



VIEW FROM THE HILL

Updated Thoughts from the Thoughtful Day Camp

“It is impossible to rid oneself of all biases, but when we recognize and acknowledge they exist, we can work to overcome them”

With everything that has happened this year we have had much to think about. It has been about six months since the tragic murder of George Floyd, and since then race relations in this country have been at the forefront of our minds. Unfortunately, sometimes this has been overshadowed by other important and historic events we have had to deal with this year, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent election.

Every year at our Staff Training sessions we discuss the concept of microaggressions (*n. a statement, action, or incident regarded as an instance of indirect, subtle, or unintentional discrimination against members of a marginalized group such as a racial or ethnic minority*) and how they affect our everyday lives. But is this enough? The answer to that is plain and simple: NO.

This article titled [“Introduction to Anti-Racism in Summer Camps”](#) discusses just that. It was written by a Camp Director friend whose message resonated with us, so we share it here. It helps us understand some simple definitions and insights into what racism really is. This is just one of several articles discussing this topic, but we would like to start with this.

As a child of the sixties, I have two musical idols who collaborated on this issue. Bringing art into the conversation, I am still moved by Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder together on [“Ebony and Ivory”](#). Please give it a listen if you have a chance.

Thanks for checking in. Watch for future updates. Contact us with any questions.

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