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WORK CAMP IN ESTILL COUNTY

July 8-July 13 there will be a group of St. John's folks going to Estill County to help people there with house repairs. You can come for the whole time or part of the time. Cost is \$180 which goes towards the material to repair the home and food to eat.

This is a mission trip which will be led by Fr. Sutherland and work will be supervised by Fr. Bryant Kibler. Those of us who went with Fr. Bryant on work trips to the Gulf know what a wonderful experience this can be. Hard work, fellowship, and an awareness of doing the work of the Gospel! What a great summer vacation opportunity! Sign up in the Parish Hall

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

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|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2 James (Lee) Jackson | 13 Shannon Jackson | 20 Emily Lewis | 27 Willa Cardwell |
| 5 Laura Steen | 16 Sallie Razor | 21 Rex Pankratz | 29 Alexandra Hanke |
| 7 Ethan Howard | 18 Maret Galbraith | 21 Susan Carey | 30 John Range |
| 9 Darrell Miracle | 18 Jackie Hawthorne | 23 Ruby Snider | 30 Donna Barr |
| 10 Martie Mayer | 19 Frank Watts, | 23 Karen Koontz | 31 Micaela Rowland |
| 11 Mary Bolin-Reece | 19 David Gess | 23 Shawn Gillen | |
| 11 Andrea Farish | 19 Luke Crawford | 25 Conner Jackson | |
| 11 James Hawkins | 20 Bob Johnson | 26 Richard Winkler | |
| 12 Read Miller | 20 Melissa Miracle | 27 Diana Donovan | |



Dear Friends,

It is 4:47 on Sunday morning. As I leave our home and drive through the country it is dark and very still. Only the lights of the barns in the distant fields tell of activity, but the raccoon who decides to cross the road before me tells another story of life that happens through the night, unbeknown to us. As I drive into Versailles the orange glow of street lights illuminate the sign for me to slow down to 35 miles an hour. Osram Sylvania's activity is given away by the smoke that comes from its chimney. A few cars pass me by. I wonder if they have been or are going. As I drive through main street construction I notice work on the new pathways are coming along. There are no cars parked at the courthouse. Its clock tells me it is just before 5 a.m. As I turn into the driveway the motion light at the columbarium activates as if to welcome my presence. I think of a couple of weeks ago when maybe the light told of an unwelcome presence as the colum-

barium was the subject of spray painting and how wonderful the stuff was from the hardware store that removed it.

I park on the grass and the rabbit is disturbed. He does not look toward me as he hops away into the Hughes garden. The orange glow from the light gives the courtyard and St. John's a warmth that says welcome.

It is dark inside as I meander through to the office. The doors get opened, the air gets turned on, the coffee pot is switched into action. In the previous hours, the church has been cleaned, the flowers arranged, the altars set up ready for the morning ahead. In the stillness and the solitude St Johns stands ready once again to welcome the community of faith as we gather for our corporate worship.

Numbers may be smaller than usual today. Many are on vacation. Yet numbers do not matter. Jesus said where two or three are gathered I will be in the midst of them. Yet for all who come it will be the gathering of Gods children, each with their own joys and happiness, each with their own fears and concerns, each with their special story of their special life. Each one gathers to share community of faith, each one part of the community of faith, each one invited to the ban-

queting table of our Lord.

The banqueting table where earth and heaven meet. The banqueting table where despite how many are gathered in Church, we are surrounded by angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, and the communion of saints. The banqueting table where the body and blood of our Lord feeds his children, spiritual food that encourages, strengthens, comforts, affirms, and enlivens.

The sun is just peeking over the horizon now. The cross on the roof silhouettes against the disappearing darkness. The day is breaking. This is day that the Lord has made. St. John's welcomes this new day as it readies itself to welcome once again the children of God it calls family, family that includes friends and strangers, old and young, active and not so active. All are invited to the table that God has prepared for each of us.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

With all my love and prayers,

Fr. Alan

Donna Barr

St. John's is blessed by the addition of our new Deacon, the Rev. Donna Barr. Among other duties, Donna will be assisting Father Sutherland in worship services.



