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Closing Ceremony – The nominees for 2026 Super Camper where:

Boys	Girls
David Tyurin	Hailey Lankford
Sam Cowperthwaite	Molly Clements
Paul Touhy	Naomi Cowperthwaite

The winners of the award this year were **Hailey Lankford** and **David Tyurin**. Runner-up honors were **Molly Clements**, **Sam Copperthwaite** and **Paul Touhy**. Congratulations to all our nominees and our winners. The winners are awarded free tuition to next year's camp for themselves or a substitute.

Mrs. Sapphire Gimenez was recognized with the Hal Shurtleff Award. Congratulations. As the 2026 awardee, she has received the well-earned recognition of her peers for the time and dedication she has devoted to Camp Constitution. We hope she knows how much her contributions to the success of our program are appreciated.

The **Dr. Willie Soon** award as Outstanding Lecturer was awarded to Mr. Alex Newman.. Congratulations. You are most deserving. ★

250th Birthday Essay Contest

The "Why I love America" Essay contest received nine camper entrees. All the essays were very good and the judges narrowed it down to three finalists:

The 2nd Runner Up is **Tosya Stahl**

The 1st Runner Up is **Lincoln Weaver**

The Grand Prize Winner is **Madyson Rokicki**.

Our 3 finalists will receive some nice prizes:

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Super Campers 2026

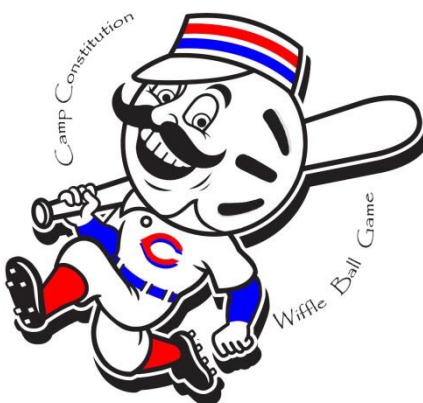


Pizza Party Tonight

Tonight, after campfire the annual pizza party will be held in the cafeteria. The evening break will be extended to 11PM. After 11pm all students must be in their respective cabins. Take this opportunity to collect addresses, phone numbers and social media contact info. Use the Camp blog too. ★



Annual Wiffle Ball



Newman's Barnstorms faced off against the Shurtleff All-Stars in the annual camp wiffle ball contest. It was an intense battle, but the barnstormers bats broke the backs of the boasting bunch of All-Stars. The so-called "undefeated All-Stars" (by the way, there are no official stats to back up the undefeated claim). Apparently, the barnstormers are all arms or the All-Stars forgot how to hit, as the All-Stars kept going down in order and the

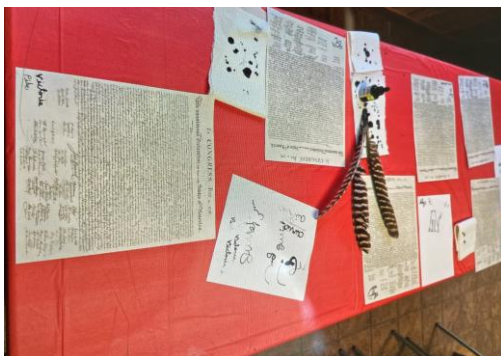
Barnstormers padded their lead with effective hitting. Mr. Alex Newman lead the Barnstormers to victory as the last out of the last inning was recorded leaving the All-Stars with the only blemish on their record they are willing to admit. Final score: 5-2 ★ Hal, will no doubt use his injury as an excuse.

Junior Patriots On Parade.



As we celebrate our country's 250th birthday, the junior campers have studied about the founding documents of our country. On the first day, they learned about the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence, and had the opportunity to sign their own Declaration of Independence. We discussed the lives of the important men who signed the Declaration. Before heading to the shooting range to practice their marksmanship skills, they learned about the U.S. Constitution. ★

-- Miss Jessica Whitworth



250th Essay Contest Continued

The 2nd Runner up receives:

A Framed Founders at Philadelphia Picture and a Brilliant Uncirculated 1776-2026 Mayflower Quarter Dollar.

The 1st Runner up receives:

A Framed Yorktown Historical Map and a Brilliant Uncirculated 1776-2026 Half Dollar.

And our Grand Prize Winner receives:

\$100 credit towards next year's camp, An America 250 hat & framed picture and a 1776-1976 Bicentennial Silver Dollar. (IKE)

Thanks to all who participated.

