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"You people will think
what we tell you to think"

LESS GOVERNMENT, MORE RESPONSIBILITY, AND – WITH GOD'S HELP, A BETTER WORLD

A Cranky Old Man

.....and get off my lawn!

An Otter Conversation



by Mr. Hoderny,
**Head
Counselor;
Cranky Old
Man**

So there I was, again drinking ...
hot chocolate, visibly counting the
polar bear campers:

0...

0...

still 0...

When a family of otters strolled
by; they stopped and looked at me,
and Mr. Otter asked "where are all
the smaller humans?"

"I don't think they like to swim
when it's raining," I said.

"Strange." Mr. Otter says, "Don't
they realize that the water falling
out of the sky is the same as the
water filling the lake?"

"I guess they don't." I said.
"Humans... Very strange."

"Oh, here comes one... wait, that's
Mr. Nowak... Oh well, have a good
day, Mr. Otter, Mrs. Otter, little
otters."

Anyway, the runners who did
come down were: Catherine
Mazzarella, Valmir Adamo, David
Perloff, Mr. Nowak, Mr. Shurtleff,
and myself. Ellie Adamo came
down, but she did not swim,
qualifying her as a "beach potato."

"What is Life?"

What is life, just passing?
or beginning everlasting?
And what is living
with no mark on leaving?
No thought or utensil?
No proof in being?

'Tis such a waste
the many who die
and leave not a trace
but a stone where they lie.

Your Creator honors
those who create too,
as bold inventors
and artists do.

Be it canvas or candles,
plastic or steel,
or poets who express
with words what they feel,
let everyone give
of himself a part,
a bit of truth
or the warmth of his heart.

And, woe is the passing
of life from his breast,
who utters, regretting,
I haven't given my best.



—Bruce
Kamps

Last Known photo of Mr. Kamps



Overlooked
Visionary
by Mr. Tregenza,
**Counselor;
Instructor**

At the
Constitutional Convention of 1787,
George Mason sparred with James
Madison and others at the who
wanted the House of
Representatives to be elected every
three years. Mason wanted
Representatives elected *every* year.
Mason insisted that "...the end of
annual elections will [bring] tyranny."
Col. Mason refused to sign the U.S.
Constitution at the Congress in
Philadelphia, because it included
no Bill of Rights: "There must be a
Bill of Rights," he said, to secure
the liberties of the American. The
creation and incorporation of the
Bill of Rights is partially due to him.

The great Virginian also refused
to sign the Constitution for its
abstention on Slavery. Mason had
the wisdom to foresee the failure to
end slavery—"This scourge of
Mankind"—as a blight on the
Founding Fathers' reputation for
generations to come.

Today, Mason is remembered
most notably by George Mason

University in Virginia. Though any
token to such an extraordinary
visionary will fall short, Mason was
truly a towering giant among our
magnificent Founding Fathers.



Chickens
By Elly Adamo,
Camper

Note: to those who wouldn't bother
to read this, not only are you
missing out, you're insane. Too bad
you won't know that I said that
(Haha). To those who are, you are
very special to me.

My chicken story begins yesterday
morning: boys and girls both were
too proud to make themselves
chickens by sleeping in. The
morning arrives and Mr. Hoderny
was left to ask himself where the
Polar Bear campers were. Campers
were nowhere to be found.

Sure it rained. Okay, it was cold.
But... So what? No excuses. Not
one girl (myself included) or even a
boy was there. That I didn't go
makes me ashamed, but you boys
should be hanging your heads for
not being men and getting up to get
some morning exercise: Forgetting
to rise early: Bad. Forgetting to go
to the Polar Bear: worse. Forgetting
your *name tags* at Flag Raising:
Biblical-level failure. Fine if you
won't do those things, but could
you *please* at least sing at
campfire?

For all of us, there is only one
word: Chickens. We're chickens for
not going out, getting up, and
everything else. But if we don't
want to be called chickens... Then
we know what to do.

