

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future Tuesday Edition - Camp Constitution 2011

On Monday, campers attended lectures on a wide variety of constitutional and related topics. A special guest lecture was provided by Mr. Sam Blumenfeld on his book: *The Marlowe-Shakespeare Connection*. The afternoon field trip featured the traditional hike to the top of nearby Mount Monadnock.

Traditional songs, bad jokes, The Preamble Song with accompaniment by Mr. Moor and a skit by Hebron C called "Legion of Bikers" highlighted the Monday evening bonfire.

A sampling of camp activities.



Mount Monadnock Hike



The flag is raised daily.



Daily classes are the core activity.



Campers practicing their campfire skit.

Cabin Inspections

Points are awarded daily. 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 entrance to the cabin is stunningly creative with the 2-ft tall and the 4-ft tall Uncle Sam and the Uncle Sam poster, but shall we say creativity falls off a bit...ok, a lot...ok, a LOT, a lot, in the back corner. The denizens of the back of the room are not doing this cabin any favors. Actually, it's none of our birthdays, but thanks for the thought. Score: 30

Hebron B:

It looks like they gathered up a few of the falling stars from Bethel 5 and *attempted* to decorate...however, it still fell a bit short. The joyous and inspirational Bible passage could not lift our spirits above the overall feelings of hopelessness permeating this room's atmosphere. The ROTC office recruiting station was a nice, yet inadvertent touch. Score: 28

Hebron Z:

Room 1: Bears or squares, gummies are still yummy. We love to see the three little words, "help yourself" - well, it could be three.

Room 2: Peanut M&Ms, as it turns out, makes very weak and lumpy hot chocolate.

Room 3: The comic book still has no crayons. So Paul Revere wore a gummy hat - we did not know that!

Room 5: We realize the President think that there are 58 states, but why does your magnificently drawn flag have 70 stars?! Judging from the conch shell lamp/crossed flag display and your decidedly modernistic necktie/paper flag, we are impressed yet concerned with your artistic leanings. Score: 33 (note: The pile of decorations in the hallway foretells good things in Hebron Z's future. Now let's get decorating, boys!)

Bethel 4:

The Sourpatch Kid mosaic was very well done. Hint: Next time use a solid background.... The judges are now suffering from eye-strain psychosis induced by that, shall we say, a lively pattern. Much of our eyesight problems disappeared once we ate a handful of those old bananas. We were still unable to get the singing bear to sing or talk. Score: 39

Bethel 5:

Wow, someone is a big traveler. There are postcards from

everywhere. The creative juices must be flowing in here. Or could that be something we just spilled on the floor?

Beautiful drawing of a running horse minus Paul Revere. Map of Virginia was wonderful but you may wonder why you don't recognize any of the places. It's because this is New Hampshire. The Children of God cutouts were so cute without the little name tags, which are required here. Why is Charlie the Bear carrying around a manpurse? Is it European? Score: 44

Bethel 6:

Taxation without Representation is tyranny and picking the parchment up off the floor and sticking it back on the door is unnecessary work for us. We finally noticed your sequential red, white and blue bedsreads., which went unnoticed (sorry) until now. Finally we enjoyed watching the beautiful flags fluttering in the artificially created breeze while we munched on Twix bars. Score: 41

Bethel 10:

By the look on his face, we think Toothless (except for two) Tommy woofed most of the sugar treats you left for us. We studied gummie worms and the best we could come up with was "Hi" and TT, over a squiggly something. We also noticed that the brown Square Bob with the bad teeth was back. Score: 35

Munchkin Cabin:

God Bless America and Camp Constitution in two picture frames - wow, where did you buy those? Flags on the wall with foam letters telling us what they were. We were a little disappointed the balloon girl was eating one of our Almond Joys. We would like to know how to make a paper rose. Score: 35.

The Liberty Bell

The Pennsylvania Assembly ordered the bell in 1751 to commemorate the golden anniversary of William Penn's 1701 Charter of Privileges., Pennsylvania's original Constitution, which speaks of the rights and freedoms valued by the people the world over.

The inscription reads..... proclaim liberty throughout all the land.....

Leviticus 25:10

There is a Land I Know **by Angela Schwartz**

"There is a land I know
where rivers of freedom flow
where soldiers fought for liberty
so people could be free.

Before the enemy they stood fast
Fighting till their very last
Breath was gone and the war was won
For our freedom!

Hear the old liberty bell ring!
Its iron music sings
O'er all the land and all the sea
Calling us to be

A people brave and strong
As true as the day is long
With God as our Sovereign King
Forevermore! "
(Written to the tune of "There is a Higher
Throne."

