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   - 13

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   - 4

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   - $5,000

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   - 255

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   - 459 nails

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   - 6

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   - 236 lbs

10. How many paid staff worked at Camp Casey?
    - 11

11. How many acts were in the 2014 talent show?
    - 6

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    - 43

13. How many games at the carnival?
    - 8

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15. How many marshmallows do the carolers make at camp?
    - 151

16. How many duties does camp have?
    - 1,000

17. How many scholarships are awarded to counselors?
    - $200

18. How many camps did the Bubble Man bring to camp?
    - 7

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