

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future

## WELCOME TO CAMP CONSTITUTION 2015



As we kicked off another amazing session of Camp Constitution, we began with Mr. Chris Kalis's class on "A Potpourri of Conspiracies," during which he inspired us to take action. A notable quote from the presentation was from Samuel Adams:

**It does not take a majority to prevail,  
but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set  
brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.**

While we are thinking about being motivated to take action, check out this prayer, attributed to George Washington for his troops on Christmas Eve, 1777 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania:

Almighty God, we raise thankful hearts for deliverance from forces of evil.

Deliver us also, we beseech Thee, from the greater danger of ourselves.  
Have mercy upon us and forgive us for our part in the present desolation of the world.  
Awake us each time to a sense of our responsibility in saving the world from ruin.

Open our minds and eyes and hearts to the desperate plight of millions.  
Arouse indifference into action .

Let none of us fail to give his utmost in sympathy, understanding, thought, and effort.  
Fulfill in us and through us Thy glorious intention:  
That Thy peace, Thy love and Thy justice may enter into the regeneration of the world.

## Cabin Inspections:

### Boys Cabins:

#### Cabin A

Is the cup half full or half empty? Actually, it's completely empty! Not that we are about to drink out of a random cup. Why was a lizard fighting a lizard? We are confused. The Captain America shield must be a knock-off. It doesn't appear to be able to stop bullets! A three-move checkmate - impressive - to a newbie! We were brain-storming on who might have brought the dice. We've just been informed that those are Fred's dice. You been ratted out!

Score: 5.5

#### Cabin B

We were going to give you a 9 for staying up all night knitting an American Flag Afghan, naaah; we though, no way could anyone knit an American flag Afghan in one night. A correctly folded flag shows only a blue background when finished. Negative points for doing it backwards. There was a white garbage bag on the floor, but we weren't curious enough to look inside and examine the contents. Garbage bags are meant to line a trash can, not to be used as a floor covering. We did like your lollipops! FYI never eat six at once, people stare at you when you are drooling on your shirt.

Score: 5.5

#### The Polar Bear Swim

It was a bright sunny morning, with a little bit of fog above the water. Kay, Audrey and Jillian arrived early at the water, along with Luke Bednar, the lifeguard. Soon a boatload of people showed up. Swimmers: Anthony Nino, Jillian Kalis, Audrey Clark, Kay Clark, Gabe Kalis, Lucas Smith, Catherine Nino, Josiah Hector, Mrs. Nino, Mrs. Costa, Hr. Hodurney, and Mr. Shurtleff. On the shoreline was Grace Kalis as the lone Beach Potato, along with our stalwart lifeguard Luke Bednar.

### Girls Cabins:

#### Bethel 4

We noticed you have a camp paper from 2008. Are you falling way - way behind in your reading? We also noticed your frozen theme from your blanket, and it seems to be working judging from the room temperature. We were going to give you 20 points for spending all night doing the calligraphy on the Lord's Prayer blanket. Lollipop overdose does that to your brain; but we came to our senses. No, you didn't do that!

Score: 6

#### Bethel 5

Your wall of fame didn't acknowledge the newspaper editor, and he is not happy! The room inspectors are real good friends with the editor and were very disappointed that they were left out too. What are you hiding in that bathroom? We honored your notice this time, but you have mistaken this camp for a republic. NOT. It is a oligarchy, and you aren't part of the ruling few. We were impressed with your rendition of the Northwest Ordinance. That enhanced your score.

Score: 8

#### Bethel 7

We couldn't decide whether to be offended or elated by your globe. Are you calling us dummdums, or suckers. Our dentist thanks you. The referral check is in the mail. You overloaded your luggage rack. It's neat and well organized, but it's one carry-on person. What are you saving the tape for, Christmas? If one of you turns into The Incredible Hulk when you get angry, we'd like to be nice to you. But, we aren't too worried!

Score 6.

#### QUOTABLE QUOTE:

The mere defensive is doomed to defeat.Napoleonean



## Cabin Inspections, Continued

### Bethel 10

We oohed and aahed over your collage of notable quotes of wisdom, and we all could use more of that. We set your family up for a photo. Mr. moose had such sad eyes. He looked like he didn't belong. He must miss Captain Kangaroo. What a diverse family, a shy donkey and an overbearing rabbit. There was lots of patriotic razzle dazzle that's hard to describe. You had to be there. We didn't mean you, boys! What are you going to do for an encore?

Score 8.25



HALEY KALIS  
AKA "The Tiger  
of Tae Kwon Do"  
conducted her  
first class this  
evening. Reports  
are, "There were  
no broken bones!"

### Sunday Night Campfire

Was an amazing success - although "standards are not set very high for the night," according to Mr. Hoderny.

Campers pulled off singing the national anthem, with its multiple octave jump that challenges even those whose voices have yet to fully drop with the completion of puberty! If you were there, give yourselves a kudo.



A CC couple returned from Saudi Arabia, about which the wife says, "It's a challenging place for a woman, used to Western standards."

### MONDAY'S POLAR BEAR RUN - A Strong Start and a Challenging Finish

The air was clear as Krisina Shurtleff, Madeline Rice, Colette Girardi, Courtney Burke, and Matthew Rice stretched and warmed up. The sky was partly cloudy, as the soldierly six chanted military cadences during their first mile.

Though the course did not seem too difficult, the team pushed the pace, and by the end, five of the six were gasping for air, as if they just quit smoking a couple stoggies a day for the past twenty years! (Can you guess which one wasn't out of breath?) It is doubtful that their struggle was due to resistance from the gentle, warm breeze that accompanied them.

Though they all felt a sense of accomplishment and were feeling very proud that they all finished together, rumor is that they are having second thoughts if they will make it out again.

If are reading this, you can encourage our Marathon Six (AKA "The Huffing Half-Dozen") by finding them and letting them know you are going to join them tomorrow - rain or shine!

# Quotes and Trivia

The purely defensive is doomed to defeat." -- Napoleon

"Who overcomes By force, hath overcome but half his foe." -- John Milton, Paradise Lost

"The history of civilization is the record of a ceaseless struggle for liberty." -- Ludwig von Mises

"Following the path of least resistance is what makes men and rivers crooked." -- An Observation

"To know what is right and not do it is the worst cowardice." -- Confucius

#1. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

#2. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

3. What goes up and down the stairs without moving?

4. What can you catch but not throw?

5. I can run but not walk. Wherever I go, thought follows close behind. What am I?

6. What's black and white and red all over?

7. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?

8. I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I?

9. Give me food, and I will live; give me water, and I will die. What am I?

10. The man who invented it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What is it?

"When the people fear the government, there is tyranny.  
When government fears the people, there is liberty."

Thomas Jefferson