

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future Welcome to Camp Constitution 2010



The opening day campfire was a resounding hit and seen here, the approximately 50 campers are enjoying themselves immensely. The campfire festivities included a sing-along with such hits as America The Beautiful, My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean, and My Grandfather's Clock.

O, beautiful for spacious skies.. For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From Sea to shining sea.

This year's camp opened with a stirring teaching by the Reverend Steven Craft titled: Morality and Freedom, America's Dynamic Duo. (Seen here below)



A Call for Christian Values

The premise of the teaching of Mr. Craft, in his own words, is: "For over 150 years, Biblically-based morality and ethics served America well as a nation.

There is an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".

Today, secular humanists have been undermining Christian values, and America has undergone a severe diminishing of traditional morality, stability, global image and reputation. When moral standards are sacrificed on the altar of secularism, the overall impact on society is increased spiritual deprivation. This dramatic degradation of American morality is the inevitable result of the fact that sincere recognition of God, who is the Source of all truth, sets the standard defining true morality and proper living, which has been cast aside in favor of so-called human wisdom.""Secularists in the government today are relentlessly seeking to diminish the influence of the Christian clergy on the politics of this nation."

Indeed, today, secularists are seeking to silence the clergy and the American public in matters of Christianity and God. Reverend Craft's teaching was a call to action for the American public and particularly for America's young people, to stand up and let their voices be heard. The young people today and most emphatically those attending this camp are the leaders of tomorrow, who must be willing to have the courage to speak up for the Christian principles on which this great country was founded!

News and Announcements

Monday July 12 Schedule

6:30 Polar Bear Swim/Run - optional
7:00 Wake up!
7:50 Flag raising & devotions
8:00 Breakfast
9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Classes
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Classes Pictures (weather permitting)
6:30, 7:45 Classes
9:00 Campfire
10:00 Break - Camp Newspapers
10:30 In Cabins
11:00 Lights out!

Help Wanted.

Calling all typists and journalists, photographers, poets, witty humor folks, and artists. We can use your talent. Pay is negligible, actually it's zero but the gratification is more than money can buy. The camp newspaper is happy to accept all submittals for publication in the daily camp paper. Please submit all articles at the newspaper office in Bethel. Daily deadline is 3:00 PM. One important note: All campers are required to submit at least one item before the end of the week. There is no limit however!

CABIN INSPECTIONS

All cabins will be inspected daily and points awarded on a scale of 1 to 10. Additional points can be earned by submitting newspaper articles. Cabin with the most points at the end of the week will receive FREE PIZZA. The results of all inspections will be published daily.

Prudence Wrights (Cabin 4)

Polka dot octopus with tusks (huh?) - must be one of those fake evolutionary finds along with those long skinny cats. We had a ton of fun with the pinwheel - wow. Amelda must be storing her shoe collection. Diving into the balloon pile was a ton of fun. That balloon is 16 years old? That's like 320 in balloon years. **Score: 17**

Debra Sampsons (Cabin 5) Was it just us or did the Starbursts wink at us? Creepy! One of your window decorations fell while we were in there - you shouldn't scare old people like that. Looks like Eyore got a tan! Also there was a suitcase that was not parallel with the bed. Suitcases must be either parallel or perpendicular, not askew. But our fashion consultant says it does match the bed. **Score: 15**

Martha Washington (Cabin 7)

Needs more decorations. How many campers were in this cabin?! Trade your Miracle Foot Repair for a Miraculous Cabin Cure. It was like disorganized chaos. **Score: 9**

Betsy Ross (Cabin 9)

The cabin is very neat - it's like noone actually lives there. But there's no creativity. **Score: 0**

Hannah Duston Cabin (10)

Weird bubble gum - it sticks to your teeth. We were terribly unsuccessful trying to blow bubbles with it. One of the inspectors says you found her lucky duckie and she wants it back. Nice window and mirror display. And mirror display. And did we mention the mirror display? Must be the reflection. You win the most flags contest. **Score: 17**



Captain John Birch

by Nathaniel Shurtleff

Captain John Birch was an army intelligence officer, born 1918 and died 1945 who was murdered by the Chinese communists. Born in India, in the missionary field and raised in Macon, Georgia. John would go to China to preach the gospel. Not only did he preach to the Chinese people, he ate the local food, wore the local clothes. He had a great love for the Chinese people.

During WWII, he helped the U.S. pilots shot down by using a connection of routes from 1943-45, saving over fifty pilots. He even saved Colonel Doolittle and his crew of the famous Doolittle raid after Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. When I was five, my dad and I (went) to meet Colonel Doolittle's co-pilot named Robert Hite and my dad still has his autograph.

John Birch also worked behind enemy lines as an intelligence officer; he did his job so well that General Chennault said he was the only man to stay in the field with the Chinese army and lived. He also said if he had fifty teams like John Birch he could "lick the Japs single handedly."

