

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future Welcome to Camp Constitution 2011

This year's Camp Constitution got off to a great start on Saturday evening with the arrival at Toah Nipi of campers and staff members alike from states as far away as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Maine. The Camp officially kicked off with a flagraising, followed by dinner and then introductory remarks by Mr. Hal Shurtleff and Mr. Hoderny. The introductory meeting kicked off with a prayer, followed by remarks by Mr. Shurtleff and introductions of the camp staff. The Head Counselor, Mr. Hoderny recited the camp rules.

The entry and placement test for the campers followed the meeting. Later in the evening, the first nightly campfire, led by Mr. Peik followed in the usual great tradition of good bad jokes, the traditional sing-alongs and camper skits. At the bonfire, it was revealed that all cabins must present a mandatory cabin skit. The mandatory skit rule will be strictly enforced by Mr. Lutz who is head of the skit enforcement department. As in past years, cabin inspections will be conducted daily, and cabins will be awarded points with the winning cabin receiving free pizza on Thursday night. Cabins will be judged on creativity, neatness, and patriotic displays.

The speaker/lecture line-up features Reverend Steven Craft, who will be speaking every day and providing a sendoff talk at the closing bonfire on Thursday night. Other speakers include NH State Representatives Jenn Coffey and Norman Tregenza, Mr. Sam Blumenfeld, author of "The Marlowe-Shakespeare Connection, the Patriot Pastor, Garrett Lear, Mrs. Harper, Mr. Nowak, Mr. Kamps, Mr. Peik, Mr. Shurtleff, Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Vileniskis, Mr. D'Aleo, Mr. Moor, Mr. Earl Wallace, Ms. Whalen.



Saturday entrance tests

We Had It; We Lost It; Now It's Time to Take It Back A Sermon by Reverend Craft

On Sunday Morning, Reverend Craft delivered an exciting, enlightening but challenging sermon to the campers and staff in attendance. His sermon, entitled "We had it; We lost it; Now It's Time to Take it Back, was based on Colossians 2: 4-9. The key points included the fact that this nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, and persuasive and smooth talking men have been delivering the lie through the mainstream media that this fact is not true. There is a concerted effort underway to erase the role of God and faith in the construction of this country and its founding documents. Part of this effort includes the lie that there are many roads to God. Also known as religious pluralism. Reverend Craft reminded the campers that it is they who will be the ones to shape the future of the country. Some of the ideals on which this nation was shaped and which were emphasized by Reverend Craft included:

- Freedom is from God, not man!
- Beware of false teachers! Trust the Word of God, it's still relevant!
- In Christ, not only are we free, but we are also complete!

News and Announcements

Monday July 11 Camp Schedule

6:30 Polar Bear Swim/Run - optional
7:00 Wake up!
7:50 Flag raising and Devotion
8:00 Breakfast
9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Classes
12:00 Lunch
1:00 PM Field Trip - Hike up Mount Monadnock
6:30, 7:45 Classes
9:00 Campfire
10:00 Break - Camp Newspapers
10:30 In-cabins
11:00 Lights out!

Calling all camper and staffer journalists, photographers, poets, witty humor folks and artists. We can use your talent. The camp newspaper is accepting all submittals for publication in the daily camp paper. Please submit all articles at the newspaper office in Bethel.

Note: All campers are requested to submit at least one item during the week. There is no limit however!

Comments heard around the camp on Reverend Craft's Sermon

As reported by Roving Reporter, Mrs. Craft

The ever popular and beloved Reverend Craft's sermon elicited a number of enthusiastic comments from the campers and staff, including:

"His usual enthusiastic style." Rebecca Cambron;

"He's funny and smart!" Giavanna Prezioso;

"Amen!!!" Mrs. Vilesenikis;

"Reverend Craft is not boring! He was awesome too!" Val Adamo;

"He was inspiring and definitely worth going to (hear)." Bianna Perry;

"He was good, educational and I learned a lot!" Claire Jones;

"You will never fall asleep on his sermons. He's extremely funny, but you do learn something." Kenneth Eckland;

"He's inspiring! Insightful! Interesting!" Sam Leveillee;

"I just thought it was funny and entertaining. He's descriptive. He uses real life, he just doesn't say things and leave them alone; he puts in more details." Allan Caldwell (AJ);

"His words were very inspiring because he speaks with such authority." David Tomaso;

"His exuberant manner affected everyone in the room; I believe that the fire God has placed in his heart sparked a flame in each one of us. I was especially intrigued by the Reverend's comment that "Religion is man's idea of how to get to God; Christianity is God's idea of getting to us down here on earth." Angela Schwartz.

Notable Quotes

It was breathing from the giddyup and it has never died. **Reverend Craft (on the United States Constitution.)**

It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Patrick Henry

Mr. Hoderny's Camp Rules

1. No boys in girls cabins; no girls in boys cabins.
2. Arrive at class five minutes ahead of start time.
3. No physical contact between male and female campers; use conversation to get to know each other.
4. Cell phones and other gadgets are to be turned to your counselor.
5. All gentlemen are to remove caps and hats when entering a building.
6. No drugs or alcohol.
7. No use of pond and water toys unless supervised.
8. Lifejackets required when boating.
9. Mr. Hoderny reserves the right to make any and all rules as needed.