Twilight Festival

July 27

Versailles Main Street Twilight Festival will include our second annual fish fry with the Versailles Lions Club. We will need lots of volunteers—at least 16—to help prepare the fish, fry it, serve, and cashier. Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Ron Mobley.

This is a great way to be present to the community as well as raising money for St. John's and the Lion's Club. Also lots of fun and good food!

View from the Bench

July 2007

Stephen Leist

As I write this, people are talking about various vacation plans that are imminent or coming up later in the summer. Everyone needs a vacation at some time in some way. I mentioned in this column last month that the Parish Choir would be going on vacation after June 17. What this means is that we are taking a break from Thursday night rehearsals and the pressures of preparing an anthem on Sunday for awhile. Why do choirs do this? One reason is that choirs work pretty hard between September and June to provide inspiring music in support of the liturgy for all manner of occasions, and there comes a point when people need a rest. That rest enables us to be refreshed and recharged when we start back in mid-August to begin another cycle. Choirs and choirmasters spend their breaks in a variety of ways. For some, it is an opportunity to sit in the pew with their families for a change. Others use their break to go visit other parishes and worship with other people and get to know them. Still others will take a complete break from choir and church, and there is nothing wrong with that, either. For me, it is a time to develop new plans and ideas for the coming choir season, and that can be incredibly rejuvenating, as the summer gives me more time to do that. There will still be a choir at the 9:00 service throughout the summer to help lead music and worship. The choir is open to anyone, and summer is a good time to participate when the commitment is minimal. I would like to once again invite anyone to come sing during the summer. All you have to do is show up at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning to warm up your voice. I would also like to say that I am very proud of what our Parish Choir accomplishes each year through a lot of hard work. There are not many churches with a choir of only about a dozen people that reap the kind of benefits that these folks provide on a weekly basis. In the Lutheran liturgical calendar, there is a Sunday set aside to recognize the music of the church called Cantate Sunday, and it usually takes place in the Easter season. Everyone who has



been involved in music making in any way during the previous year, the choir members, instrumentalists, and even the substitute organist, is recognized and thanked for their service. I wish that we had such a day set aside in our liturgical year. When I lived in Wisconsin for awhile, I sang in a Lutheran choir and I had a lot of great experiences and learned a great deal, too. Some of my best memories of those years are the celebrations of Cantate Sunday, because it was as glorious as anything else the church did. Typically, we sang a cantata by J.S. Bach that was appropriate for the day, and there is nothing more stirring than hearing the Gospel message delivered in music. To remind himself of the source of all things which bless our existence, and us for posterity, Bach always inscribed his manuscripts with the words "Soli Deo Gloria," to God alone be the glory. That is what we work for.

Stephen



JULY OUTDOOR SERVICE

July 1 will be another outdoor service of summer! The service will be in the yard of the Hughes House at 10:00AM followed by a potluck lunch. The church will provide fried chicken, lemonade, and tea. Bring a vegetable, dessert, or salad to share.

August 5 will be another 10:00 outdoor service

Come and worship in the grass!!



Relay for Life Clowns for a Cure



ECW Ice Cream Social



22 parishioners of St. John's family participated in the Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer research. Many walked through the evening hours and all night—and some in costume!-- including:

- Fr. Alan Sutherland
- Felicia Van Normand and Family
- Vivian Richmond
- Jay Mackay
- Virginia Ballard and Roger Ballard
- Christy Howard-Potter
- Julie Ross
- Linda and Roger Reeves
- Tim Downey
- Jackie Means
- Carolyn Filson
- Dennis Lawrence and Ninon Lawrence
- Kayla Lawrence
- Emily Lawrence
- Ashley Lawrence

Sunday, July 1 5:00-7:00 Ice Cream, Fun, and Games for all ages!!

WHILE EVERYONE IS TOGETHER WE WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. NOVEMBER WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, SO WE NEED TO START PLANNING OUR BAZAAR NOW! COME WITH LOTS OF IDEAS. WE WANT TO HEAR THEM ALL. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET OUR YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE CRAFTS. COME ON WOMEN...LETS MAKE THIS THE BEST BAZAAR EVER! LET'S GET STARTED NOW!

