SummerBridge 2017

Synergi4 Next Top Model
The Challenge

Eighty-four incoming freshmen, representing 13 middle schools, stepped onto Montwood High School for the first time during Synergi’s 2017 SummerBridge camp.

They were taken out of their comfort zones and placed into groups with students from other middle school campuses. Very quickly, they learned to collaborate as a team, as they were given challenges such as designing structures, using robots, and solving complex math problems.

Their final challenge was to come up with a picture that represented how they came together as a team. The requirements were that the picture needed to have the word “Synergi” and all props were to be created before the photo was taken. A short essay incorporating a brief description of their photo was written by the team, which wrapped up the challenge.
Team Alpha
This past week has been great! A whole week packed with fun and amazing activities. The best part by far was being apart of the Alpha Team. Meeting three new amazing team members beats all by far. Team Alpha during the week showed teamwork and appreciation towards each other. Starting it all off, Ricardo, Giselle, Agustin, and Eric had to create a vehicle using transportation via balloons. The struggle was real. Although the outcome was not as we expected, we still had fun. The next day we had to create a prosthetic leg. Everyone doubted us but we were confident. Although we didn’t win, we surpassed many expectations and were happy with the product. The next day, we tried out using the robots and their functions. We were put to the test with trying to accomplish our mission, but we prevailed. After that, on Thursday, we worked hard to prevent an egg from cracking from heights of 9 & 27 feet. Our teamwork pushed us farther than we could alone. Finally on Friday we created a SYNERGI4 poster for the next top model project. With teamwork and perseverance, we were satisfied with our work. In the end, though all the hardship and troubles, hard work and collaboration took us beyond our own imagination. This was a great week representing team Alpha.
Team Bravo
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Team Bravo had a lot of fun memories and experiences together. We believe that we worked together really well and found ways to share all of our ideas to create something amazing. We believe that we really bonded and learned how to make friends and unite together as a family. Team Bravo can now definitely say once you're part of team Bravo you will always be part of team Bravo!
Team Charlie
This week has been full of different experiences and learning. We have all progressed greatly as a team. On the first day we didn't talk to each other at all since we were very shy. As the week went by we got to know each other and things got better. We started working together and putting each of our unique skills to do the best we could. We were short one group member until Wednesday, and our group got even better when he finally came. Even though we weren't the best team, what counted was that we worked together. We had fun with all the activities we did, and we look forward to the beginning of the year, as part of the Synergi Ram family.
Team Delta
AhhAhh... Team Delta. I don't know how to explain it. No one else probably does either. These next couple of paragraphs will explain all the chaos and people. Even if they want to go to El Dorado.

To start, when we first got to summer bridge we didn't know each other. Then we started socializing and realized Ensor is the best school ever. Just kidding. Anyway we learned what we can do and people's history.

Once we began doing challenges we realized we need to have patience with each other. Oh and thanks to our good team leaders Sebastian and Jayden. We wouldn't have met all the new people we met.
Team Echo
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During the past week at the Montwood Synergii4 Bridge Camp, Team Echo has grown as not only a group, but as a family. Due to all of our different strengths and qualities, our plans always ended up completely different. When combined though, our ideas developed into an intricate and clever creation. Luckily, our amazing team leaders Bethany and Eddie Spaghetti have helped us through thick and thin. We will come out of this camp with brand new knowledge, new friends, and great memories. We've put all of our favorite projects into our Synergii poster as well. Team Echo sends a sincere thank you to all upper classmen, staff, and teachers for making this first week of summer a memory to never forget. See you this August!
Team Foxtrot
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Our team believes that teamwork and helping those in need is an important part of everyday life. This week, the five of us had to learn the principle of compromise, and how to work through our differences. We were not always the nicest and we couldn’t always find a way to agree, so that helps us recognize the importance of these characteristics. Individually, we are all talented and smart young kids, but together we were able to come up with creative and practical ideas. As you can see in the team picture, we are helping a member off the ground, and we are working together to do it. When one member of our team falls, it is our job to help them up so we can be one again. The letters that we have created are individual and unique, just like each member of team Foxtrot. We all really enjoyed this week, and we hope that we can apply the lessons learned to the next 4 years of our lives.
Team Hotel

