Sports Shenanigans

Campers sampled different sports this week, enjoying it for a variety of reasons.

Sports week featured multiple different sports, and campers participated in each, enjoying them for different reasons.

We played kickball and gaga ball on Monday. “My favorite part was kickball because it’s somehow related to softball and it was fun to play,” said Leiah.

That was followed by pickleball at Sperry Park Courts. It was a hit, and the campers learned the complicated scoring rules while playing as a doubles team.

Other sports that we sampled included basketball in the mornings during free time and another bike ride to Spicer.

Even campers that are less inclined to enjoy sports found some highlights. “I am the artist not the sportsman. I found out that the sports gave me more practice drawing boys.

OFF TO THE RACES

Minnow races were an unconventional and fun way for campers to compete with their tiny racers. Campers chose a teammate, minnow and team name in order to enter the competition.

“We raced with the minnows and when they won they went into a winner’s bucket,” said Chloe. “Ours was the tiniest minnow, it won the first race but not the second.”

The campers helped construct racing lanes for the minnows out of rain gutters and duct tape. The lanes started losing water immediately, but held out through most of the races.
Usually they are so stiff, so now I have seen all these new sports poses,” said Brooklyn.

Some highlights and lessons learned were less sports related. “My favorite part of sports week was the movie called *The Game Plan* about a dad that was a football player and his daughter. One thing I learned was to be careful what you eat if you have an allergic reaction,” said Alysha with a laugh.

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**SERVICE WORK AT COMMUNITY GARDEN**

The campers joined Tim, building and grounds director, to learn about taking care of the garden and doing service work for others.

Tim handed out tools and we began. “We dug to get all of the weeds out, and the prizes were that we got to pick a zucchini or a cucumber,” said Amandalee.

Hard working campers picked zucchinis and cucumbers that many later ate for snack that day. “I got a zucchini and brought it home to my mom,” continued Amandalee. “She likes zucchini.”

The proceeds of the garden will be donated to the food shelf.

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**BIKE RIDE 2.0**

For our second group bike ride, we followed a similar route as our first one.

Campers started biking in Willmar, and made it to the Spicer ELC to hang out with younger kids and eat lunch. They helped the preschoolers to bike around the parking lot.

Afterwards, they returned to the YMCA.