

Camp Constitution Camp

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Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future

Welcome to Camp Constitution 2012!!!

Fourth of July Fun Facts

Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.

The first public Fourth of July event at the White House occurred in 1804.

The first Independence Day celebration west of the Mississippi occurred at Independence Creek and was celebrated by Lewis and Clark in 1805.

Both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence did not sign at the same time, nor did they sign on July 4, 1776. The official event occurred on August 2, 1776, when 50 men signed it.

In 1941, Congress declared July 4th a federal legal holiday. It is one of the few federal holidays that has not been moved to the nearest Friday or Monday.

There are thirty places nationwide with "liberty" in their name. Liberty, Missouri boasts the highest population of the 30 at 26,232. Iowa has more of these places than any other state at four: Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty.

There is one place named "patriot" - Patriot, Indiana, with a population of 202.

Patriotic Quotes

My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy! ~Thomas Jefferson

Loyalty to the country always. Loyalty to the government when it deserves it. ~Mark Twain



One thing is clear: the Founding Fathers never intended a nation where citizens would pay nearly half of everything they earn to the government. ~ Ron Paul

Monday Schedule

6:30 Optional Polar Bear Swim/Run
7:00 Wake up!
7:50 Flag Raising & Devotions
8:00 Breakfast
9:00, 10:00, 11:00 Classes
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Recreational Time/Optional Mt. Monadnock Hike
5:30 Dinner
6:30, 7:45 Classes
9:00 Campfire
10:00 Break - Camp Newspapers
10:30 In Cabins
11:00 Lights out!

God's Way

My days are always happy and bright,
Because God shows me the light
Thank God I have the sight
To see that he is the Almighty.

~Jillian Kalis

Kayaking on the Waterfront.

Today, after the great sermon by Rev. Craft, my father and I went to the waterfront to kayak and canoe. There was no one else there, so we had a choice from the full selection of boats. My father took a red kayak and I took an orange one. At first, I was worried about the leeches, but after a while, I realized that they were more afraid of me than I was of them. We went around the entire lake twice (not knowing that we were only supposed to go half way), then my mother and I went out on kayaks together. She and I later went on a canoe, a completely different experience. Finally, I did a speed run around the entire lake alone, only to be confronted by another camper who told me not to go that far. All in all, I'm glad that the Camp has boats available, and I hope to boat again during the week.

~Nicholas Guineau

Report from the Tugs-O-War Front

The first competition was a battle between The Spartans and The Wreckers. The Wreckers showed plenty of esprit de corps with a whole lot of whooping and hollering pre-tug. Their confidence wasn't quite enough to overcome the solid effort by The Spartans who went on to win the first two tugs in a "best of three" competition.

The Boys vs. The Girls Tug-O-War started out with The Girls pulling off a surprise upset of The Boys. It was a long back and forth ordeal with much huffing, puffing, squealing, and the occasional whimper, and that was just from The Boys' side. The Girls overcame the odds and finally dragged the shocked Boys across the mark for the win. There are unconfirmed reports that two rather large and unpleasant looking "girls" may have snuck into the back of The Girls' team to add a little tuggage during this skirmish. Your sports writers will bring you any news relating to this potential scandal as an investigation ensues. However, the next two tugs went to The Boys' team with a little less huffing and only a few bouts of whimpering.

~ Speaker Highlight ~ James Perloff

On Monday and Tuesday, Mr. James Perloff, a Massachusetts native, will be coming to Camp Constitution to teach two two-part classes. On Monday, Mr. Perloff will be covering Creation vs. Evolution and on Tuesday he will be talking about his book *Shadows of Power*. A student of Colby College and Boston University, Mr. Perloff is a freelance author and has frequently contributed to the John Birch Society's magazine *The New American*. Mr. Perloff has also been a guest on well over 100 radio and television programs to discuss history, current events, and the creation-evolution debate. As a former atheist, Mr. Perloff knows just how vital these debates are to today's society.