ALL WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S ARE ALSO INVITED TO GO TO GETHSEMANE OR SHAKERTOWN ON A RETREAT WHICH WE WILL BE MAKING PLANS FOR.

HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!!



St. John's
Vacation Bible School
Reuse - Recycle - Rejoice!!!
July 15, 16, 17, and 18

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

We need to protect, nurture, and love the earth that God gave us.
We can all help by learning about and PRACTICING the three R's:
Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Practicing all three of these activities
every day is not only important for a healthy earth,
but it can be fun too.

And let's not forget to ***REJOICE!!!***
Rejoice in what the Lord has given us:
the trees, the bees, and the deep blue seas.

July 15 –18 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
as we learn about recycling, hear stories, sing,
make paper, cook solar nachos, and play games.

Since our theme is reusing and recycling we'd love
to have the following donated:

- **Egg cartons**
- **Blender**
- **Window screen (just the screen part)**
- **Bottle caps, buttons, dice, checkers, little plastic wheels
from old toy cars, etc... for decoupage**
- **Small plastic containers with lids (yogurt, tennis ball
containers, Tupperware)**
- **Shoeboxes**
- **Small spray bottles**

Please put items in the box on the stage for Reading
Camp and we'll separate it out. Thanks!
Questions, want to help? See Julie Ross



SUMMER CAMP! CATHEDRAL DOMAIN

June 28–July 1
Mini Camp II
Graduates of grades 1 & 2

July 2–8
Junior Conference
Graduates of grade 7 & 8

July 9–15
Girls Camp I
Graduates of grades 3 & 4

July 16–22
Boys Camp I
Graduates of grades 3 & 4

July 23–29
Girls Camp II
Graduates of 5 & 6

July 30–August 5
Boys Camp II
Graduates of 5 & 6

Contact
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ST. JOHN'S SERVER SCHEDULE July, 2007

	07/01/07	07/08/07	07/15/07	07/22/07	07/29/07
	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Gay Glenn	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Gay Glenn
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Ann Cox	Susan & Betty	Gay Glenn
Greeter	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff
	10:00 a.m. Outdoor Service	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Crucifer	Anne Claire Gibson	Leigh Wehrle	Anne Claire Gibson	Laura Wehrle	Teresa Range
Torch Bearers	Emily & Ashley Lawrence	Laura Wehrle Emma Berger	Ashleigh & Jessica Woods	Hannah & Sophie Edelen	Ashleigh & Jessica Woods
Acolyte	Cindy Sullivan	Ann Cox	Linda Wardle	David Richmond	Linda Wardle
Chalice Bearer	Sammy Cundiff	Toss Chandler	Gary Menges	Connie Spencer	Toss Chandler
Lector	David Richmond	Sara Meekins	Laura Gibson	Corbin Crutcher	David Richmond
Gift Bearers	Dennis, Ninon & Kayla Lawrence	Ron & Sheryl Bruens	Jackson Family	Glen & Debbie Edelen	Steve & Carol Watts
Ushers	Gary Menges Bob Johnson	Mark Cox Benjamin Wehrle	Ed Ruggles David Richmond	John & Teresa Range	Jim & Ruby Snider
Greeter	Laura Gibson	Ron Bruens		Linda Wardle	Ron Mobley
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Kay Mobley	Ann Cox	Susan & Betty	Gay Glenn
Lay Eucharist Ministry	Vickie Duff	Judi Sutherland	Elaine Menges	Jo Wilhite	Ann Richmond
Breakfast	POTLUCK	Edelen/Donovan	Potter/Wildman	Ruggles/Watts	Cox/Sullivan
		11:00 a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.	11:00a.m.
Crucifer		Ryan Potter	James Hawkins	Ryan Potter	Michelle Kinkead
Torch Bearers		Ethan & Elana Howard	Leah & Emily Mager	Matthew Mullins Griffin Mullins	Ethan & Elana Howard
Acolyte		Lee Rowland	Sharon Martin	Carol Filson	Cindy Kinkead
Chalice Bearer		Ann Richmond	Phyllis Giberson	Christy Potter	Geoff Bosmann
Lector		Julie Ross	Lisa Hawkins	Katherine Harper	Sharon Martin
Gift Bearers		Havens Family	Kinkead Family	Bosmann Family	Skeeters Family
Ushers		Carol Filson Jackie Means	Thayer Hawkins George Chittick	David Potter Rick Keeling	Charlie Kinkead David Potter
Greeter		Julie Ross		Ben Harper	John Range
Altar Guild		Judi Sutherland	Virginia Ballard	Allison Fleck	Christy Potter
Wednesday	07/04/07	07/11/07	07/18/07	07/25/07	08/01/07
Acolyte	Vickie Duff	Ann Cox	Ben Harper	Linda Wardle	David Richmond
Altar Guild	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff	Vickie Duff

