

The Wilmot Weekly

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This Week's Adventure

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WILMOT'S FIRST MURAL

-EveIn French

This year at Camp Wilmot, a new activity was introduced to campers in Arts and Crafts. Teresa Yamana 22, of Cambridge Massachusetts came up with the idea of painting the camp store.

Yamana said she came up with the idea after she saw the empty space as well as cobwebs. She thought it would be a great activity, which would be both fun and relaxing for campers.



The first order of business was to sketch out what campers wanted on paper. After drawing their ideas on a piece of paper, later on bringing their sketch to life. The following day, campers began painting with colors such as blue, green, and yellow.

"Its so bland. We needed to liven it up with a Wilmot themed mural," stated Jamie Faulkner and newcomer Elyse Brown.

All the painters said they had a lot of fun and are excited to see the new camp store.



SCAVENGER HUNT

-Natalie Guardino

After campers spent their first night at camp, they were awoken by their C.I.T.'s screaming P-O-L-A-R-B-E-A-R-S.

Later on that night, campers had fun competing against each other in the yearly scavenger hunt. Each cabin would start out

with one clue and have to find other clues once they arrived at different stations.

Each cabin arrived at a station; they would get their next clue moving on to the next station. They would each have to complete a small challenge with their entire team getting the clue to their next destination.

Once each team collected all their clues, they ran to the flagpole trying to win the race before any other cabin.

Although all the cabins worked hard to come in first place, only one won. In first place was cabin 1, next was the hide-away, in third place was cabin 7 and last but not least cabin 8a. Next year, the race will continue.

The Love of Capoeira

-Jeremy Powers

This year at camp, a new activity was introduced to campers this week. Counselor Tarik "T" Kach introduced Capoeira Angola to campers. The art began in the 16th century by slaves who were brought from Africa to Brazil.



The art intertwines martial arts movements as well as some break dance movements. The art includes spirituality, mental and physical discipline, fight, play, philosophy, as well as strategy into a rhythmic game of ritual combat. It is a total body workout, which develops strength, endurance, flexibility, and self-discipline.

The counselor decided he wanted to introduce campers to the art because he thought it was fun and thought could learn something new, which they could use in their day-to-day lives.

Smore's with Rodney

-Estella Ayuk

On Wednesday afternoon, some campers left camp to go canoeing down the Connecticut River. The other half of the campers stayed at camp. Since some campers stayed behind, they had the

option of either going on an overnight trip to the outpost or staying on site.

A vote was cast and majority won. Soon after dinner, campers returned to their cabins where they gathered their belongings and placed them in the truck. A few minutes later, they headed to the dining hall where they watched the No Talent Talent Show while they awaited. Advance Adventure Guide Rodney Peterson's return.



After the conclusion of the show, campers applied bug spray and set out on the trail. The walk to the outpost lasted about 25 minutes. During this time, campers laughed and told each other stories.

At about 8:30 p.m., campers arrived at the outpost meeting an already made fire by counselor Jason Stuart. After settling down in their tents, they returned to the fireplace where campers as well as staff sat down for vespers where those who were willing to share tales of their struggle with faith shared with the camp.

After vespers everyone sat around the campfire singing songs while counselors Annette Champney and Tarik Kach played the drums. Following this event, campers made making smores while singing more songs. The following morning, campers were awoken and headed back to site, where they had breakfast.

Newsies Rock Our Socks

-Devin Berry

We have had an excellent staff this week made up of three campers and two C.I.T.'s. The one male on the staff was also the youngest staff member. Jeremy Powers, 11, comes from Newbury New Hampshire. In his free time he enjoys sleeping and aspires to one day become a professional football player.



Once again we have the privilege of having Evelyn French on the staff. French, who was nicknamed "mustard" is 12 years old and hails from Amherst New Hampshire.

Our Final Camper is Natalie Guardino, 13, reigns from Millbury Massachusetts and seeks to someday be a teacher.