Yesterday, I visited the Marsh- Billings-Rockerfeller National Historic Park with my family. The drive was amusing enough to keep me from falling asleep. Once everyone arrived, we got our tickets and started quickly viewing a big metal bowl for laundry and a model of an old tractor in the museum, before eating ice cream and cake that was made from ingredients from the farm. They were deliciously creamy, tasting nothing like the food from the store. After that, my family and I went on our journey separate from everyone else to become Junior Rangers. The booklet I filled out for myself and my family directed us to take a hike through the thick woods to view some of the historic places. The trail was fairly easy to traverse. After walking for a few minutes we saw the huge mansion the Billing's family lived in. On the property stands a towering 100 year old spruce tree. Taking a short walk from the mansion we saw a smaller more typical house known as the white house. For clarification, this house is not the same White House in Washington D.C. Thankfully, we didn't have to walk that far. Anyway, at this spot we were searching for the next trail to follow to a small tree plantation. I stayed with my siblings while my dad searched for the trail. While waiting for him to come back, my brother, Sergei, picked up a stick with a tiny spider on it. Despite mine and my sister's pleading, Sergei walked away to find my dad to ask him if the spider was poisonous. After several minutes, my dad came back and was surprised to see my brother had disappeared. Of course, because we were nice we walked down one of the paths while calling "Sergei!" Meanwhile, Sergei had walked around for a short distance. Not finding my dad, he turned back on the trail and walked back towards the white house. The rest of my family and I walked that direction, finding him. Now my brother has full right to sing Lost in the Woods from Frozen 2. From that point on, we stayed together and walked to the young, short trees plantation. Continuing on, we saw the sun so covered by smoke so it appeared red. We also saw beautiful flowers, a garden, and a compost pile. Finally, we saw a wood barn with a lumberyard. Returning to the visitor's center where the National Park Volunteer person was, we showed her the booklet, and she gave us cool wooden Junior Ranger badges. We quickly walked over to the visitor center where everyone else from Camp Constitution was. Inside the visitor center was a gift shop, which we obviously had to visit. Who doesn't visit the gift shop when they have some time? We got some goodies and headed back to Camp Constitution after an eventful and interesting trip to Marsh- Billings- Rockerfeller National Historic Park.

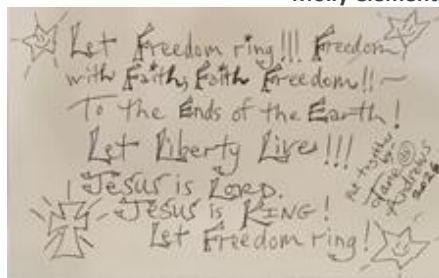
-- Eldon Stahl



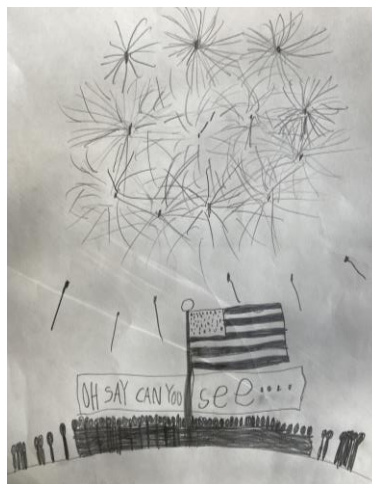
QUICK QUOTES

"Talking to these professors is like talking to little kids", Dr. Soon

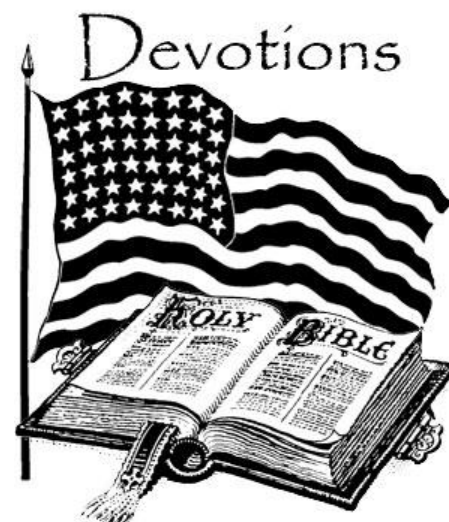
-- Molly Clements



Tytus Valentine



Uriah Cowperthwaite



Devotions

Morning Devotion

Flag Duty David Clements, Xander

Evening Devotion

Flag Duty

Grace Before Meals

Breakfast Daniel Tyurin

Lunch Tytus Valentine

Dinner Lexton Lounsbury

Last Night's Campfire Devotion

Scripture Mrs Catharine White

Tonight's Campfire Devotion

I like the Lectures and the food and I really think they did a good job on everything! Thankyou!

