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Steady Among Uncertainty

When I was just a young fellow my earliest memories of world events were of the worrisome activities of Fidel Castro and the Cuban Missile Crisis. I vaguely knew what was going on, but I remember the troubled looks on my parents' faces as we watched the news reports. A year later was the assassination of President Kennedy and similar concerns were sensed through my parents' response. I remember being troubled, but the impact of these events was countered by a relative sense of stability in our home. Home stability was far from perfect, but still present.

Our own kids were of similar age when the World Trade Center was destroyed and there was a great sense of uncertainty throughout our world. We did not attempt to hide the reality of the condition our world was in but did protect our kids from the brunt of the dire circumstances.

This year we have had another round or two of uncertainty in our world. Our campers are aware and have been made aware of this, yet we have sought to keep our focus on the challenges of successful living in our camp groups and families. Here is where we seek to help girls practice safety and learn to resolve conflicts while treating others fairly. World issues are definitely big issues. We want our girls growing up, not as victims of issues and circumstances, but with the ability to be responsible and help with solutions to our world's troubles. That moral character develops in families and in our camp. Thank you for your prayers and partnership in pursuing that.

Isaiah 58:11 describes God's commitment to those who seek the wellness of others;

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

A well-watered garden and a never-failing spring speak of abundant blessing to others. Lord, may we raise up girls and staff like this.

--Bill Collins, Executive Director

Rainbow Run!

April/May session ended up being a bit longer than expected, which meant there were several more weeks to come up with fun stuff to do. What began as "color night", where we could dress and eat food of a particular color, turned into an all-day event. Staff and campers put in ideas that evolved into an obstacle course run embellished with blasts of color powder along the way. We wore shirts that we had tie-dyed ourselves, which added to the colorful theme. All of camp participated to the fullest and it was hands down the highlight of the session! We are considering making it an annual event. 😊

This week has been eventful and full of activities. It is homesday week and we have been here for 8 ½ weeks which is a long session because of the corona virus. It has pushed a lot of things off but that means next session is short. This week my group and I are practicing hiking for our trip to the Chattooga Trail. We went to Kings Creek Falls. It was pretty and peaceful. We put our feet in the water, and it was freezing cold. We then did an obstacle run. One obstacle was going over this huge wall. And we did a rope swing over a kitty pool. At the end of the race they threw purple powder all over us. We got paint on our hands and jumped and put paint on the poster. After that we each got a color packet and all chuckwagon threw them in the air. We were all colorful and looked like a rainbow! We got hosed down before showers. Today is party night and we have a skit to do but we're going to swim and have a fun time until then. Goodbye for now!

-Madison, Pathfinders



The Brownie Stealer Squirrel



We washed cars on Friday. Mr. Tek had made us brownies because we washed his truck. His car was so shiny. But anyways, back to the story. We wrapped them up and set them at logs. They smelled very, very, very good. They smelled like chocolate. So, then we ate lunch and went to have ELA. We sat them at logs. Then there was this creature. He took our brownies. So...I asked questions about this brownie thief. Kayla said he was a caramel color and he had a white belly and a bushy tale and had a big chunk of brownie in his little grimy paws. Marion said that he was trying to get fat to fit in with the other squirrels. Cassie said that he went back for seconds even though he had seconds. Chief Althea said that he stole those brownies because it is springtime and he will become a thief because he can't find any nuts. Faith said, "I don't got time for that". Angie said everything that everybody else said and she said she hopes he dies from chocolate poisoning. Corilda said that he was the cutest thing and since he is so cute, he will not go to jail because she is the judge.

-- Corilda, Trailblazers

Brand-New Tents!



< Pathfinders completed a snug little library tent last session. Library tent holds reference books, group paperwork, clipboards, etc.



^ Trailblazers' latrine logs shelter just needs a tarp to be complete! It is an Adirondack structure.

< An entrance tent is an important element in a campsite, kind of like a front door. Trailblazers' chose a fascinating design for theirs.



Trips at Camp

Due to covid-19, Trailblazers were unable to canoe on the Suwannee River as planned. They juggled alternative ideas and finally decided to take a short trip on nearby Lake Hartwell. They also did a bit of camping here on WWGC property.

A Somewhat Lazy Day

Hey, everyone! So, there is this great thing that usually never happens on a trip called a lazy day. But, seeing that we are on a lake instead of a river, we can have a lazy day. Lucky for Trailblazers, it was sleep-in Saturday, which is quite easy to explain. After we woke up, we milled around campsite because breakfast was taking FOREVER. After breakfast was devotions and we are memorizing Romans 12:1-21, but today we only memorized the first verse. "Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God. This is your true and proper worship." After a little snack, we made up teams and built structures around campsite. Marion, Jaslynn and I made a teepee with a bench in it. Tonight, we are going to have powwow in it. After that, we had a quick lunch and siesta (in our tents) followed by canoe games. My favorite game was a trust game. I was sterning blindfolded and Cassie had to tell me which way to go to get to certain places. Cassie and I won with good teamwork. After canoe games, we swam in freezing cold water. To top off this great day, I just spooked Corilda who said she thought I was a bear! I can't wait for tomorrow's adventures!

--Kayla, A Trailblazer



Do You Know All the States???



Our topic in chuckwagon has recently been to learn all the states and their capitals by doing trivia, listening to songs about the states, and filling in blank maps. CHALLENGE: Name all 50 states along with their capitals without looking at a map!



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