Dive into the Game

-Devin Berry

Thursday night after a rousing game of Body ball with our gigantic inflated soccer ball the campers learned a new way to play Capture the Flag. Camp Director, Rob Mark, taught an interesting way to play the game involving spirituality, composting, Trivial Pursuit and Capture the Flag. After explaining the rules of this variation on the game, Mark split the campers up into two teams and set them off to play.

There were many ways that a team could score points. The most obvious way to score points is to capture the opposing teams flag, but you had to be wary because each team had a decoy flag as well. It was also possible to score points by finding bible verses about water, the poor or this week's theme "diving in". You received 500 points for every bible verse that got into the opposing teams compost.



Neither team captured the opposing teams flag. The game went well into the night but was brought to an end when it became dark and vespers was about to begin. Team B won in the end due to the bible verses placed in the compost bin.

In the Spirit of prayer

- Devin Berry

A group of several campers signed up to make a labyrinth with counselor Hansen Wendlandt. The group spent the first period on both Monday and Tuesday constructing the Labyrinth. The group traveled past the hide-away cabin and on a trail up to a small clearing. The group constructed it using sticks and twigs that were gathered from the

woods. In the center of the Labyrinth was a cross, constructed of rocks and an alter made of twigs.



On Friday morning the camp separated into three groups. The hide-away, cabin 8a and the boys. The hide-away started out in the labyrinth first. The girls first talked about what a labyrinth is and its representation. After walking through the labyrinth in silent reflection and prayer while listening to the surrounding sounds they discussed what it means. It was very spiritual and a learning experience for all.

Down a giant river in a Small Boat

-Devin Berry

Wednesday morning after being awoken for polar bears, Heather Lukacs made sure that all of her girls going on the river trip had everything that they needed. At breakfast everyone on the trip went over what they needed and brought all of their things to the barn. After a brief worship we set out in vehicles to the Connecticut River. After a few minor set backs which included a convertible being stuck in a ditch we were on our way to the river with five canoes and a kayak in tow.

After an hour and a half ride to the river we put the cameos in water, had lunch and took off. On Wednesday we paddled half of the voyage. We found a campsite and set up tents to sleep in. During our trip we met a kayaker named Mark and he helped us find great places to swim and camp. We taught him some of the songs that we sing at camp.

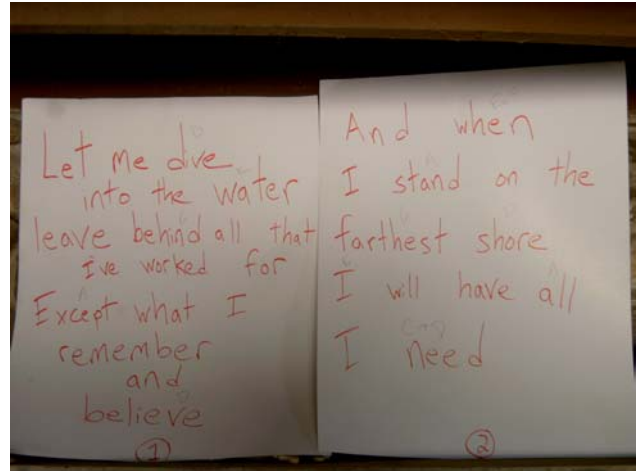


On the second day we continued our voyage. We had paddled an extra three miles on the first day, which meant that

we had less to paddle on Thursday. We stopped at a large rock to go swimming half way though. During this time we were able to hang on to Heather Lukacs' kayak, which was a lot of fun.

We arrived at the get-out point an hour or so earlier than expected. The camper swam in the cold water of the Connecticut River while waiting for the rides back to camp. We all dried off and got into cars heading back to camp. Thankfully the convertible was able to pick us up as well.

Back at camp we were greeted by multiple questions about the trip and many suggestions that we should take a shower because we smelled of river. It was a great experience. Even though some people complained of the bugs or that their bottoms hurt I believe all enjoyed it.



WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR !!!!!!!!!