-- Olivia Johnson

SNACK BAR BLOW OUT SALE!!!

GET YOUR GOODIES FOR THE
TRIP HOME.

Mr Shurtleff can't carry it all home.

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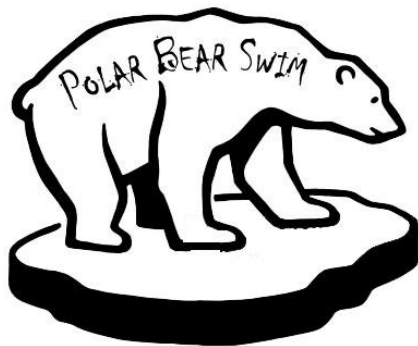


Breakfast

- ★ Flour Tortilla ★ Ground Sausage
- ★ Scrambled Eggs ★ Tater Tots
- ★ Scones ★
- ★ Hot/Cold Cereal ★ Fresh fruit
- ★ Yogurt ★ Boiled Eggs ★ Toast

Wednesday. We had presentations by: The Newman Family – Amazing Grace, Tytus Valentine – You Are My Sunshine, Tom Moor – Don't Stop Believing and Joshua V. – Braveheart Theme on Violin. Some of our favorites select were: Marine's Hymn, My Bonnie, God Bless America and Battle Hymn of the Republic. Mrs. White read scripture and Taps ended the evening.

Our continuing celebration of the 250th birthday of America was capped with fireworks that truly impressed. ★



Today's Conditions: "foggy"

Bears (*Beach Bums)

Tytus Valentine	Daniel Tyurin
Tosya Stahl	

Runners

Willow Whitworth	Jessica Whitworth
Christine Dickinson	Ryan Dickinson

Hal Shurtleff Takes A Leap of Faith

On Tuesday afternoon while taking a swim, Hal Shurtleff takes a dangerous jump. You see, Alex Newman went on the blob, and he wanted someone to bounce him up. Hal took the job. With every step he took to the edge, the observers' anticipation built. Then, he jumped, bounding towards the blob, Hal plopped down on it sideways, landed on his foot, and plunged into the water. Meanwhile, Alex Newman shot into the air like a bullet. This leaves us to wonder, what will he do next?!

-- Tosya Stahl

★ CABIN ★ INSPECTIONS ★

Screaming Eagles

Looks like you gave up. What happened? You were doing so well and you were in the race. What a shame! ★

Liberty or Death

Your decorative bribe was awesome (we don't take money). What a room! Might be the best boys room I ever saw. The decorations just keep on going everywhere you look. It's clean and tidy. Obviously everyone chipped in. Your flag fell, but we repaired it for you. Nice chess set. Its Lego! ★

**Stars, Stripes and Dynamite**

A shoebox of a room, but it is packed with flair. New flowers and birds, more quotes, a nice bribe. This is a lean and tidy room despite the numerous items of flair. ★

**Light of the World**

The disco like streamer entrance was groovy, man. Apparently, Hailey found good ole Ben. Perhaps she falsely accused the boys, and set us up for the big reveal? Pretty, sneaky, sis! (connect4 reference). I must confess, ole Ben Franklin looks mighty good amongst the streamers and lights. Thanks for the bribe. ★

