



**Newsletter for RA Leaders and Their Boys**

**Special Edition**

# **Missions Camping for Boys!**

**Camp returned to the Florida Baptist Boys in a big way after school was out for the summer. From the Women's Missions and Ministries/Missions Education Team, Anne Wilson, Camp WorldLight Camp Director for girls (GAs), included the boys (RAs) to the schedule during the first week of camp this year to see how it would do. The boys' part of camp was given the identification of "Phase 3" and they studied the country of**

Swaziland all week. They even spent the week with IMB Missionary, Monica Allen and her son Nathan whose family served in Swaziland.



There were boys that came from as far as Grand Ridge, east of Tallahassee, and some boys that live close to home in Central Florida. They came to camp to have fun and learn about missions around the world. Even more significantly, some made decisions for Christ while they were at camp.

The first week of camp was from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>. Each Phase had their own schedule that included activities with the whole camp, as well as specific activities geared toward their phase. This special edition newsletter will walk you through a day for the boys at Camp WorldLight. Here is the schedule for Phase 3's Thursday:

THURSDAY	
6:45	Wake Up
7:25-7:55	Breakfast (2nd)
8-8:20	Quiet Time
8:25-8:50	Worship Outside
8:50-9:10	Cabin Capers
9:10-10:10	Missionary & Games
10:10-10:30	Snack
10:30-11	The Word
11:15-12:15	<i>4C-Tower, 4D-Low</i>
12:15-1:00	Lunch (1st)
1-1:30	Phase Meeting
1:30-2:00	Change & Walk to Pool
2-3	Swim Time
3-3:30	Walk Back & Change

THURSDAY CONTINUED...	
3:30-4:30	Store
4:30-5:15	Showers
5:20-6:20	Dinner (1st)
6:20-8	Feature Night-BOYS ONLY
8:15-8:45	Night Meds & Change
8:45-9:30	Candlelight in Phase House
9:30	Counseling
10:30	Lights Out



The boys were in cabins named “Ignite” and “Torches”. As you can probably guess, the boys were proud and excited about their cabin names.



Starting at 10:30 am, the boys watched a skit from the Old Testament about Joseph being sold into slavery by his brothers. This part of the schedule was called “The Word”. After The Word was over, they went to the climbing wall to test their skills and test out the excitement coming down on the zip line. Some of the boys were naturals at climbing, being an encouragement for the rest to follow.



**After the boys were finished with the climbing wall and the zip line, it was time for lunch. Lunch could not have come at a better time. You could find the boys grouped together with their newfound friends talking about camp, hidden secrets about the “How-to’s at Camp”, and what’s coming up next on the schedule.**



**After lunch they had their Phase 3 meeting to start off the afternoon, and then they were ready for the pool.**



After pool time, they were off to change clothes and go to the camp store to buy a camp souvenir. Oh, the candy cannot be forgotten.



After a dinner of spaghetti and a game of “Elbow Tag”, it was time for the BOYS ONLY Feature Night. To learn about missions and how to tell others about Christ, the boys visited Laos, Yemen, Somalia, and the Amazon Basin. While in these countries, they would learn about the culture, have fun playing games from

**the country, and be listening out for who is the missionary. The boys had a mystery to solve with their Head Detective (their Phase Leader), Mr. Derek.**



**The boys arrived in Laos first. After learning that the Laotian Tour Guide was the missionary, they learned to play the game of Petanque and ate watermelon. That was fun!**



**Next, the boys traveled to Yemen where they learned about the sport of camel jumping, and even trained to jump camels. They found the missionary more quickly at this country. The detectives were catching on!**



**From Yemen, they went to Somalia. The boys thought the country was very interesting. They learned how to play a game called “Mbube, Mbube”. It was a chase game and “Mbube” was the Zulu word for “lion”. It happened again. They had to find out who the missionary was in that village. A village woman who talked to them about their culture and served them juice was the missionary!**

**Their last trip took the young detectives to the Amazon Basin, where they met two local natives. This trip was a big challenge in so many ways. They told their Head Detective they could not find a missionary. There was a dead silence. Then, the boys realized without saying anything to each other - they were the missionaries!**



***Sidenote: There's something the cabin counselors did that was meaningful and important. Before Thursday came, the cabin counselors talked to the boys and taught them how to tell others about Jesus and about getting saved. That preparation was important for the boys - learning how to deal with encounters with the different countries. Isn't that what missions is all about? They had a group discussion and talked to the boys about what the boys learned and experienced during the time of going around the world and visiting these different countries.***



**After the countries were visited, the boys and cabin counselors went to the chapel to close the Feature Night. The boys reflected on what they learned about missions by looking at a large world map on the floor. Rice was poured to cover each country of the world, and the boys learned that each grain of rice represented 2,000 people who did not know Jesus Christ. The only way all these people are going to know, is for someone to tell them.**



**Looking back on the Thursday at Camp WorldLight with the boys and their cabin counselors, here are some standouts:**

- **The decisions that were made for Christ were made in the cabin, one-on-one with the cabin counselors**
- **There were two cabins of boys together during the whole week of camp and they had their own schedule**
- **The tables in the cafeteria were placed in groups of four to keep the boys together making friendships and fellowship more meaningful**
- **The schedule that was made was structured to meet the boys' needs**

- The boys were taught how to tell others about Christ from their heart and giving their own testimony to others



**This first week of camp for the boys at Camp WorldLight was an indicator of the possibility of continuing camp in the future. The goal was to have 48 boys registered for camp, and we were blessed and thrilled with 20 boys attending. Pray that there will be more opportunities for Florida Baptist Boys (RAs) to enjoy missions camping! It'll be worth it!!**

**Thank you Camp WorldLight for what you did and possibly what you started up again.**

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