Our team synergized very well with fun and laughter. This led us to work cooperatively and work hard while having fun. We didn't win most of the competitions during the week but we had fun doing them, and that's what made it a very fun week. The people in team Hotel were shy, funny, and really smart. Our team leader made the week fun because of his humor and radiant happiness. I'll look forward to working with these people again in the future.

Our picture incorporated what we learned to communicate with one another and made us stronger as a team.
Team India

To be successful you need to start low and work your way up. Our team, India did not start successfully. We had our ups and downs. This was because of lack of communication, no trust, and some negative attitudes. Our projects did not go as well as we thought. As the days passed, our project improved little by little. We started trusting each other, and got to get to know more about ourselves, and learned our strengths and weaknesses.

Synergi 4 helped us become friends and meet new people and work together. Synergi 4 is a great program because you get to collaborate with new people, learn more about other people, and you get to try new things. Most importantly it's like having a family, but here at school. This program opens up many opportunities for many different people. By the time you're done with this program you will have learned how to work in a team, communicate with others, and most of all you will be a well rounded person.
Team Juliet
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As our summer bridge camp comes to a close, we all have learned many valuable lessons and innovating skills. We learned to work together and contribute to the group. Our group name “Juliet” has a tragic story and ending. Our group plan is to have an opposite ending. Our picture contains 2 soccer players and singer and dancer. Our group shows diversity within just like SYNERGI4. Our roses represent Juliets love story and our love for SYNERGI4. We plan to always have this love and contribute to SYNERGI as much as we did this week. Our four years in SYNERGI will definitely be memories that we will keep forever.
Synergi is all about science, math, discipline, and learning how to be social so that you can have a better life. So we tried to make a picture that represented all of those qualities. In the picture we took a picture with handmade letters that spell out Synergi^4. Each letter has a specific drawing on it representing something that we hope to learn and known by the end of our synergi experience. We are all wearing green to show how we support the school and that we are ready to be a Montwood Ram that is involved in Synergi. We chose the specific spot to take the picture because the stairs represent how our education and learning will go up as the years of high school go on. We also used the stairs because they show how the entire Synergi group is going to succeed and climb up the stairs of our life and follow the right paths. In the end this picture describes synergi in our eyes and it basically shows how successful we hope to be and how synergi will make us even more successful.
Team Lima
Team Lima has achieved full cooperation in anything that they do such as the egg drop challenge, and the rubber ducky project. Whenever we get an assignment or a group project, we are always on task and quick to ideas. We have learned to collaborate well in the week we have been here. We have learned how to share our ideas and incorporate each of them into our work. Our team has shown that we can handle difficult riddles including all the teachers magic numbers and the ted ed riddles. Even though we did fail the egg drop challenge by murdering some of our eggs and we didn't do so hot on the rubber ducky challenge, those “failures” have made us stronger and more persistent to try our best for whatever comes our way.