Cabin Inspections

Points will be awarded daily on a scale of 1 to 10. Scores presented are daily scores only. The scores will be totaled at the end of the week and the highest score wins.

Hebron A

The giant USA was a stunning sight as we entered. The patriotic bags on the other hand were a mystery as to exactly what the item on the bottom of the bag was. We had hoped it was some kind of bubble machine - those are a ton of fun but it wasn't. Bummer. You also displayed our song books and cleverly used flag poles as a bookshelf. Your stinking Red Sox fan didn't help your score. Score: 7

Hebron B

Very little effort. Maybe some of you are on some sort of diet that does not include pizza. A heads-up for the camper with the interest in the Ferrari. A Ferrari will require much more effort to earn than the pizza prize. It appears you're not on a path for either. This cabin needs a lot more items like the Federalist Papers and The Original Intent books. Score: 3

Bethel 4

Peanut butter cups - Yum Yum. We were not sure - Was that a heart surrounding said cups or a face with three chins from eating too many? A flag-adorned bunk, USA spelled in Starbursts and a flag with all the states written into the stripes. The most amazing thing was the bunk with five pairs of shoes, assuming you were wearing a pair, as you were instructed to, that makes six. Plus the indispensable pair of flip-flops makes seven. Score: 17

Bethel 5

The falling stars got us into a chorus of "Catch a falling star, put it in your pocket... Hhmm hhmm hhm hmm hhmm hhmm hhmmm." An octopi, a Louisiana gator and the petting zoo bunnies all came out to try and convince us to give you a higher score. We like the posting of the class schedule and enjoyed playing with the Made in USA pinwheel. Score: 20

Bethel 6

Caramel gets stuck in your teeth so it's a good thing we're writing this cabin inspection instead of dictating it. Eeyore, Mr. Ed and Jimmy Giraffe are all staring at "what" on the other side of the room? It's not necessary to have someone sleep on a mattress underneath the bottom bunk - we have enough room. So we don't need to triple stack campers. That wasn't much of a drink you left us - three ounces of liquid is hardly a shareable amount. Score: 15

Bethel 10

Posting the camp schedule - good idea! The bumble bee looked a bit ferocious but the rubber duck calmed us down when we started to sing "Rubber Ducky you're the one.... Hhm hhmm hmm hhmm hhm hhmm." And then we were frightened by the Pac Man reject. Score: 18

Sunday Volleyball Tournament Results

Four teams competed: Bill of Righteousness, Dream Team, Flaming Artichokes, The Destroyers.

The Bill of Righteousness won all four games, beating all three other teams handily, including the Dream Team twice. The Destroyers also won four games, taking on the Dream Team and the Flaming Artichokes, beating these two teams easily, and beating the Flaming Artichokes twice. No score reported for the Flaming Artichokes vs The Dream Team.

A staff member was heard overheard saying "The Flaming Artichokes are choking", during a match between the Artichokes and the Destroyers.

A Monday volleyball match is scheduled pitting the staff vs the campers.

This Sunday Morning **by Angela Schwartz**

The start of this morning's run was best summed up in the words of camper AJ Caldwell. As Hannah Bartleson, Katie Bartleson and I approached the small group of runners standing in a circle outside Bethel Lodge, AJ looked at us and said with a laugh, "Why didn't you guys sleep in? You're crazy for getting up this early!" The grass was still wet and the air quite brisk at 6:30 am, yet there we all were, in our running shoes and running shorts and jeans, ready to take on the challenge of a two-mile run. After a vigorous warm-up, led by Mr. Shurtleff and Mr. Jones, we all jogged out in single file - the Bartleson sisters, Faith Vileniskis, and myself in front. Mr. Shurtleff led us in a song, which, by the way, was my favorite part of the run. After a half-mile or so, Faith Vileniskis dropped back but continued running under the careful watch of David Tomaso.

Mr. Shurtleff informed us that he was hearing too many stomping feet and that we should, rather than stomping, "glide" along the road. The morning sun looked so beautiful as it streamed through the leaves on the trees. About three-fourths of the way, someone called out "Carl!" This was called out several times over the course of the run and I was impressed with the examples of leadership in our group. We finally reached the turnaround point and I was so relieved- until it hit me that we still had the whole run back to tackle. As for the rest of

the group, I cannot remark any further on my own because I fell behind due to a mile asthma attack. However, I believe that all of the other runners did a splendid job completing the run. Our group included campers Brad Smart, Heather Smart, AJ Caldwell, David Tomaso, Katie Bartleson, Hannah Bartleson, Faith Vileniskis, Sam Levielle, Ben Levielle.

All in all, this Sunday morning's run was a good experience for us campers. I learned diligence, determination and dedication. I learned that perseverance doesn't have to be running and running until you drop. It means going at your very hardest, putting your best foot forward, never giving up and when you're forced to slow your pace, you pick it up as soon as you can and just keep going.

As I finished the run with Faith and David, I kept repeating a verse over and over in my mind - Isaiah 40:31. I encourage you all to look it up for yourself. So, to all of the runners: Great work and we're all proud of you! To all of the campers: Have a great week and always remember just to keep going!

Submitted by Mrs. Vileniskis

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Sunday's Volleyball Tournament