**In God We Trust**

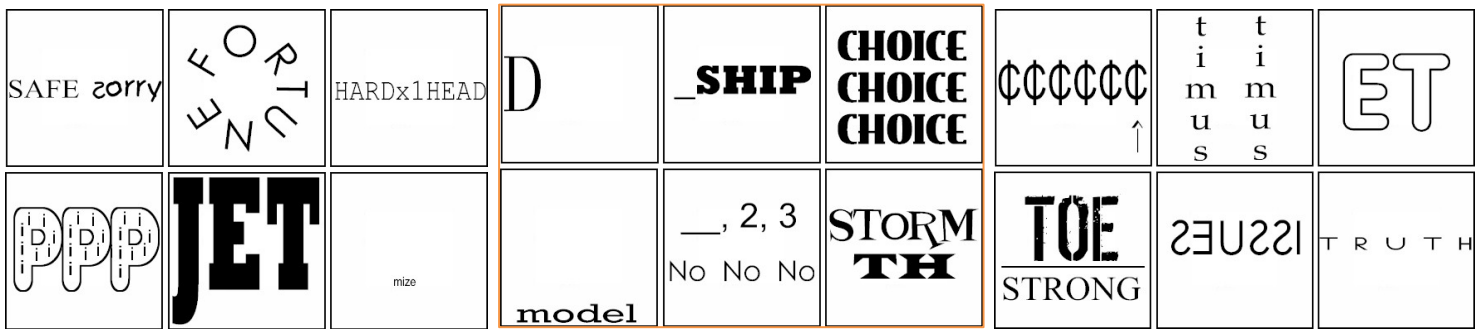
We love this room. The bribe was sooo inviting, we just had to partake. The bunk adorned America 250 banner was a new add and looked great. The 2nd Amendment flag was cool too and we didn't miss the patriotic lei on the lamp-shade. Great job all week. ★



★ 2026 PIZZA PARTY RACE ★

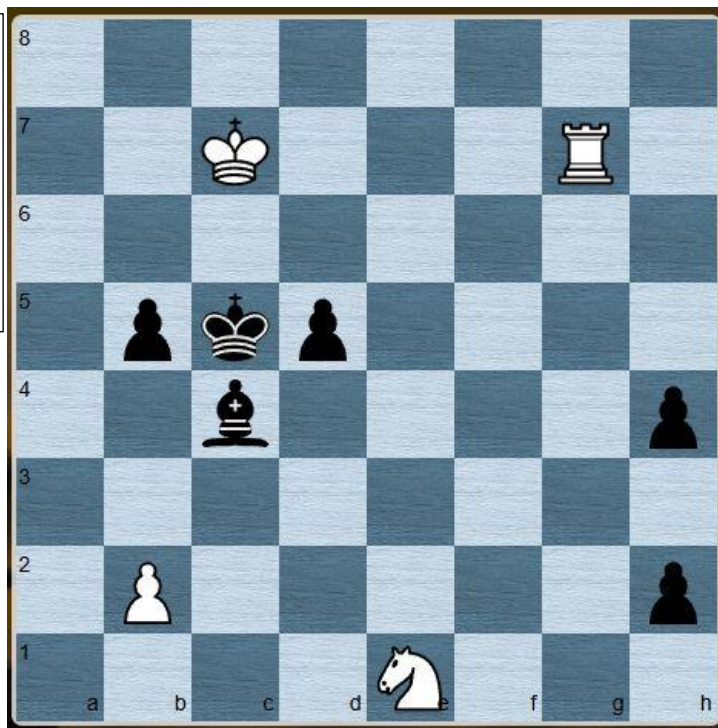
Standings	M	T	W	Thu	News	Total
Screaming Eagles	6.5	7.0	7.5	2	3.0	25.0
Liberty or Death	6.0	7.5	7.5	9.0	9.0	39.0
Stars, Stripes ...	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	5.0	36.0
Light of the World	6.5	8.0	8.0	9.0	3.0	34.5
In God We Trust	7.5	7.0	7.5	9.5	1.0	32.5

★ PUZZLES ★ GAMES ★ QUOTES ★



Bamboozle #12-#14

White to Win:
Each move either
forces black into a
move or results in
Checkmate.
3 moves to win.
White to move first.



Commonyms:

Discover what is in common
(compliments of www.ThinkablePuzzles.com)

Commonym #04

- 1 Wagon - Ferris - Cart
- 2 Love - Chain - Dear John
- 3 Hot - Chili - Corn
- 4 Bricks - Eggs - Carpets
- 5 A Skyscraper - Ernest Hemingway - Mark
- 6 Tone - Zest - Dove
- 7 Door - Grand - Nobel
- 8 Pillow - Dog - Fist
- 9 Dinner - Straight - Leather
- 10 Labor - Columbus - Ground Hog

Commonym #05

- 1 Your Hand - Your Voice - Your Children
- 2 Chop - Yard - Pogo
- 3 Lawn - Rocking - Wheel
- 4 Sheep - Watch - Seeing-Eye
- 5 Lilac - Plum - Violet
- 6 Tug - Sail - Steam
- 7 Turkey - Teddy Bear - Christmas Stocking
- 8 Sea - Taco - Turtle
- 9 Sand - Juke - Toy
- 10 Time - Stink - Atomic

