

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future

Monadnock

Four vans depart
Trail in sight
Water supply at max capacity
Climb commences
Heavy breathing
Pebbles turn to boulders
Horizontal to vertical
Don't look down
BLUEBERRIES!
No more trees
Refreshing wind
Vultures
Triumph at 3,000 feet
Say Cheese! Making memories
Legs tremble as we descend
Chipmunks, deer, squirrels
Nearing destination
Accomplishment
Hydration
Showers
We sleep well tonight

~Theresa Mazzarella and Heather Smart

Joking Around

A hiker comes to a river crossing and looks for a way to get across. He sees a hiker on the other side of the river and yells, "How do I get to the other side?!"

The other hiker looks up river, then down river and yells back, "You are on the other side!"

Thursday Schedule

6:30 Optional Polar Bear Swim/Run
7:00 Wake Up!
7:50 Flag Raising & Devotions
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Class
10:00 Community Outreach - Advanced Campers
10:00 Camp Seminar - Regular Campers
5:00 Dinner
6:30 Closing Ceremonies I
7:45 Closing Ceremonies II
9:00 Campfire
10:00 Pizza Party

~Speaker Highlight~

Garrett Lear: Patriot Pastor

Born in 1948, Garrett Lear is a true New England native. His ancestry in New England dates back 391 years, and he is a member of the national society Sons of the American Revolution, as well as other historical societies. He has been in the ministry since 1974, combining his extensive knowledge of the Founding Fathers of America and his love for Christ to encourage Christian living across the United States.

Pastor Lear is well known across the country as not only a pastor, but an evangelist, prison chaplain, leader of many ministries, a Bible college teacher, singer, worship leader, and conference speaker. He has appeared on many radio, television, and media shows, including national programs such as the 700 Club. At one point he hosted his own radio broadcast called "Water From The Well," and he owns three frequently visited websites.

Pastor Lear has been married 32 years, and he and his wife have four natural children, numerous foster children, and many others they consider their spiritual sons and daughters in the Lord. They homeschooled their children, and are strong advocates of pro-homeschooling legislation in New Hampshire and the rest of the country. Despite all of his religious and political obligations, Pastor Lear still finds time for outdoor activities and leisure time in his home in the picturesque mountains of New Hampshire.

Mark Twain's Words of Wisdom

Against the assault of laughter, nothing can stand.

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.

Only one thing is impossible for God: To find sense in any copyright law on the planet.

Cupcake's Adventure

Once upon a time, there was a happy cupcake. She lived in Cupcake World. She didn't mind cupcake world, but sometimes she would get a little bored. She wanted to go on a big adventure but she didn't know how Mama and Papa Cupcake would feel about it so she decided not to tell them.

Cupcake went into her room to start packing her bags, but as she opened the doors her pet ant, Grant, ran up to her. Grant! How could she forget her pet ant? What was she going to do now? Grant was her best friend in the whole wide world. There was only one thing to do. She was going to bring Grant the ant with her.

Cupcake wondered how she would get around on her big adventure. She could walk but she wasn't the best walker. So she decided to go to Mr. Cookies' car dealing place. There, she bought a pretty purple sparkly car that she could drive on her adventure.

The night finally came where she decided to leave, so she and Grant walked out the doors into the pretty purple sparkly car and left.

The End

~Anonymous~

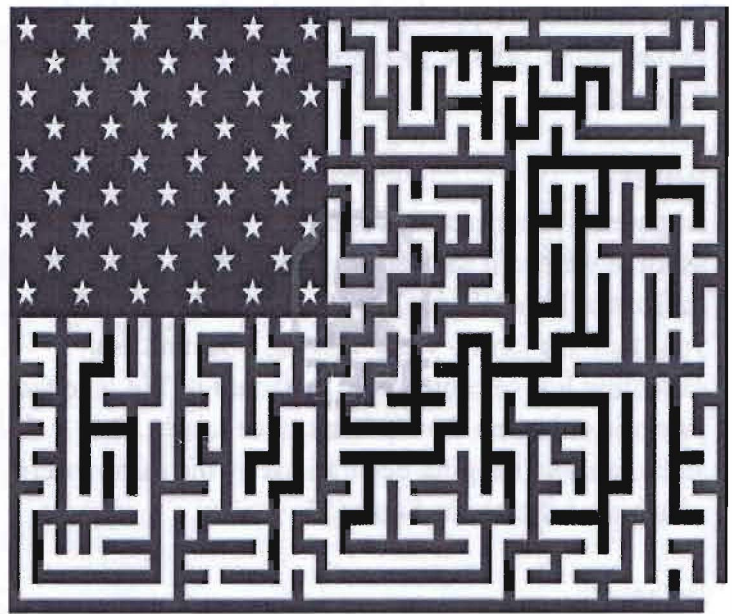
Volleyball Tournament: Counselors Beat Campers!