Polar Bear Swimmer Attacked by Great White Leech **by Katie Bartleson**

Around 6:35 a.m. Monday morning, the first brave swimmers were pacing the shores of uncertainty, daring themselves to jump in. Mrs. Ripley and I were reluctant to freeze to death. Mr. Hoderny, the life guard, brought hot chocolate for the swimmers and the beach potatoes. The beach potatoes, Jillian and Grace Kalis, as well as Gracie Lutz, sat and sipped hot cocoa as the swimmers (listed in order of water entry), took a chance at hypothermia. The swimmers, A.J. Caldwell, Mr. Hoderny, Mrs. Ripley, Mr. Shurtleff and I, plunged into the deep. Everyone but me took a dip underwater. I merely ran in up to my waist. Mrs. Ripley was attacked by the Great White Leech! She is the only known survivor of such a traumatic confrontation. Actually, she touched the "great white swimming boundary pole." Her scream alerted the rest of us, who sprang into the action of good natured humor.

Common Law vs Civil Law **by Mr. Kamps**

There are two basic classes of law: implied, and expressed.

Common law is based upon principles of right and wrong which are implied from circumstances of a particular incident. Common law is based upon reason, logic, and common sense. You might say that common law is the law that is written upon our hearts because we all have a sense of what is fair. We determine what is acceptable treatment towards us. By our standards, we know how to treat others. Common law is the law of least restriction and the maximum freedom.

Contracts often reflect common law principles, but once those principles are expressed, they take on a new kind of character. Implications are of a lesser importance than explicit conditions expressed on a document. Often only the expressed conditions are enforced. Upon entering a

contract one is no longer absolutely free.

Civil law is expressed agreement, and usually in writing. The foundation of civil law is the appearance of an agreement or contract, though actual agreement may not exist. Thus, civil law is based upon a presumption, the presumption that the party being held to it has agreed to be bound.

Civil law requires the performance of duties over time. Civil law is the law of bondage. Once the duties are completed, the obligations are executed and the one bound is released, at least in theory. Civil law generally is contracted through representatives who make sure that the citizens are kept busy with all kinds of new obligations when old obligations expire.

Amos Fortune: From Slave, To Free Man.

by Georgia Shurtleff

Amos Fortune was born in Africa in 1710. When he was kidnapped and brought to America to be a slave. There is not much known about Amos' early life except his unsigned "freedom papers" dated December 30, 1763. His owner, Ichabod Richardson, died in 1768. His will didn't contain any provisions for Amos' promised freedom. Amos made a deal with the heirs to "pay off his bond". In 1770, at the age of 60, he paid his last payment and became a free man. The next few years he worked in Woburn, Mass. buying land and building a home. He purchased his first wife, Lydia Somerset, for fifty pounds in 1778. She died shortly after their marriage. He purchased his second wife, Violate, on November 9, 1779. He married her the next day in Woburn. In 1781, he moved to Jaffrey, New Hampshire (which is the next town over from Rindge), to establish a tanning shop. His first home and business were set at the foot of the hill on the Common, which was land set aside for the town minister. A year later, Laban Ainsworth, Jaffrey's first minister, moved in. He became one of Amos' good friends.

Amos moved in 1789 where he purchased 25 acres of land on Tyler Brook along the road to Sharon, Mass. Little is known about the Fortune's first years in Jaffrey, except that in 1785 they adopted a daughter, Celyndia. His tannery business prospered. Amos took on two apprentices and served clients in Massachusetts as well as clients in nearby New Hampshire towns.

Amos was a devout Christian, regularly attending services at the First Church of Jaffrey with services led by Laban Ainsworth. He also helped to found the Jaffrey Social Library. In October of 1801, Amos Fortune signed a will, making provisions for his wife Violate and his daughter Celyndia after his death. He died in November of 1801 at the age of 91. Amos had his executor, Eleazor Spofford, to have "handsome headstones" erected to him and his wife and himself and to make a "handsome present" to the church. Any remaining monies were to go to the town to support Schoolhouse No. 8. His wife Violate died a year after him and was buried next to him.

Jr. Camper Activities.

by Mrs. Craft (a.k.a The Roving Reporter).

Jr. Campers have been enjoying making crafts and working with each other.

Mrs. Shurtleff organized a face-painting activity that included much creativity, symbols and pictures. A sampling of the paintings included: the flag, fireworks, funny faces, flowers, mustache, smiley faces, butterflies, a cast, initials, etc. Junior Face Painters included Jillian Kalis, Grace Kalis, and Gracie Lutz. Many campers decided to wash off their first pictures, use a wall mirror and paint themselves!

Jr. Campers in attendance, along with those already mentioned included Seth Lutz, Katarina Lutz, Chase Lutz, Sophia Lutz, Hannah Wyatt, Emily Shurtleff, Kristina Shurtleff, and Madeline Rice. Parent helpers included Mrs. Lutz and Mrs. Craft.

Jr. Camper crafts were organized again that same



evening. (Thanks Mr. Shurtleff!) Jr. Campers used their creativity to make the most beautiful, creative, one-of-a-kind visors Camp Constitution has ever seen! Look around and enjoy some of the campers creative head wear.

The craft time continued the next day! Mrs. Kalis organized a star-making craft activity in the gazebo. Wow! What a beautiful setting to be creative. Jr. Campers from these families participated: Kalis, Lutz, Wyatt, Craft, Rice, and Sera Hodgson. Camp Constitution will enjoy a special treat when the creative stars are 'unveiled'. Stay tuned! Be on the lookout for beautifully displayed stars.