SOLUTIONS ★ YESTERDAY'S ★ PUZZLES

		Score				Weight				Color			
		95	100	105	110	13 lb	14 lb	15 lb	16 lb	black	blue	green	gold
Name	Josh	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	×
	Kelly	×	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×	✓
	Mark	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	×
	Paula	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓	×	✓	×	×
Color	black	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	×				
	blue	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	✓				
	green	×	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	×				
	gold	×	×	×	✓	×	×	✓	×				
Weight	13 lb	×	✓	×	×								
	14 lb	×	×	✓	×								
	15 lb	×	×	×	✓								
	16 lb	✓	×	×	×								

Name	Score	Weight	Color
Josh	105	14 lb	black
Kelly	110	15 lb	gold
Mark	100	13 lb	green
Paula	95	16 lb	blue

Bamboozle-09	
1. Foreign Policy	
2. Party line	
3. Covered Wagon	
4. Back to the Future	
5. Midwife	
6. Off Sides	

Bamboozle-10	
1. Working Overtime	
2. Do Without	
3. Teddy Bear	
4. Shot in the Dark	
5. Eiffel Tower	
6. Long Island	

Bamboozle-11	
1. Tulips	
2. Back in five minutes	
3. One Life to Live	
4. First Thing in the Morning	
5. Go Through the Motion	
6. The Coast is Clear	

#2	Solution: Commonyms
1.	they have waves
2.	they are hitched
3.	they are balanced
4.	they have tanks
5.	they have scores
6.	they have bowls
7.	they are filled
8.	they have picks
9.	they are bucks
10	they deliver

#3	Solution: Commonyms
1.	plates
2.	first ladies
3.	oils
4.	captains
5.	cheese
6.	they have bells
7.	they have bills
8.	baskets
9.	zones
10	agents

Tomorrow's Schedule

★ Camp Constitution Schedule ★

When	Required *	What	Where/Notes
6:30AM		Polar Bear Swim / Morning Run	Pond / Trail
7:00AM	×	Wake Up !!!	Outside Maple Ridge
7:50AM	×	Flag Raising: Devotions & Announcements	Flag Pole (Mtn View Lodge)
8:00AM	×	Breakfast	Outside Cafeteria for Grace
8:30AM			Final Staff Meeting
		Clean-Up	
		Pack-Up	
		Head Home	
		"Happy trails to you, until we meet again!"	
		Have A Blessed Summer! See You Next Year!	
12:00PM	×		

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SOLUTIONS ★ TODAY'S ★ PUZZLES

Solution: Bamboozle-12

- 1 Better safe than sorry
- 2 Wheel of Fortune
- 3 Hard times ahead
- 4 Black eyed peas
- 5 Jumbo Jet
- 6 Minimize

Solution: Bamboozle-13

- 1 Decide
- 2 Spaceship
- 3 Multiple Choice
- 4 Floor Model
- 5 Noone Knows
- 6 Thunderstorm

Solution: Bamboozle-14

- 1 Sixth Sense
- 2 To Sum it Up
- 3 Blanket
- 4 Strong Undertow
- 5 Back Issues
- 6 Stretching the Truth

Chess Solution: Knight Surrender

1. White Rook to G4.
Black Pawn to H1 earns new Queen.
2. White Knight to E3: Check.
Black Bishop captures Knight on E3
3. White Pawn to B4: Check Mate

Solution: Commonym #4

- 1 wheels
- 2 letters
- 3 types of dogs
- 4 they are laid
- 5 they have stories
- 6 names of soap brands
- 7 prizes
- 8 fights
- 9 jackets
- 10 days

Solution: Commonym #5

- 1 things you raise
- 2 sticks
- 3 chairs
- 4 dogs
- 5 purples
- 6 boats
- 7 they are stuffed
- 8 shells
- 9 boxes
- 10 bombs

Samuel Blumenfeld

Learn reading, hand-writing and basic arithmetic online free via the Samuel Blumenfeld Archives complements of Camp Constitution. The late Samuel Blumenfeld spent his entire adult life combatting illiteracy. He did this by publishing the facts around how Government School programs were not only designed to dumb down American children, but to harm them by inflicting learning disabilities such as dyslexia. Yes, many learning disabilities are conditioned at an early age.