Mr. Perloff has a humorous and energetic speaking style that appeals to listeners of all ages. Camp Constitution is excited to have Mr. James Perloff as one of their featured speakers.

Cabin Inspections

Hebron A - We applaud your determination in pulling that red, white, and blue banner out of the shredder and recycling it as a decoration. We've only been here a day, and we are wondering how long it took those stalactites to form. Is Faith Rock somewhere near Plymouth? We don't know. Who is the fashion consultant that told you that a camo hat would go good with a shark skin suit? 17 points.

Hebron B - Why is that gorilla on top of the Empire State building holding a daisy? We just couldn't figure it out. Your twist-tie flag was very creative, but we are pretty sure that the real flag has thirteen stripes rather than eight. The following quote floored us all with laughter. "The real reason we can't have the ten commandments in the courthouse. You cannot post, Thou Shalt not Steal, Thou shalt not commit adultery, and though shalt not lie in a building full of lawyers, judges, and politicians. It creates a hostile work environment." 21 points.

Bethel 3 - As we entered the room, two flags flagged us down. A pink and white acorn grabbed our attention. Pink and white acorns like that don't just grow on trees. We noticed your tube-sock monkey guarding a diary. The inspectors had a heated debate as to whether we should print its contents. It appears your tube-sock monkey leads a rather dull life! Do you really need two rabbits, a dog and a bear to guard a single cupcake? 18 points

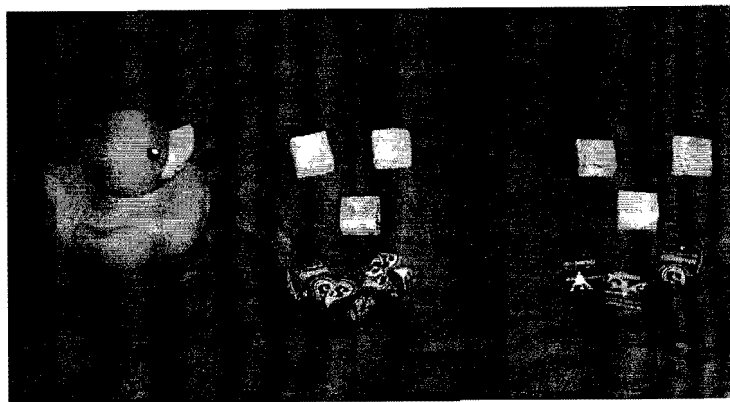
Bethel 4 - Our initial reaction to the blueberry crumb-cake offering was, "Ugh!" But, after inspecting the room, we said, "What the heck, we've eaten worse!" We were particularly impressed with the duck contemplating the principle of equals and opposites. If that wasn't what you had in mind, then good lucking out! We enjoy any demonstration of what you have learned. Posted schedules are helpful! 19 points

Bethel 5 - Bethel 5 wasn't much. At Camp Constitution, we are all about integrity here. What does a cheetah have to do with integrity, or was it a Brooklyn cheetah, as in cheater. However, the young George Washington sketch brought your score all the way up to a 14 points.

Cabin Inspections - Continued

Bethel 6 - When we saw your pink dead ant, we immediately thought of the *Lone Ranger* theme, "Dead ant, dead ant, dead ant d'ant d'ant. Why are you keeping your dead aunt on your bed? We found a ten stripe flag and republic piggy was carrying a three strip flag. We're pretty sure that neither one is right. The single, silhouette, standing- soldier, saluting the seven stars and six strips seemed stalwart. 18 points

Bethel 7 - When we asked for hand drawings, we didn't really expect it to be on a pillow-case. Nice touch though. Your duck is two years old. What is that, 51 in duck years? Jeffery, the red, white, and blue doll, was quite patriotic. The pink creature that resembles a Hostess snowball had us salivating all over it, but Jelly Bean, the bear, came to its rescue, offering candy treats. We thought the bear should be named Joey! We ate the candy anyway. 18 points



Sunday's Early-Riser Activities

The first brave hypothermia victims to begin the polar bear swim this morning were Mrs Ripley, and Sarah Harshman. The first not-so-brave beach potatoes to grace the sandy picnic table were Haley Kalis, Madeline Rice, Courtney Burke, Miss Turner and myself. Technically, I was not a beach potato because my toes did participate in the polar bear swim, but, Mr. Hoderny says that doesn't count.

