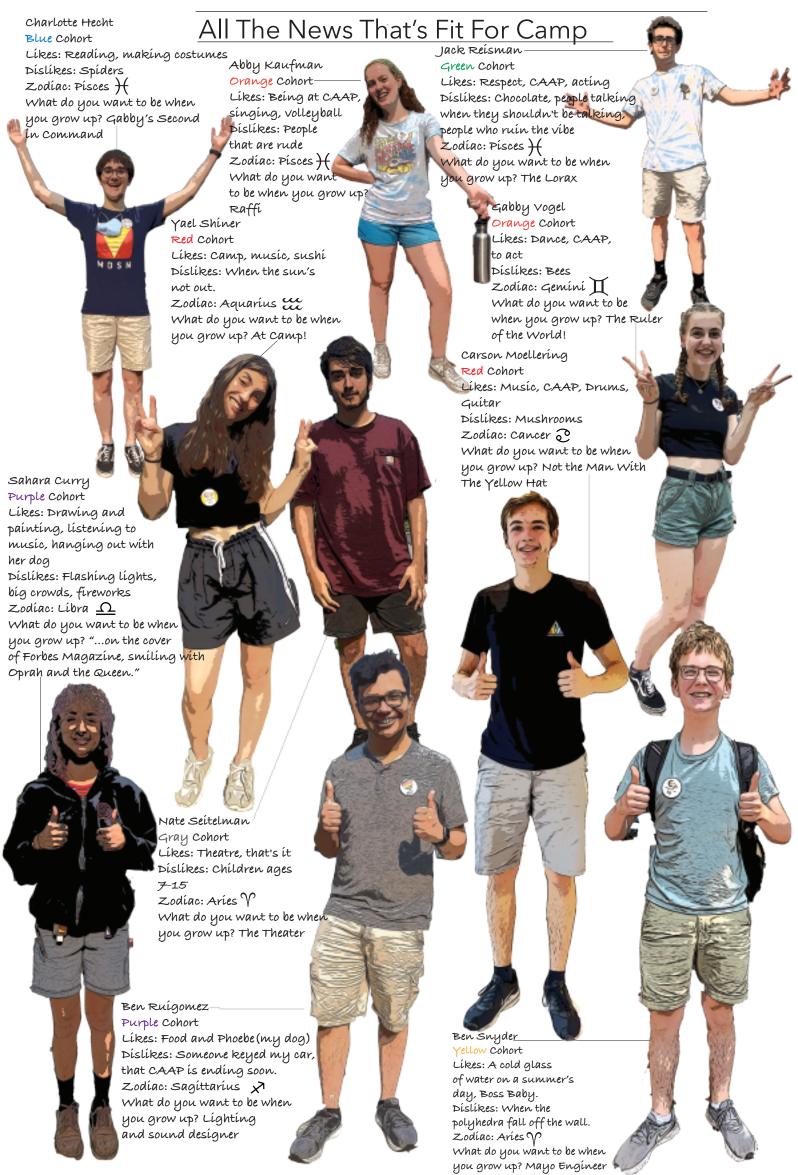
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The Origins of the CIT

By Jenna Linnert, CIT Expert

Once upon a time, many moons ago, CAAP existed without CITs. Without a bridge between the counselors and campers, chaos reigned supreme in the building. Campers ran amok, counselors struggled to engage with their classes, and trash and recycling piled up in every room. It was a dark and gloomy existence. Eventually, the staff had had enough. The only answer to this issue was to open a portal to an alternate universe and call upon otherworldly beings for assistance. Deep within the halls of the Park School exists a gateway to Universe #834562, a universe rumored to be home to superhuman entities known as "CITs." On the fourth Friday of camp, a small group of counselors ventured to this portal and activated it via an ancient ritual that I cannot reveal lest we let it fall into the wrong hands.