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Don't trust the school system to teach the fundamentals. Make sure your youngsters arrive with the basics already mastered and you will be glad you did. ★

— Mark J Affleck

America The Great

Our Country began as just a little joke to Britain, but then we showed them just how serious we were. We Would fight for our country no matter the cost. We became a great nation only because we had amazing and dedicated founders, including people like John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. America is so amazing because we have God-given rights. Some countries have almost no freedoms. We have freedom of speech, freedom of religion and so many more amazing freedoms. I love America because there are so many amazing cities and towns to live in and to visit, although some of them aren't the best, many of them like Ormond Beach are beautiful and friendly. Early on we decided on a President. A President is for making sure no one takes your God-given rights. There are many more people in government. There are three branches, executive, legislative and judicial. The legislative branch makes the laws. (Continued next page)

Innovation Through The Ages

America has been around for two hundred and fifty years. Throughout this time, America has made numerous accomplishments that have benefited the entire world. It's difficult to put an exact date on when this journey of innovation and freedom began but sometime around the mid-17th century to the late 18th century. The constitution really lays the framework and foundation of the innovation of this country. It does this in several ways the most important being the fact that it protects innovation in section one article 8 clause 8. It says this "To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;" These ideas have caused America to become one of the most innovative and inventive countries in world history. Some of these include the internet, lightbulb, the airplane, and the assembly line. Invention and innovation have been one of the most defining traits of what it means to be an American. Americans have been creating new technology and ideas since the birth of our great country. These are things that we use every day and make the lives of everyone on earth a better place. While the situation in America may look dire, I believe that America's best days are coming. 250 years have passed by since the founding of this great country, and yet in these 250 years more innovation has happened than in the previous 2500 years. The best is yet to come! ★

Marlee Newman

BASKETBALL

We had a great time today during rec time. Both instructors Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Gimenez led the group in basketball instruction where everyone practiced ball handling and simple shooting. The girls shined with their progress. They started shy and intimidated by the skill levels of the boys but they all far exceeded their initial instinct of not being basketball players. Willow has been leading them as their counselor and was a great example of showing up and giving it her best. One of the girls, Chelsea even moved forward to play in best of 2 of 3 game series. Twice she gave great passes and although she did not get any shots in the basket, she had good attempts at the basket. Great job girls: Molly, Chelsea, Hailey, and Willow – the "Jolly Ranchers".

Now the boys and Chelsea ... they played 2 of 3 games and the winning team was Marlee, Noah, Dash, and Lincoln. Even though the other team had 1 extra player, they got their victories because they consistently hustled, passed the ball well and encouraged each other.

Notably on the other team was David and Gabriel who played great defense. Will was the main point guard and Ardy a great outside shooter.

Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Gimenez did a great job instructing and teaching basic drills such as dribbling, and ball handling skills. They also refereed the game and helped keep everything under control before they got out of control.

All in all, everyone learned a little and we had fun. ★

(America The Great Continued).

The executive Branch enforces the law, and finally judicial judges and punishes people for breaking the law.

In my opinion some of our best presidents were George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. My reason for Washington is that he lead our nation by what he thought was best for everyone and he didn't just make people fight for him, he fought with them. The reason for Jefferson is because he made our country grow huge. America is amazingly great. ★

Gabriel Newman

The UNITED STATES IS THE BEST

I know the United States of America is the best country because God always was on the side of the of Our Founding Fathers during, and even before, the American Revolution. With all respect, they could not have defeated the British without atleast a little divine help.

Another reason why I love the USA, is the bravery of our founders, who shall forever be my idols. Some of their most heroic acts in my opinion include their crossing of the freezing Delaware River (on foot!) to sneak attack the British; and also the infamous battle of Bunker Hill during which Patriots bravely fought off Redcoats (twice) before unfortunately being defeated. In the approximate words of Edith Craft, "The fight for freedom pushes people beyond their usual capabilities"

America was also the first country with a written constitution. After us, about one hundred and ninety more countries thought "Hey, maybe America has got something figured out" and wrote themselves a constitution. At the current moment there are around three countries in the world that do not have one.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of people in the world right now that are talking nonsense and trying to take away our rights. And yet more unfortunately a lot of people are fulling for said nonsense. But believe place like this expose the truth, and, with God's help, we can make America more like our Founding Fathers envisioned it.

