

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future Monday Issue - Camp Constitution 2011

On Sunday, July 10, the camp was off to its first full day and a great start with a sermon by Reverend Craft on Colossians 2: 4-9. An afternoon field trip was taken to the Historical Museum- Murdock-Whitney House in nearby Winchendon, MA. Evening lectures were given by Mrs. Harper on Money & Preamble, The Power of Juries; Mr. Nowak on American Federalism; and Mr. Kamps on the Fundamentals of Language and Law.

The evening bonfire was a favorite highlight for many. Cabin 6, The Deborah Sampsons, presented the first skit, which was a huge hit with everyone.



Sunday's activities included a relaxing day at the lake, a volleyball tournament, and a field trip to Winchendon, MA. Above, Joshua Vileniskis enjoys a canoe ride. Right and above, campers enjoy the water. At right is the volleyball tournament underway.



Artwork seen in the cabins.



News and Announcements

Tuesday July 12 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 Box Lunch & Field Trip to Concord/ Battle Road
6:30, 7:45 Classes
9:00 Campfire
10:00 Break - Camp Newspapers
10:30 In-cabins
11:00 Lights out!

Sunday Field Trip to Winchendon, MA

Murdock-Whitney House

by Briana Perry, Bethel 4

The Murdock-Whitney House was built in Winchendon, MA in 1790. It was made into a History Museum for the public. There are three (3) floors, 23 rooms in the house, each packed with interesting antique objects and things. "There were fancy looking lamps and tiny shoes." The rooms included a music room with a rare antique water glass musical instrument, a military room, a colonial kitchen with an old fashioned maid service bell, bedrooms with gorgeous handmade quilts and a nursery with many antique toys. The attic held more toys and a miniature replica of the house made by one woman who lived there. It took more than 20 years to finish. Don't miss the portraits with following eyes while going upstairs or the door that leads nowhere on the 3rd floor, if you ever get the chance to tour this fascinating museum.

Campers who went: Briana Perry, Nathaniel Shurtleff, Tony Tomaso, Jiavana and Ricky, Sean Rice, Matthew Rice, Anthony Chick.
Counselors who went: Mrs. Ripley, Mr. Vileniskis, Mr. Shurtleff, Mrs. Stewart.

Ten Ideas From "101 Ways to Reclaim America"

- #9. Share your Faith
- #11. Speak on Abstinence in A Local School
- #21. Organize Day of Prayer Observance
- #22. Hand out Vote Guides
- #25. Prison Ministry
- #28. Pray Every Day
- #29. Join Your Local PTA
- #31. Be a Big Brother/Big Sister
- #35. Start a Neighborhood Watch Program
- #38. Start a Bible Believing Church

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!

One Nation Under God

Reverend Craft provided a lecture on the subject, One Nation Under God, and which focused on the Biblical and Christian underpinnings of the United States. He detailed Founding Fathers quotes which evidence this fact and related these quotes to their Biblical origin. Psalm 33: Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord. and Psalm 11: If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do. He also emphasized that God ordained the church to speak of issues of righteousness, not the politicians. Reverend Craft also pointed out that many of the words of the Founding Fathers were very prophetic, and which is evident by the character of our society and our politicians today.

Notable Quote

"The Church must take right ground in regard to politics... The time has come that Christians have been exceedingly guilty in this matter. But the time has come when they must act differently... God cannot sustain this free and blessed country which we love and pray for unless the Church will take right ground... It seems sometimes as if the foundations of the nation are becoming rotten, and Christians seem to act as if they think God does not see what they do in politics. But I tell you He does see it, and He will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics." Reverend Charles Finney

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

New flags on the bed- nice. Sorry, they were so good, we couldn't eat just one. You were just a bit messier than yesterday. Guess that new star is not for following because when we did we walked into the door. Camp newspaper was displayed along with an excellent set of study cards. Score: 12

Hebron B

Neater than yesterday. Displaying Sunday Go-To-Meeting clothes is not quite the patriotic theme we were looking for, but it's closer. Nice to see a couple of Bibles open to passages. The Camp newspaper was proudly displayed which kind of brought a tear to the editor's eye.