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News and Announcements

Schedule for Thursday, July 8th, 2009

- 6:30 Polar Bear Swim/Run – Mandatory
7:00 Wake up!
7:50 Flag Raising & Devotions
8:00 Breakfast
8:30 Staff Meeting –Camp Director (Mr. Shurleff)
9:00 U.S. Constitution, Article II, III — Mr. Peik,
Mr. Novak (respectively)
Advanced: Articles IV, V, VI, VII & *Dangers*
Article — Mr. Tregenza
9:50 **Break**
10:00 Americanism & the Constitution v. Clichés —
Mrs. Harper
10:50 **Break**
11:00 Inside the U.N. and 2nd Amendment & Civilian
Disarmament — Mr. Galvin
Advanced: Understanding Resources—Mr.
Tregenza
11:50 **Break**

Schedule, cont'd (P.M.)

- 12:00 Lunch
1:00 Recreation (studying for exam *highly*
recommended) **OR** Hike up Mount
Monadnock — optional
5:30 Dinner
6:30 Separation of Powers: Vertically and
Horizontally — Mrs. Harper
Advanced: Juries as Checks & Balances—
Mr. Kamps
7:20 Flag-lowering
7:45 *Final Examination/Camp Evaluation* — Staff
8:35 Break
9:00 Campfire
10:00 Break
10:30 In Cabins
11:00 Lights out

Notice for 9:00 A.M. Class Thursday

The Advanced class with Mr. Tregenza will be held in the American Opinion bookstore;
The Regular class will be held in the Newspaper Office.

Quick Quotes

- "Our campfire motto should be 'No skills, no talent: no problem!'"
—Mr. Hoderny during "I Like the Flowers"
- "Never miss a good chance **shut up**"
—Will Rogers
- "Woe and Alack! If only I had read and contributed to the newspaper!"
—Tony Tomaso
- "You're never safe."
—Mr. Hoderny
- "It's 'p-E-I-k'. I mean, seriously!"
—Kristen Peik
- "Where can we talk Mr. Shurtleff into taking them tomorrow?"
—Mr. Hoderny
- "I haven't slept for ten days, because that would be too long"
—Mitch Hedberg

Last Night's Campfire

by Isaiah Childs;
Counselor

There is an age-old adage: if you want something done right, or at all, you have to do it yourself. For the newspaper, that goes double. The task of writing this article was dictated by way of eenie-meenie-minie-mo to a camper who shall remain nameless (~~Brad Smart~~) whose patriotism and contribution conflicted with a Red Sox game. To fill the void created by his absence, I am your columnist this evening.

Last night's campfire was held in the astrodome above the mess hall due to poor weather conditions (read: acts of God). Following tradition, the night began with a rousing chorus of *My Bonnie*, which was followed by an unintentionally amusing sketch by the girls of Bethel 4. I'm not sure what it was about, but I remember thunderous applause. Maybe that was actual thunder... Mr. Childs Sr. and his Assistant Campfire Director ("young ward") Adamir Adamo tried to help us forget those events by having us sing *Grandfather's Clock*. A feud between Catherine Mazzarella and myself was decided in a duel between Irish and Spanish strings. Cat was declared winner when a crack of thunder ended her last song—think the Count from Sesame Street. (A rematch is scheduled with {water} pistols at dawn).

After serenading us with "The Minstrel Boy," Mr. Morton thankfully shut off the video camera. I say thankfully, so no public record will exist of the performances (in L#major) of "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park" and "In a Prius" performed in L# major by the counselors and veteran campers.

In a final note of human interest, the campfire hopes to involve new and interesting technology never before seen by Camp Constitution Campers! Tomorrow night, we hope to have fire!

