For the better part of a decade, our All Camp Tie-Dye-Day has taken place on the 4-day week surrounding the July 4th holiday. As you can imagine tie-dying several hundred t-shirts in less than 6 hours is no small feat, and a dedicated team of camp staff spends most the day outside to make it happen. It’s a messy endeavour, but it’s one of my favorite days of the summer. As we wrap up this week this year, my Staff Shirt isn’t stained with die, and that just seems weird! (If you want to make your own tie-dye shirt this summer, kits are available on many online retailers. We recommend tie-dying outside and wearing clothes that you are okay with getting stained!)

This week, campers have been busy working on all sorts of projects. Our Senior Campers have been working on “Camp Favorites” including crafting picture frames and building (minature) cardboard boats. Our Virtual Artists have created some really unique pieces of art, and our actors have been busy creating pretty awesome skits to share next week.

We also published a variety of new programs for the last 4 weeks of our Virtual Summer. Registration is now available for those programs on our website: www.fscamp.org.

We’re so very thankful to be able to reimagine summer in this unique virtual way with you! I can’t wait to see all of the cool things our campers will accomplish in the final five weeks of Virtual Summer!

Steve Cusick
Director of Day Camps.

SUMMER AT FRIENDS VIRTUAL PROGRAMS DO NOT MEET ON FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020.
Virtual Notes from Virtual Programs

Virtual Artists
We took a deep dive into modern art this week! We started the week with impressionism - creating our own masterpieces using hundreds of tiny dots! Then we looked into post-impressionism by making sketches of shoes. Wednesday we explored the world of abstract art, creating collages using colored paper and a variety of shapes. We wrapped up the week exploring pop art and surrealism inspired artwork.

Music and Movement
We had a great time creating our own band this week! Each day our young musicians built their own percussion instrument and explored different rhythm patterns. We also explored the history of some well-known composers including Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, and Tschaikowsky. We're looking forward to more music next week!

Imagination Online
Our rose was getting to make funny stories playing hitchhiker, our bud was preparing our scripts, and our thorn is that the session is more than half over! This week we began building out our scripts for 3 scenes of our final showcase. We took time to develop our characters, settings, and plot in each scene. Don't worry - We still had plenty of time for some great theatre games! We will be sending out invitations to our Imagination Online Campers for next Friday's showcase mid-week!

Take Three!
Take Three continues to take the stage with a strong performance! Our improv skills have proven to be outstanding, not only in our daily game sessions where we hone our on the spot acting, but also in our continued work through our very own plays! We've begun casting our fellow campers to take part in our new creations, and the constructive feedback we've received from one another as we practice lines and finish storyboarding has taken these performances to the next level! We're going to keep practicing and finishing up these stories so we can share them with you next week!

Tech Tapas Online
Our second week together in Tapas has been a strong one! With newly developed skills from last week, our creative campers have pushed forward with their ideas for videos. We saw great creations like music videos and rap songs, creative fiction films, and more! We have combined audio from Audacity, and used other software to put together and edit film. We've even begun to delve into Pencil2D, a software used for animation, to open a whole new avenue of media creation! We're looking forward to see what our campers come up with later this summer!

Senior Soiree
This week's Senior Soiree gave way to so many wonderful creations! We kicked the week off with an edible bridge building contest, in an effort to see what food could withstand the most weight! We went on to make homemade face masks made of just a t-shirt! A perennial favorite, we rounded out the week with cardboard boats! Our campers proved capable no matter the project, and these creations came out looking professional. Along the way we played trivia and discovered new facts about the things we built throughout the week. We'll see you at the next Soiree!

Scavenger Hunts
This week we scavanged our house for items related to summer fun! Most of our campers found everything on the list! It's not too late to join Monday's Scavenger Hunt - just email summercamp@friendsbalt.org.

Summer Camp Trivia
Round 2 of our Summer Camp Trivia Series was so much fun! Congratulations to Jude for winning this week's round of trivia with 9 out 10 possible points!

MORE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
We've added a variety of programs for Virtual Weeks 5 - 8, including additional sections of Virtual Artist, Senior Soiree, Music, Animation and Tech Tapas, and new programs including Photography Online, Virtual MakersCamp, and Writing with Friends plus two new math programs. We hope that you'll join us!
Virtual Camp Kindness Day 2020

Each July, camps across the country celebrate Camp Kindness Day. Camp Kindness Day highlights the intentional acts of kindness that happen every day at camp. Although we can't celebrate in person this year, we still want to celebrate the many acts of kindness, compassion, generosity, and care that we see everyday (even online) in our camp community.

On Tuesday, July 14, we will be collecting items for our annual

Camp Kindness Day Food Drive.
The Food Drive benefits the CARES Food Pantry in Govans.

This will be a contactless drop-off!
Items can be dropped off outside the Camp Office on Tuesday July 14 from 9am to 11 am and from 3 pm to 5pm. Collection boxes will be set along the main driveway. A handful of Camp Staff Members will be on site to direct you, waive and say THANK YOU!

Any non-perishable food item will be accepted, however CARES is particularly in need of:
peanut butter and personal care items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, etc.

Camp Kindness Day Virtual Share
You are invited to share acts of kindness you have seen at Camp or within our Camp Community!
Send these acts of kindness to campdesk@friendsbalt.org.
Highlights will be shared to our Facebook page!