Score: 9

Hebron Z

Room 1: Displayed camp newspaper and a songbook. **Room 2:** Peanut butter M&M's and a Don't Tread On Me Flag. Fortunately for us, the M&M's did not say: "Don't gobble me down.". **Room 3:** Sour candies, a Constitution, sour candies, a Camp Constitution coloring book, no crayons (bummer), and did we mention the sour candies? **Room 4:** Quite a creative way to hang a handmade flag - using a necktie. Hope the knot comes out! A tip: It's not the gift, it's the presentation. Score: 11 (day 1) + 11 = 22

Bethel 4

Nice posies on the door! We The People written onto a blanket - that was so clever. The Liberty or Death spelled out in M&M's was delicious. The

singing bear doesn't and not for lack of trying on our part. We Had It, We Lost It, and Now It's Time to Get it Back, written in soap on the window, was very hard to take a picture of.

Score: 25

Bethel 5

Five dollars in Monopoly money - how dumb do you think we are? We won't settle for anything less than a \$500. A buck doesn't go as far as it used to. Just ask Billy Bob Bear. Instead of shelling out the bread, went and made a purse out of Louisiana alligator. The bunny, the dog and the girl scout are still waiting for the punch line to the cookie joke. Your stars were hanging bright this morning. Score: 18

Bethel 6

The patriotic Tootsie Rolls we couldn't disrespect, so we ate them all and properly disposed of the wrappers. Mr. Ed seems to have grown, overnight mind you, a set of patriotic antlers. That's quite a genetic achievement, of course. American flags in the windows, flags hanging from the beds kind of makes you feel proud. Score: 23

Bethel 10

We were not willing to let you ruin your health so we decided to help you eat your Twizzlers. No need to thank us. You should have warned us about the beautiful bumbling bee bandit, which could stand to lose a few pounds. We've seen Fourth of July floats with fewer decorations than this room. Score: 21

Bethel 1

The munchkin cabin has decided to become a late entry into the pizza contest with a dazzling electric pinwheel, a Stars N Stripes banner across the bed and the Humpty Dumpty impersonator skipping rope. Great start. Score: 19



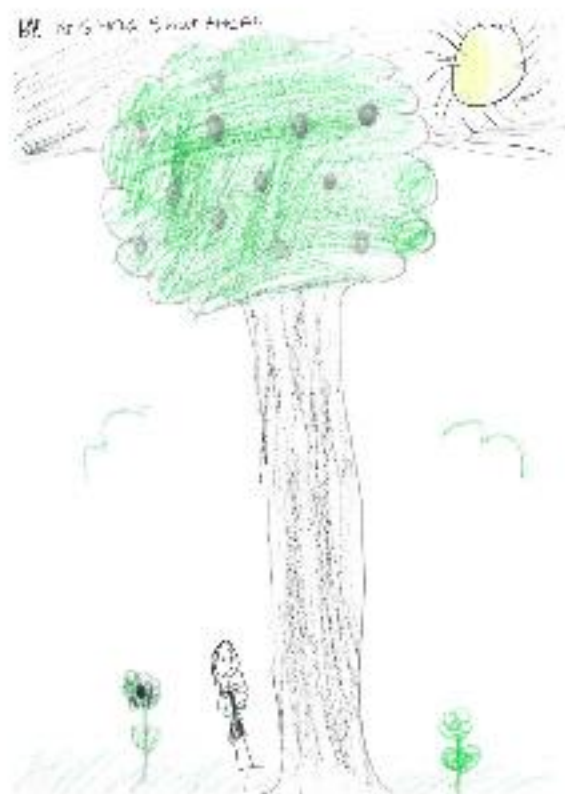
Camper room decorations feature flags, patriotic bears and other animals, founding father quotes and pictures and creative drawings and decor.

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Camper Art



Uncle Sam, by Madeline Rice



Self Portrait. By Kristina Shurtleff



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