Well, 1 out of 3 games, at least...

After a few elimination rounds of the camper volleyball teams, the Counselors took on the Ron Paul Revolutionaries. The Counselors consisted of Mr. Hoderny, Mr. Kamps, Mr. Eddlem, Mr. Smart, and both Ms. Peiks with Elyse Smith joining in. The Revolutionaries consisted of Brad Wyatt, Sebastian Adamo, Victoria Kiernan, Andrew Kiernan, Sean Durkin and Matt Ferretti with Charlotte Elbthal and Zoe Smith trading off.

The campers barely won the first game with a score of 15-13, despite the Counselors valiant efforts. This obviously was because the campers had already warmed up while many of the Counselors were just getting started. The second game proved to be much more intense; the Counselors soundly beat the campers with a score of 15-8. However, the ever-thoughtful and considerate Counselors took pity on the teary-eyed Revolutionaries and held back their enormous talent to give the campers the win (which happened to be 15-0...the Counselors were feeling exceedingly gracious!)

All in all, it was an exciting tournament and everyone had fun, but the Counselors are warning the campers to brush up on their skills before next year since they will be back stronger than ever (and with their star player, Mr. Peik!!)



Cabin Inspections

Hebron A:

Wow, big improvement from yesterday. Lots of added decorations though with a plentiful supply of flags and explosion of red-white-blue. The anti-U.N. flag and the tropical patriotic penguin were nice touches. However, the George Washington portrait is looking a little worn and cracked. Also, your "Don't Tread on Me" flag is slightly off-center and our more OCD inspectors were deeply disturbed by this feng shui offense. Score: 24

Hebron B:

Hebron B did beat Hebron A in the "Don't Tread on Me" department with two flags *and* a cup. Impressive. Once again, your offering for us was slightly unconventional. Soap (with a bite mark), shampoo, deodorant, and fruit did not appeal to any of the inspectors. Just because the shampoo is made with all-natural olive oil does *not* mean it is edible. Trust us.



The streamer-wrapped columns closely resembled barber poles. What's your going rate for a buzz cut?
Score: 22

Bethel 3:

Apparently the Force was not with Yoda this morning as there were still dirty socks and garbage strewn about in front of him. We did like the lantern hanging from your fan. Tomorrow we will bring a bat and are expecting lots of candy to be stuff into it. We love the patriotic colors on the top bunk, nice touch. The streamers and hanging decorations by the mirror were nice but a bit eschew. Score: 21

Bethel 4:

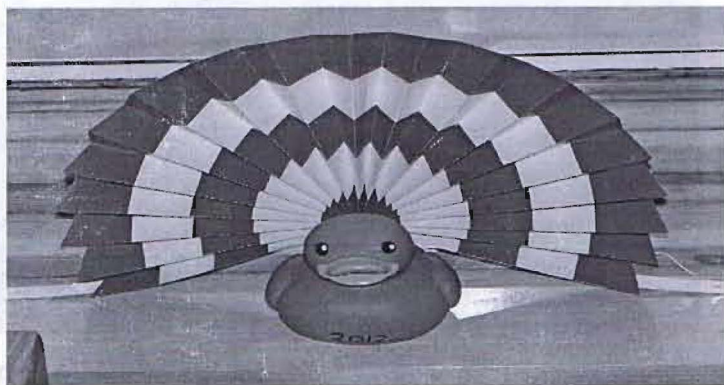
The Second Amendment quote was appreciated – nice handwriting! Your transitional evolutionary duck is a modern marvel. The National Geographic will be coming by with a film crew tomorrow to record this scientific miracle. One of the inspectors sprinkled himself with your Pixie Dust and jumped out the window thinking happy thoughts. It didn't work. However, the eyes off the smiley face were delicious. Score: 24

Bethel 5:

The inspectors discovered that Bethel 5 has been turned into a medical ward when we found a sickly camper asleep on her bed. We hope it's not contagious! We purchased a few of your books at your bookstore. We were planning on paying with Pixie Sticks but couldn't find any posted prices. We'll be back tomorrow with payment. Again, the decorations were rather sparse. We need more! Score: 20

Bethel 6:

The room was very neat, but very bare. We did love the seal's new appearance. He's not fooling anyone, but he



is looking rather dapper with his monocle and bowtie. Hebron A has a penguin who might have an extra tux. Your "Free to Believe" poster was very colorful, but the "nvr gvn up" line had us stumped so we needed to call in a teenaged chatspeak translator. Score: 21

Bethel 10:

What an explosion of decorations. The shrine to your faceless doll and one-eyed bear was a bit disturbing, but the candy was delicious. Your mirrors and shower were heavily adorned with marker. That must have taken a long time to write the entire Preamble! We sure hope the stuff washes off... We also liked your pink camo blanket although we doubt it would really camouflage you anywhere. One glaring demerit, however, was a dirty tissue left on the window sill. Yuck! Score: 25