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Rite of Passage programs provide unique opportunities for our students to learn and grow while developing positive relationships with their peers and adult role models. Recently, Uta Halee Academy took a fun approach to this concept by hosting their second annual "Summer Games" event -- a week of competitions and games designed to build character, promote teamwork and school spirit and, most importantly, to be fun!

This year's Summer Games were themed after the show "Survivor" and incorporated its concepts such as the immunity idol, totem trophy and tie-dyed team buffs. The cottages were each assigned a different "tribe" and came to each competition with their hand-made tribe banners. The students had to work together and motivate one another as they faced off against the competing tribes at challenges that included an obstacle course, 1-mile run, wall-sit endurance competition, "Bean-Boozled" and tug-o-war. The "totem trophy" was presented to the victors, but everyone felt like winners as they celebrated by enjoying the huge inflatable water-slide.

The fun-filled week came to an end with the closing ceremonies where Uta Halee's Color Guard presented the flags and performed a "drill team" routine.