Later on, Brianna Perry decided to join the hypothermia movement, and dove in courageously. She was followed by Valderez Adamo who chose to remain unfrozen, (e.g. a beach potato). During the polar bear swim, the beach potato gang observed a docile "wild" rabbit, calmly strolling down Main Street, and tipping his hat to the ladies.

As for the run, it started with an intense warm-up routine. So intense in fact, a bystander collapsed with fatigue from watching too hard. After the warm-up was finally completed, runners lined up single file for execution by exertion. Around 7:00 AM, a small number of survivors returned, jogging. The rest of them walked, crawled, or were rescued by helicopter. Of the surviving runners, only A.J. Caldwell and Mr. Shurtleff had enough energy to participate in the polar bear swim. The names of the other survivors who participated in the morning run are: Mary Harshman, Faith Viliniskis, Will-Bill Johnson, Sebastian Adamo, Ademir Adamo, Zack Furg, Anna Martin, Laura Selch, Heather Smart, John Guineau, Lisa Guinea, Nick Guinea, Brad Smart, Sean Rice, and Kenneth Eckland. Great job everyone!

Before ending this article, I feel called to the duty of warning my fellow campers and counselors about the shark in the lake. I have been informed by a reliable source that the Great White Leech's carcass was found near the floating dock, being devoured by a small, grayish-green lake shark. Behind the dock is where the last sighting of the shark occurred. Swimmers please be careful not to disturb this elusive, dangerous lake shark, and as for the Great White Leech, well we won't have to worry about it anymore. Personally, I am

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going to miss the chaos formerly caused by our friend the Great White Leech to new campers, moms, and city slickers, it always did make a good subject for campfire stories. I sure hope that lake shark has a conscience.

~Katie Bartleson

On Reverend Craft's Sermon

America Bless God
The only God I love
Live by his hand
and believe in it every day
It's time for America to bless God
Give back for what we've got
Revival for survival
Morality and Freedom
The inseparable two.

~Melanie Fiorino

Incident Report

During today's tug-o-war event, the saying, "it's all fun and games until someone gets hurt," wasn't true for this bunch of troopers.

Campers Haley and Elton went away with two blisters on their hands, And Georgia with three. Georgia later referred to the aftermath of the event saying, "I couldn't move my fingers!" There were some other injuries as well but not all of them made so much sense. AJ somehow ended up with a rope burn on the inside of his left calf and Zach had a total of three blisters... on his feet.

Taking third place in the contest for the highest total number of blisters is Gabe with four. Steve Peik has five, and tied for first place, both with a whopping six blisters to the palms are Liz Mazzarella and Heather Smart.

Earning the Purple Heart for her courageous efforts today is a Miss Madeline Rice. "I kinda dove into the

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ground,” is how she described it later on. Just before the boys’ side began running down to the flag pole with the entire rope, the girls pretty much all let go and toppled over each other. Madeline got caught in a pig pile and got her right knee dragged against the ground.

Despite many mishaps, the campers kept on having a good time.

~Theresa Mazzarella

Attention All Campers!!!

The Newspaper Staff at the Bethel Newsroom is always looking for articles on events; interviews with class speakers, counselors, and staff members; poems; pictures; jokes; or short stories.

Please feel free to stop by with your submissions at any time. Pieces submitted before 4 PM will most likely be published in that night's newspaper.

Pieces submitted after will be published in the following night's newspaper. The Newspaper Staff reserves the right to edit submissions for content, formatting, or grammatical errors.

The Final Word:

Facts are stubborn, but statistics are more pliable. ~ Mark Twain