St. John's Family Weekend

It's that time again! Mark your calendars and plan to attend St. John's Parish Family Weekend, **August 17th, 18th and 19th** at The Cathedral Domain Camp and Conference Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. This year, to add to the fun, we'll be sharing The Domain with the parish family of The Church of the Ascension in Mt. Sterling. Come swim in the pool, hike the trails, sing around the campfire, read a book, take a nap, eat well, relax or do whatever you like and enjoy a great opportunity to spend time with your parish family. Get to know those folks you see every week in a way you never will at "The Peace" on Sunday mornings! And get to know some other Episcopalians from the Diocese. Watch for sign-up sheets and information in Hosea Hall, and talk with Katherine Harper or Lisa Hawkins if you have any questions.



Yard Sale

St. John's yard sale on June first and second at John and Teresa Range's house on Versailles Road was a great success. People gathered on Thursday afternoon to sort and price items of all kinds. Many volunteers made the work go quickly. Stories were told and fellowship shared. Friday and Saturday were long days, the rain held off, and almost everything was

sold!! There was even a lemonade stand staffed by Hannah and Sophie Edelen.

Almost \$1000 was raised, the Flea Mall booth was relieved of much old merchandise, and many parishioners had yet another opportunity to work to-

Women's Weekend

The poet T. S. Elliot said that April is the cruelest month. Like the promise of the resurrection as salvation, so the month of May, with the promise of warm breezes and sunshine, hosts the Diocese of Lexington Women's Weekend at the Cathedral Domain. Formerly known as the Women's Retreat, the 800 acres of the Domain allow room enough for both those who desire a thoughtful place to 'retreat' and those who want to fellowship, sometimes talking, singing, and laughing well past most of our regular bedtimes.

While a well-thought-out plan was placed before us on Friday evening, everything was, as always, optional. For those who just wanted, needed, a quiet weekend away in prayer, contemplation, meditation, quiet space was available. For those interested in renewing bonds with old friends and making new ones, enjoying the warm fellowship and worship with other travelers in our Christian journey, opportunity also abounded. There was plenty of free time and lots and lots of singing. Candace Armstrong, Assistant Professor of Music at Lincoln Memorial University, again led the music. Her keyboard was hauled from location to location and sometimes with only a few bars hummed to her, she supported and strengthened our praise and celebration of the gifts of God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. In a variety of locations around the Domain: the Cathedral, the Shrine and the Chapel, we gathered for a variety of services: Compline, Morning Prayer, and Eucharist.

Our speakers also offered variety. Historically the discussion portion of the weekend has been lead by Bishop Sauls but, due to illness, he instead sent three fabulous women of our Diocese to share their perspective on the topic "Mothers of our Faith." The Rev. Joyce Beaulieu, College Missioner; the Rev. Melanie Mudge, Rector, Emmanuel, Winchester; and Dr. Kay McLaughlin, Communication Director for the Diocese, each brought their own unique and fascinating view point. Saturday evening the Rev. Johnnie Ross joined us for Eucharist and healing service, and Sunday morning the Rev. Marcia Hunter also celebrated Eucharist and preached.

One wonderful anniversary was celebrated with a gift from the Diocesan ECW presented to Ms. Rita Durbin. Her employment at the Domain began at the Women's Retreat in 1967 and she was presented with a gold cross necklace to honor her 40 years of faithful service.

With a warm sun and a cool breeze promising the end of the cold, dead winter, with women of faith around us, with our bodies and souls full of the food that nourishes, how could we not leave that mountain rejoicing, singing, praising and looking forward to our next time to gather for the ECW Women's Weekend?