Daniel Tyurin

Why I Love America

So much comes to mind when I think of America, but there's one specific reason why I love America most. Freedom. There are so many countries, including North Korea, Afghanistan, Iran, and China that don't have freedom like America does. Many countries place a major restriction on religion, speech and even government and political expression. In many cases, if I talk about my savior, Jesus Christ, I can be persecuted and imprisoned. Although certain American political groups don't want to hear about Jesus, I can stand firm in my own beliefs and still have the right to speak freely on my religion. I am blessed to live in a country where I can freely share the gospel and worship God. Another reason why America has more (continued)

★ This ★ Week ★ In ★ Pictures ★

Why I love America

Did you know that America is the freest constitutional republic in the entire world? It all started off on July 4th, 1776. When our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence and mailed it all the way to the king of England, who reigned over them. They published it because they wanted liberty, a gift we can all enjoy today because of their sacrifice, and divine providence. I love America because of its beauty, its liberty, and its people. It has beautiful beaches, mountains, forests, lakes, and so much more. It has some of the nicest people you'll ever meet. Another reason I love America is because of the right to keep and bear arms. This right is completely necessary for our country to stay free. If our courageous forefathers, and military soldiers fighting for us today didn't risk their lives in the revolutionary war against England we would still be ruled by English tyrants to this day. Now, in 2026 it is the 250th anniversary of the signing of the declaration of independence, which started this amazing country. This country has withstood several wars, natural disasters, and much more, but it's still standing here today because some things are too good to just give up. I thank our forefathers, our military, my parents, the amazing people running camp constitution, and first of all God. I hope this short essay has showed you how amazing America really is. We've made it 250 years; let's pray we make it to a thousand.

Noah Newman



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Freedom than others is people's ability to vote. There have been cruel leaders in many different countries and there's nothing the people can do about it. Choosing a candidate becomes more and more important over the years with newer technologies and worsening morals. It is so important that us Christians are able to have our own stands against polluted thoughts and opinions such as abortion. I'm thankful that we have options to choose whether we want a psychopath who says it's acceptable to kill our next generation or someone who stands firm in fighting for our country and protecting the border. America also gained more freedom by creating the Constitution. The constitution limits the government's power and gives individuals more freedoms and guarantees rights. The first amendment states that we have the freedom of speech, religion, press, peaceful assembly, and even the right to petition the government. The second amendment protects the rights to keep and bear arms, unlike countries such as Japan, China, and North Korea. The freedom we have should never be taken for granted, and because of it. I will forever love America.

Madisyn Rokicki

Why I Love The United States

The United States has many advantages. First, we are ruled by sovereign states with liberty. The fact that the president isn't sovereign means that we are in control. If America was ruled by a Supreme king instead, he could do whatever he wants. The consolidated branches power, however, is governed by documents, which anyone can read. This is rare in other countries. Another implemented law is religious freedom. It is comforting knowing that I can glorify our creator anywhere. Somewhere I go is school. Our Constitution lets us choose what school children use. We carry learned material throughout life, so if a government-controlled public school is enforced, they can teach us anything. For example they can teach us that guns should be banned. Teaching this enables the government to make us believe lies.

Speaking of guns, Amendment 2 says the government can't take guns away. I imagine a time when you would need to defend yourself. How can you if the attacker has a gun you don't? Or in a different situation, how will a hunter survive? This produces tragedy. Two more reasons I love America is we are allowed to criticize the government and it is illegal to kill. People who can't criticize the government are forced to "go with the government's flow". I am grateful I can freely state my opinions. Finally, I love America because it is illegal to murder. A world full of murderers means everyone would die! In conclusion, I love America because we are a God-Adoring, free nation with God-given rights.

Toysa Stahl

The Gaga Tournament was a hairy one again this year. The competition remained high as we had very strong contenders for the final round. Included in the competition were Gabriel, Dash, Will, David C, Ardy, Owen, Rafael, David T. Noah, Paul, Daniel, and Damien. Three rounds were played and they all seemed fierce. The first round was won by last year's champion Marlee Newman and Noah Newman. The second round was won by Gabriel Newman and Ardy Cook. The finalists were David T., David C., and Noah. Out on top winning the championship was David Clemens.

The girls, Williw, Chelsea, Molly and Hailey were wonderful sisters cheering them on and helping out when there was a call on the plays.