The Critics' Notebook

There were three inspectors during the Tuesday round. All cabins had point deductions for not having Mr. Hoderny's camera

Bethel Cabins

Cabin 1: Leprechaun pillow and new sleeping bag fine additions; very comfy during trial nap. Violations: VBVs, in addition to splayed Math paraphernalia; detritus kept mirror all but unusable; and general lack of neatness a weakness.

Score: 18 (out of 30)

Cumulative: 65 (out of 100)

Cabin 3: Unwrapped cookies delicious, if greasily unsanitary. Cabin getting progressively less cluttered. However, hazardous "patriotic" rope a deathtrap, otherwise the child labor-made ribbons are a fine addition.

Score: 24

Cum.: 74

Cabin 4: Tower of candy good, if small. Is the sink real estate going up in price due to scarcity? Excellent ventilation, will overlook draped hats. Also, "Do not Eat" sign did not deter us—sorry yet again. Is Paul Revere's horse being held against its will? It may not be ideally neat, but it *is* ample. Why does one bed have over 9000 pillows?

Score: 20

Cum.: 71

Cabin 5: Sink still cluttered, but good ventilation. Major points lost for "himself" instead of "Himself" (especially after the "His"). Also, thank you for reminding us that windows are washable—we had forgotten. Lights, if not attractive, display effort/creativity.

Score: 22

Cum.: 62

Cabin 6: The cards are all around a nice touch, with the "Chex" mix a highlight. The guitar sub-par dancer. However, the bathrooms still had olfactory assaults, i.e. the ventilation needs work. Also, we prefer *Guns & Ammo* to *Body + Soul*.

Score: 24

Cum.: 72

Dothan Cabins

Cluttered. Fridge unrecognizable without litany of magnets. Gas masks not required: shows

improvement. Also, keep the chess game with the counselors going.

Cabin 1: Luggage slightly neater; good aesthetic choice as table with a view. More points for the Ayn Rand. Caveat: towels do not a good décor make.

Score: 15

Cum.: 58

Cabin 2: Squarebob luggage prominent on bed. To the Perloff fan: plaid blanket highly irreverent to distinguished author. Like all other Dothan cabins: needs more going for it.

Score: 18

Cum.: 63

Cabin 3: BAD bag still prominent. Otherwise, BAD in general.

Score: 18

Cum.: 68

Cabin 4: Very neat given the circumstances, and well ventilated. However, almost total lack of character impairs score: there's no evidence of creativity or effort.

Score: 17

Cum.: 64

Mashal Cabin

What promise this cabin had is gone: besides the literature, the cabin's décor has not grown at all. Fridge also almost undetectable due to lack of magnets.

Score: 21

Cum.: 72

Ajalon Cabin

Open door surprising: not sure if good. At first, Orwellian eye could not be located, which made it even creepier. Its position as eye in a triangular window too Masonic. Literature good, if messy; gunboats should be hidden. Why is the suit still hanging up ("drawers")? [*Note:*

Inflated score to do irrational Russian judge's totally irrational grading justification.]

Score: 21

Cum.: 60

Standings:

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| 1. Bethel 3: 74 | 7. Dothan 4: 64 |
| 2. Bethel 6: 72 | 8. Dothan 2: 63 |
| 3. Mashal: 72 | 9. Bethel 5: 62 |
| 4. Bethel 4: 71 | 10. Ajalon: 60 |
| 5. Dothan 3: 68 | 11. Dothan 1: 58 |
| 6. Bethel 1: 65 | |

Errata

Omissions:

"Sections" contents window missing from Front Page.

Footnote on page 3 should read: "...score of one of the inspectors has been omitted, and added to today's total."

Corrections:

Pg. 3 –

"Kasinski" should be "Kacynski."

"wanted" should be "waned"

Special Mention:

Thank you to Kristen PEIk for her contributions to the proofreading and typo correction. However, we were unable to incorporate her observations about the former *Errata* section, because the Editor refuses to allow the *reduction ad absurdum* that might create, as he admits his culpability in the creation of any form of this newspaper.

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