EQUUS RUN

The first Equus Run Concert of the summer on June 9th was a sold out event with 1200 people. St. John's traffic directors/car parkers were on deck and had the situation well under control. They also enjoyed the music of the Torquays and a great dinner from Billy's BBQ.

It is a fun time which raises money for St. John's.

There are sign up sheets in the Parish Hall. We need 6 volunteers for each date. Equus Run makes a donation to St. John's. You get dinner and the concert if you wish to stay for it.

The time commitment is from 3:15 until 7:30.

The dates are

July 14 The Men of Note (Big Band)

July 28 Patty Butcher Band (Blues)

Aug 11 Marion Meadows (Jazz)

Aug 18 Johnson Brothers
(Classic Rock)

Sept 8 The Sensations (Motown)



St. John's Hosts Divorce Recovery Workshop

**Tuesday Nights beginning
August 14!!**

Growing Through Divorce is a divorce recovery workshop that offers hope and EDUCATION in an interdenominational atmosphere of acceptance. Divorce recovery workshop is a combination of large group education and small group support. Small groups are led by trained facilitators who have participated in previous workshops. St. John's will become the new center for this program in Versailles. This program is a very popular and needed program and will work in conjunction with Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington. There will be facilitators from central Kentucky and Versailles. You are encouraged to participate in this program regardless of when you were divorced and even if you have remarried. The first program sponsored by St. John's will begin on Tuesday August 14, 2007 and meet weekly for 7 weeks.

There are registration forms in Hosea Hall as well as a sign up sheet if you are willing to work registration tables, pass out literature in the community or help with snacks. Child care will also be provided. As this program grows, programs will be added for children and teens. This program is filling a void in the community, and we are excited to be able to serve our county in this way.

Adventure the World

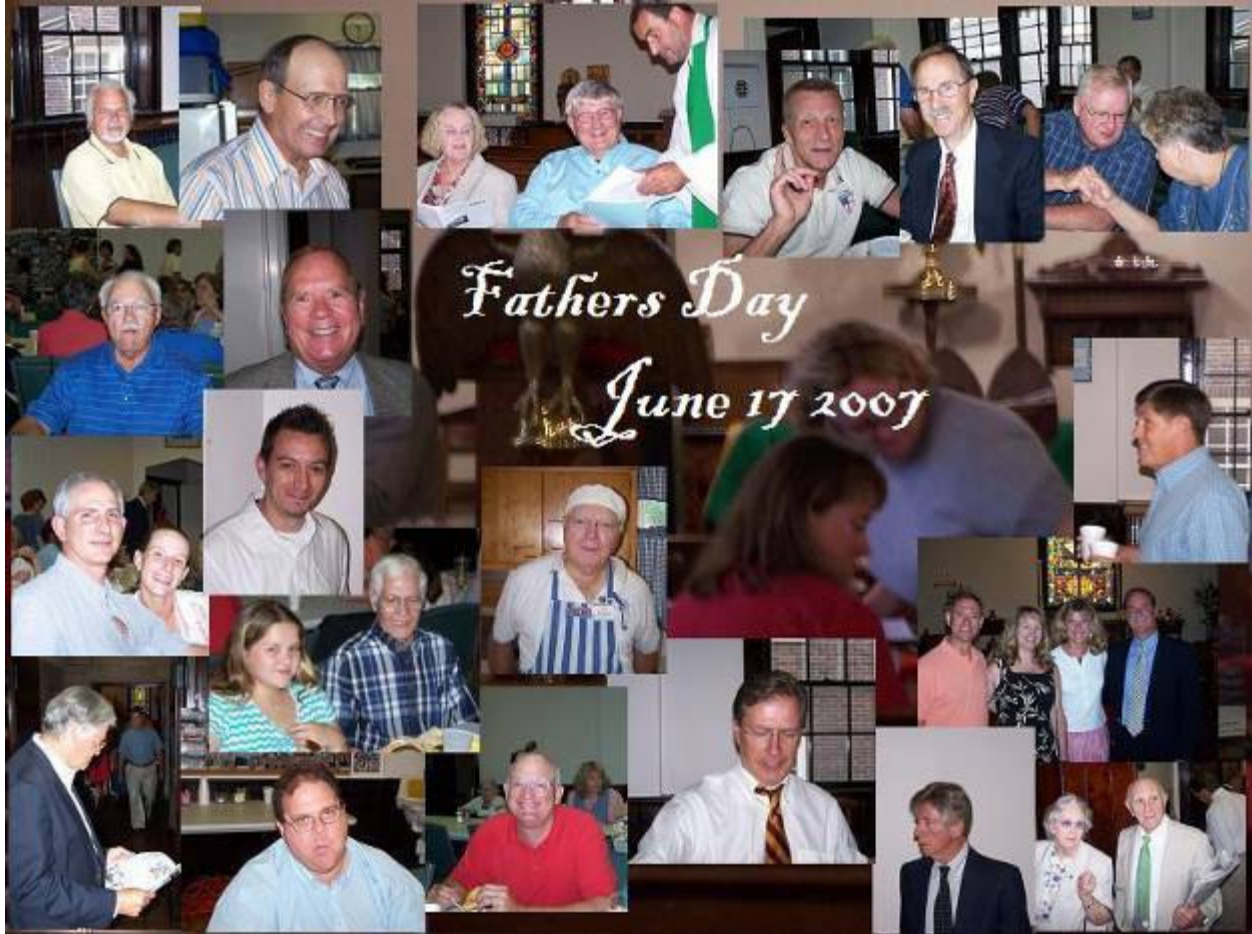
The blessings of Reading Camp flow in both directions between the campers and the staff. C.C. Johnson, a veteran Reading Camp teacher, remarked, “Today at Woodford County I was helping at the writing center. One group was using a travel theme to write a story. An adorable girl looked up and said, ‘I want to adventure the world.’ Isn’t that just it? Didn’t she have it in a nutshell? Doesn’t every child deserve a chance to ‘adventure the world’? These children open like blossoms during the week we have with them and, dear God, I am always overwhelmed by the fragrance of their trust in us and of being so blessed to share even a tiny party of their journey. I learn so much from them.”

