

## Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future Thursday Edition - Camp Constitution 2011 Congratulations To Our Super Campers!



### Super Campers: Theresa Mazzarella and Brad Smart

The students of Camp Constitution were honored at a Graduation and Award Ceremony Thursday evening at the lodge at Toah Nipi. This year's Super Camper awards were awarded to Theresa Mazzarella and Brad Smart. Super campers are nominated on the basis of their character, academics, sportsmanship and leadership qualities. Runners up for Super Camper are Katie Bartleson and Ben Leveillee. Also nominated for Super Camper were Katie Peik, Angela Schwartz, Will Johnson.

Other noteworthy camper achievements included the lone Advanced Camper - Joshua Vilenisksi - to logically deduce the corollary to the Golden Rule. The top three Exit Test scorers were Rebecca Cameron, Caroline Roberts, and Angela Schwartz. First time camper Hannah Bartleson, age 11,

managed to score 9 points higher on the more difficult advanced exam than she had on the entry exam.

Sean Durkin, first time camper quadrupled his entry exam score on the final test.

All campers improved their test results over the course of the week.

The winner of the speech contest is Rebecca Cameron. She won the opportunity to speak at the December 2011 Tea Party at Faneuil Hall. Runner -up is Katie Bartleson. Two other campers competed in addition to Rebecca and Katie -Angela Schwartz and Melanie Fiorino.



Left to right, Angela Schwartz, Melanie Fiorino, Rebecca Cameron, Katie Bartleson.

### 2011 Super Staffer Award

For the second year in a row, a staff member was honored with the Super Staffer award. This year's award went to Mr. Charles Everett, Camp Administrator and Manager, for his tireless, year-round work on behalf of Camp Constitution.

# 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:**

Wow, Wow. UN Flag footwiper "God Bless the USA" spelled out with sticky stars. Wow. Cutouts of the White House, Liberty Bells, Lincoln, Washington, and the Statue of Liberty. Wow. Eagle poster and a decorated bathroom. Wow. The balloons were fun. You should have brought your 'A' game earlier, you really wowed us today. Score: 60

## **Hebron B:**

Another UN doormat. USA spelled on the wall. Neat and clean. Score: 34

## **Hebron Z:**

Foghorn Leghorn and Chicken Hawk were marching down the hall carrying flags, complaining about empty plates and not wanting to be no part of no chicken dinner.

Room 1: Camp photo, DVD's, each day's newspaper all nicely displayed.

Room 2: That's clever getting Patrick Starfish to carry two flags.

Room 3: USA spelled in kisses - scrumptious.

Room 5: Flags in candleholders and newspapers surrounded by dark chocolates - delicious. Score: 55

## **Bethel 4:**

"In God We Trust" in Sourpatches was sweet to the eyes but sour to the taste. We liked it. "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" in M&M's. were camo'd into the blocky quilt. Next time use a less eyestraining background. Nice job. We've heard of cake decorating but not cup and tube decorating. Very clever, never saw that before. Thank you Yoga Bear for the handstand demonstration. Score: 55

## **Bethel 5:**

We learned something. The flag hanging in your window was a civil flag. Glad to see that Charles Bear has taken to reading camp books. He does appear to be a bit worried about his new fancy shock collar. Does he plan on putting about 90 pounds so he can put on the smallest Camp Constitution T-Shirt? Score: 54

## **Bethel 6:**

The dark chocolates disappeared faster than you can say dark chocolate. Coolala Bear was way to cool to even notice us. More calligraphy. The "Give Me Liberty or Give

Me Death quote by Patrick Henry was impressive. Thanks for displaying the Bible and the flags. Score: 54

## **Bethel 10:**

The good starry-eyed red glitter pig generously shared the kisses with us. Unfortunately, we were mugged by a dozen or so munchkins who relieved us of our bounty. "Liberty or Death" spelled on the wall - good job. The round squeeze boxes don't work any better than the cylindrical one. Score: 51

## **Munchkin Cabin:**

Munchkin Wagons ho! We agree that the biblical passage "Fight your battles on your knees is good advice for young and old." Balloon Girl was eyeing up our candy so we grabbed it as fast as we could. It must have taken extreme amount of effort to build The Munchkin Wagon - you should have asked for medical help. Nice work on The Preamble. We're glad you were listening to the Patriot Pastor when you referenced the colonialist quote "All Hail King Jesus". There was the balloon that said "Can't wait to come back to Camp Constitution next year." We will be enthusiastically waiting for you. The rock paintings were very well done. Really cute. Score: 60



# Field Trip to Uncle Sam House by "Tricorn" Tom Moor

On Wednesday, Camp Constitution got a real treat when Mr. Fred Polnisch gave a presentation as Uncle Sam.

He traced the history of Samuel Wilson and the rise of the young republic, with great parables like the story of the eagle and the turkey. Tall and thin, in a blazing red-white-and-blue costume and top hat, Mr. Polnisch really brought Uncle Sam to life, and yes, the beard is real!

Afterwards, a group of us traveled with Mr. Polnisch and Mr. Jean-Pierre Mouraux to the boyhood home of Uncle Sam in Mason, New Hampshire. Mr. Mouraux acquired the property a few years earlier, and made it into a museum of Uncle Sam art and memorabilia, and was kind enough to fly all the way out from California to open it up and give a private tour for Camp Constitution.

Artifacts in the home included recruitment posters from both World Wars, and cartoons from classic magazines like *Puck* and *The Saturday Evening Post*. We also heard that Sam Wilson walked all the way to Troy, New York to build a meat-packing business, and eight years later returned to marry his sweetheart.

Before leaving we visited the Wilson family plot at Pleasant View Cemetery, and the home and store of his father-in-law in town. We were very thankful for Mr. Mouraux' private tour and gave him three rousing "HUZZAH"s.



# Thursday Canvassing



On Thursday, the campers and staff passed out DVD's (Overview of America), copies of the US Constitutions and brochures for Camp Constitution to residents of neighboring communities.

## Reverend Craft's Lecture: "Rap, Hip-Hop and Other Musical Pitfalls"

The spirit behind the rap, hip-hop, and any other secular music was the major emphasis of our class taught on the above subject on Wednesday. Reverend Craft challenged us to examine, or as the Bible tells us, test the spirits to see if they are of God (ref. I John 4:1).

In the New Testament, Acts 16:16-19, Reverend Craft shared a biblical example of a servant girl using all the right words but the spirit behind her words was not that of the Holy Spirit. Paul commanded that evil spirit (the one from the devil that can tell fortunes) to come out of the girl and it did! This servant girl told the truth about Paul and Silas but not from the spirit of truth.

Reverend Craft invited us to "fast forward" to 2011. What spirit is behind the current rap, hip-hop and the other secular music we hear today? Listen to the words. Words have power! (We are snared by the words of our mouth. Proverbs 6:2). We are also hypnotized by the beat.

Reverend Craft shared portions of a powerful, insightful DVD by Minister G. Craig Lewis as he addressed seemingly hundreds of youth and parents regarding the history and pitfalls of rap and hip-hop. With what we have learned in this class, we can conclude that we must create an atmosphere and climate where the Holy Presence of God is welcomed! "God inhabits the praises of His people."

## Junior Camper Craft Time



Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



Uncle Sam Drawing by Sam Leveillee