They called out, "CITs! We are in desperate need of your help at Creative Arts at Park!" After a moment, a deep and foreboding voice answered, "What is your dilemma, mortals?" The counselors reiterated their tale of lawlessness around camp, and the owner of the voice took pity on them. They sent out their best and brightest, Universe #834562's most helpful and compassionate CITs. The earthly names given to them were: Abby, Gabby, Charlotte, Jack, Sahara, Ben S, Ben R, Nate, Yael, and Carson. The moment they stepped into their roles as staff members, everything seemed to change around campus. The campers were more calm, classes ran smoothly, trash and recycling were taken out in a timely manner, and most importantly: the "Big Game" was created. Ever since their first day at CAAP, campers and counselors have lived in harmony. We dedicate the fourth Friday of every camp session to the CITs that have made such an impact on our community. Thank your CITs today, because without them CAAP would not be where it is today.

The Most Important Thing in My Bag

Abby - Water Bottle

Gabby - My Bucket Hat

Carson - Gabby's Bucket Hat

Jack Reisman - JBL Speaker

Charlotte - Extra Socks

Nate - E-Tape

Ben R. - My Laptop

Sahara - Deodorant (Swagger)

Ben S. - 1 Liter Water Bottle

Yael - My Temporary Tattoos



Abby - Father rejoiced, or father's joy. Gives joy.

Carson - Scandinavian origin and means "son of marsh-dwellers."

Charlotte - Charlotte is the feminine form of the name Charles, meaning "free man."

Benjamin - The name Benjamin comes from the Hebrew words ben (son) and yāmīn (right side or right hand).

Gabby - God is my strength.

Jack - There is a theory that Jack is Celtic in origin, meaning "healthy, strong, and full of vital energy."

Nate - Hebrew origin, and the meaning of Nate is "God has given."

Sahara - This name is of Arabic origin meaning "desert."

Yael - Is of Hebrew, Welsh, and Old English origin, and the meaning of Yael is "mountain goat, heights, upland, or fertile moor."

If My CIT Were a Fruit...

Abby - Strawberry

Carson - Watermelon

Charlotte - Green Apple

Ben R. - Pomegranate

Ben S. - Blackberry

Gabby - Cherry

Jack Reisman - Starfruit

Nate - Oreo

Sahara - Grape

Yael - Guava

Interview with Ben S.

By Myra

Myra: What is your favorite animal?

Ben: A oh jeez... like a... hmm... oh like an eel.

Eels.

Ben: Eels are so cool.

Myra: What's your favorite color?

Ben: Oh um.. That's an easy one... Blue.

Myra: What's your favorite season?

Ben: Winter because... I'm unique like that. Actually

no I'm not unique, I'm like a lot of people.

Myra: What's your favorite electronic device?

Ben: Graphing calculator... no that's stupid... no actually

do graphing calculators.

Myra: Umm... Hm... what's your favorite thing to do

at caap?

Ben: Hm... let me think... Hmmm... I like... writing and

helping you all with writing.

My CIT as a Musical Instrument

Abby - Piccolo Gabby - Flute

Carson - Oboe Jack - Guitar

Charlotte- Maracas Nate - Snare Drum

Ben R. - Upright Bass Sahara - Bass Guitar

Ben S. - French Horn Yael - Synth Keyboard

PLEASE GIVE



The MAKE A DIFFERENCE class at Creative Arts at Park needs your help!

PLEASE DONATE CLOTHES! (by Tuesday, July 27th)

The MAKE A DIFFERENCE class at Creative Arts at Park is sponsoring a clothing drive to raise funds for the S Sudanese Enrichment for Families Preschool Fund. Want to help? Here is what you need to do. PLEASE BRING IN YOUR:

*GENTLY WORN CHILDREN'S CLOTHES (Ages newborn to age 18! All seasons

**Also will take strollers, bikes or other gently used preschool/elementary gear

PLEASE PUT CLOTHES DONATIONS IN BAGS AND LEAVE ON THE WINDOWSILL BY THE FISH TANK IN THE LOBBY

IF YOU HAVE LARGER ITEMS (BIKES, ETC.) Please text Marcy a photo of your item(s) at 617 480-7448 and she will arrange pick up on the weekend of Jul