Woodford County Reading Camp held the kick off party on June 1. Campers and their families came that evening for dinner and ice cream sundaes. It was an opportunity for them to tour St. John’s, meet camp staff, and ask questions. After dinner, they went as a group to the Woodford County Library Summer Reading Program kick off and obtained library cards.

By opening day of camp, June 11, St. John’s was filled with decorations representing nature, the theme of the camp. That day, camp staff welcomed sixteen rising fourth and fifth graders to Reading Camp. The camp lasted five days and each day was filled with reading activities in the morning and exciting fun and new challenges in the afternoon.

Upon arriving in the morning, campers were served breakfast. They then broke into groups of two–three to rotate through six different centers throughout the morning. Each center focused on a particular reading skill – phonics, decoding and encoding, strategies, comprehension, writing, and pleasure reading. Teachers for the different centers were Rhonda Wade, Sheryl Bruens, Virginia Ballard, Jane Lucas, Charline Bell, Lisa Hawkins, Doris and Ed Ruggles, and C.C. Johnson. Phyllis Carey volunteered her services to follow up with the campers’ progress after they leave Reading Camp.





True to the theme, the campers explored nature by building terrariums (complete with individually designed rock people), watching butterflies emerge from cocoons, learning about creeks with Johnnie Ross, making walking sticks and visiting the Salato Wildlife Center. They also got a break from the heat by visiting Falling Springs splash pool. A highlight of the week was a trip to the Life Adventure Center, where each camper had a chance to master some unique physical challenges. Katherine Harper and Julie Ross planned the activities for the afternoon.

So many volunteers made the week a success. Maribel White and Vicki Duff provided invaluable support in the kitchen. The camp was blessed with three rotating nurses – Rick Keeling, Lisa Hawkins, and Maret Galbraith. Carol Filson and Jackie Means arranged transportation. Co-Directors of the camp were Sara Meekins and Linda Reeves. Their love and dedication for this mission was evident at every step. Our first Reading Camp was a great success and provides a solid foundation for future camps!



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