Next to education, religion and character of his parents, John's best influence was in Birchwood on his parents' farm - it was several hundred acres, his parents were hard workers and they shaped him into an American hero.

The End

Quick Quotes

TRUTH in the hands and minds of YOUTH becomes a doubly powerful weapon.

Robert Welch

If when a people forget God that tyrants forge their chains

Patrick Henry

The highest glory of the American revolution was this: It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity.

John Adams

Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point.

CS Lewis

Ya gotta be tough; we don't want no softies in the house:

Reverend Steven Craft

5 Star Accommodations?

By Concerned Staffer

As I happened on cabin inspection this morning, I overheard talk from the inspectors of a particular section of the "Sam W" room (for anonymity.) The talk overheard was of disappointment in the condition of a lower bunk of one of the counselors and of the surrounding area. We will call him Mr. Michigan to preserve his anonymity. As I listened to the whispers of the inspectors, it became clear to me that this "display of disorganization" was a clear revolt to Mr. Michigan's accommodations.

Apparently, he is used to the cabin on the lake in year's past as a counselor and a true leader in the constitution camp movement. While we realize a lake-front cabin is far superior in enjoyment and luxury than a basement, the basement does have its benefits such as cooler temperatures in the evening for his sleeping comfort. Multiple sinks, toilets and showers will allow him to sleep longer as opposed to staggered wake-up times for showering in the single bathroom on the lakefront home and a special separate section for less distractions from the campers while he is getting his beauty sleep. Weighing out the positives, it should be obvious that one could perceive it as the premiere accommodations over the lake front cabin which has a full kitchen, deck facing beautiful evening sunsets

and a separate bedroom for his quiet enjoyment. Let's hope and pray this "display" or decorating scheme is not emulated by the campers in his charge. Although it looks as if other counselors in the "Sam" room may have followed his lead and must be having their ears bent by this rogue counselor unfortunately. The upper bunk of another counselor was unkempt as well and upon further inspection, a pair of unkempt Red Sox was found hanging by the bed of a third counselor in the same room - we'll call him Mr. Tall to preserve his anonymity. We're confident that Mr. Michigan will overcome his loss of the lake front cabin and learn to tolerate and maybe over time even learn to appreciate his new accommodations to the point where he'll be clamoring to start a reservation list for the basement for next year, maybe even a rewards program for frequent stayers.

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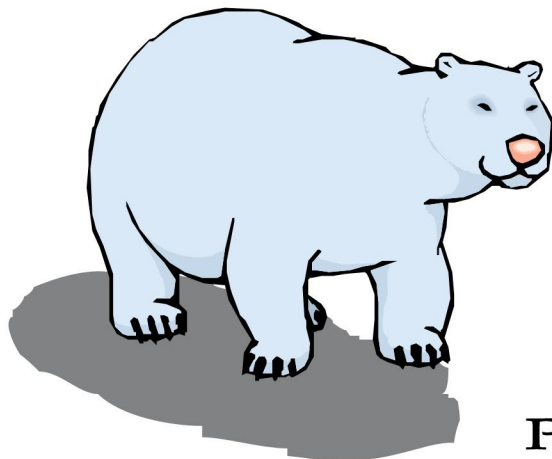
It must be true - global warming is reducing the polar bear population! Today the air was warm, the water was warm, and there were only two polar bears. And one Beach Potato. And five runner-swimmers.

Polar Bears:

Philip Smith, Ken Eckland, Beach Potato, Sebastian Adamo.

Runner - Swimmers:

David Tomaso, Ellie Adamo, Elton Adamo, Alton Caldwell (AJ), Valmir Adamo.





Why is this
white space?

Cabin inspections cont.

Uncle Sam Wilson (Cabin 1A)

I want you at Camp Constitution sign - we liked it. Those were the strangest checker pieces we've ever seen. What must one do to get a star on your wall of fame? We didn't realize George Washington had a twin brother - he looks just like him. The double flags were cancelled out by the Styrofoam cup and crumpled bedding on the last bed. Had we included the cubby hole cabin, it would have significantly reduced your score to let's just say, we don't deal in negative numbers. **Score: 11.**

Uncle Sam Wilson (Cabin 1B)

Neat and clean with zero evidence of creativity. And to boot there's a stinking Red Sox fan that thinks displaying a shirt with two red socks loosely sewn to it is decorative. Not even close. Put the socks away - neatly. **Score: 7**

Prince Estabrooks (Cabin 2A)

We wiped our feet on the UN flag - it's amazing what can be found on the bottom of shoes. Hope that gooey whatever comes out. Yuck. We did not tread on the Don't Tread On Me Flag because it said not to...duh. **Score: 7**

Prince Estabrooks (Cabin 2B)

The pants with the songbook sticking out of them? If they had some obscure meaning, we couldn't figure it out. Then again, maybe someone isn't nearly as neat as they should be. Which cabin owns the wrinkly carpet? Tomorrow you will be judged accordingly.

Score: 6



Your story
belongs here.
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the paper!