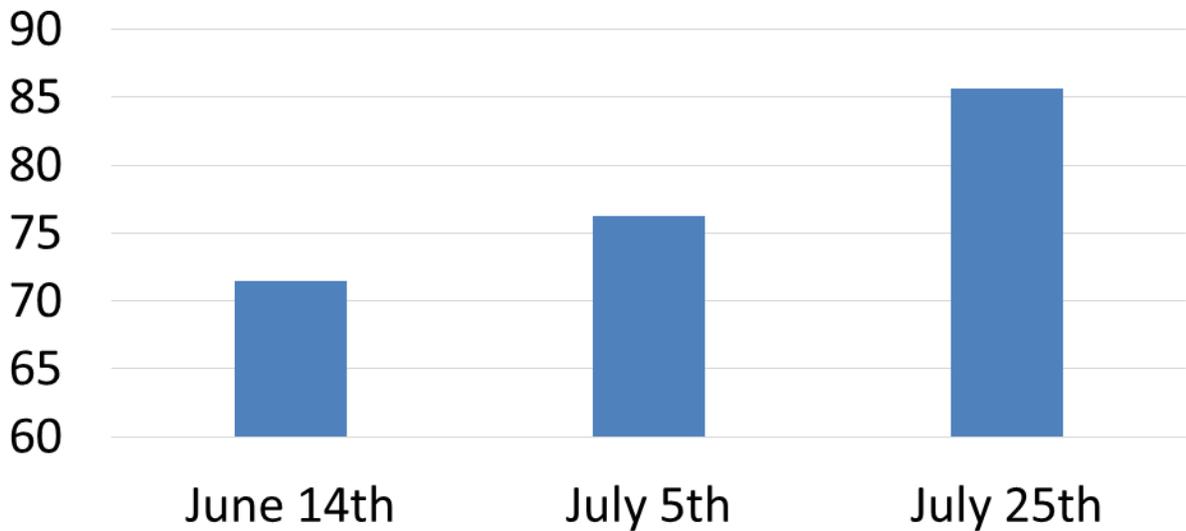
Campers' Math Fluency
(number of correct answers out of 75 questions in 5 minutes)



Campers' Reading Comprehension (number of correct answers)



Campers' Oral Reading Fluency (number of words read correctly per minute)



Highlights of the summer included the annual visit to Pinto Bay Pond hosted by Mike Flock and John Bickhart, and an afternoon of swimming at the Selinsgrove Pool. To give back to the community that generously supports SSDC, the campers had a car wash fundraiser and collected clothing to support the Mustard Seed, a non-profit thrift store located in Selinsgrove.

SSDC is blessed with dedicated Board members who are focused on ensuring the quality of the program in a fiscally responsible manner. The Board did see some changes in its roster as we said goodbye to Patti Miller with many thanks for her service to SSDC. Building on the public awareness campaign linked to last year's 10th anniversary celebration, the Board continues to highlight SSDC's success through newsletters, our Facebook page, and our website (www.summerseals.org). Development and sustainability have been constant watchwords as the Board moves forward increasing its level of professionalism, including the hiring of Donna Ross in April 2017 to assist with the Board's administrative and fundraising responsibilities.

SSDC's designation as an Educational Improvement Organization for purposes of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program continues to provide critical financial support for the portion of our program serving second and third graders. In addition to our many generous donors, the SSDC received substantial EITC contributions from several local banks and other businesses. Mindful of our solemn role as good stewards of our donors' confidence and resources, the Board continues to use the services of Bill Bucher, C.P.A., and the firm of Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C., to ensure that SSDC's fiscal affairs are properly executed.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of all our many supporters, but especially our program partners: the Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club, the Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation, Susquehanna University (and in particular its Education Department), and the Selinsgrove Area School District. Their continued commitment to SSDC, its campers and their families inspires us all as we plan to make SUMMER SEALS 2018 better than ever!

This annual report was compiled and submitted in March 2018 by Mike Piecuch and Michael Hayes on behalf of the SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP Board of Directors:

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