-sincerely, team Lima
Team Mike
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Team Mike has had different ideas on how things should be done. One of us says yes to an idea while others say no, but when we collaborate and talk to each other we are a great team. In team Mike work comes first then the fun. together We are becoming a family and we are learning more about each other. We may fight and lose friendship, but we bounce back up and finish strong. During the prosthetic leg challenge we had a hard time picking a design, until one of us came up with a simple design and we each added our own idea. We may not have gotten a good score but we were happy to work together. are a team, a family. Together we are team mike
Team Oscar
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Walking into a room full of unknown people is frightening especially if you are divided into groups with others that you don't know. This week we found new friendships and our new ram family. In our group we have 6 members Joshua, Victoria, Quinton, Lauren Janel and Victor,. These are the most funniest, hard working and talented group of individuals you will meet. Our team work with each other was impeccable. We chose the bleachers to show the steps taken to reach the success.
Team Papa
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Working together as a group has been an amazing and outstanding experience. Our group completed many activities that has helped us prepare for real world and high school experiences. Also, we collaborated to build many models that involves engineering and teamwork. Even though some projects were challenging, we learned to accomplish them as a group. We not only work with other high schoolers we teamed with middle school kids to help them adjust to a new environment. We have all grown a friendship bond that makes us realize we can count on each other. Together we picked our background symbolizing how much we will accomplish in our future. In conclusion, teamwork, friendship, and perseverance guided us to a successful and fun week.
Team Quebec
Our team name is Quebec. Quebec is a city in Canada. Much like a city has to work together to function, our group had to work as a unit to complete tasks. By no means did we work together as a well oiled machine, but we got things done. There were disagreements and some issues, but we pulled through in the end. If our team was a machine, it would probably be a busted up car. It has some dents in it, and the windows don't roll down all the way, but it runs and gets you where you need to go. And like a machine, we represent different parts. We have the brain, the one who builds, etc. We all work together, as strange as it is. At first, we didn't even want to talk to each other. Two kids from Slider and two kids from Puentes. But like I said, it worked out in the end. Synergi4 helped us work together.
Team Romeo
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Team Romeo has been learning a lot during this Synergi4 camp about each other. The tasks that have been given to us challenge us to work together to find a solution. Yes, on most challenges we didn't succeed, but we still built a contraption or solved a problem in hopes of succeeding. Even though this hardly happened we still got more friendly and got along with each other. From my perspective I came to achieve whatever task i was put to on my own but in the end Nadia, Ricky, Vivian, Ricardo, Nathan, and me became friends which I see as an achievement. Team Romeo has been trying their hardest to beat the other teams being fun in it's own way. We didn't always get along or agree with one another, but eventually we cooperated with one another and completed all the tasks some more successful than others, so I think I speak for team Romeo when I say that cooperating with one another was fun and interesting challenge of it's own.
Team Sierra
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Our team for the Synergi Bridge Camp started off quiet and shy. Then, as the days progressed, we began to work together and cooperated to solve riddles and challenges. Our once silent group, turned into an extravagant and loud bunch that will be able to go through all of the problems and shine in the end.
Team Tango

Admittedly, our team hasn’t been the best. We’ve always had our kinks and been slightly dysfunctional, yet somehow we have persevered and worked together to complete many tasks as a unit. Yes, there were arguments, tension between members, and insults being thrown around; Although, after this week we’re happy to consider each other our friends. Just like the story arc of a league of vigilantes we went from being ordinary civilians to a strong, efficient, well-working machine. We’ve grown to create a nearly symbiotic relationship, we’re mentally strong and dedicated. With all of our skills together, with a dash of insanity, Team Tango has become an unstoppable force.
Team Uniform
This week our group in The SYNERGI 4 Summer Bridge camp was named Uniform, quite a strange name for a team as we thought so in the beginning. We came together with very little knowledge of each other, soon though we little by little learned more and more about each other. Such as, something simple such as our names and where we originally went to middle school to larger things such as our hobbies and ambitions.

Although we did not succeed every challenge we took on, I personally think the point wasn’t to see who was to simply win, but to view how we would take on the challenge as a team, to see how well or efficiently we worked, and coming in first to me, was the cherry on top. But sometimes the cherry isn’t always needed. Saying this i’m proud to say that my team did come together, not just as a group of kids, but as a team. Everyone contributed ideas, good or bad. Everyone and their hands on something, whether it was building a small basket for an egg to cutting pieces of tape, everyone put effort into the challenges.

Our picture represents that despite our different personalities and special interests we were one team, Uniform, the name changed from just and a silly word for a team to an honorably label we worked at to defend. And for one week the word “Uniform” defined us.