



FRIDAY

Discovering the true treasures promised by God

JUNE 22, 2012

THIS WEEK



Your reminder of what we've done, and what's coming up!

MONDAY

Jesus gives us peace, no matter what problems we face during our lives.



TUESDAY

Jesus knows what we need and will provide what's best for us.



WEDNESDAY

Jesus shows us how to depend on God's Word when we are tempted to sin.



THURSDAY

Jesus loves us so much he died and rose again so we could be part of God's family.



FRIDAY

It's Water Day today! Park Lodge opens at 8:45 a.m. Campers depart at Noon.

Final Campfire night. Meet in the Park Lodge by 6:30 p.m. sharp and wear your t-shirts!

SATURDAY at 6 p.m. and **SUNDAY** at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. All campers invited to come share your camp songs with everyone and don't forget to proudly wear your t-shirts!



Praise in Prison

Jesus is with us and will always help us. Jesus is with us, so we can be fearless about our future.



The tale concludes tonight!

This week at SonRise National Park we've watched Mojave McWeasel try to lead her fellow hikers on their long trek through the park, but there are many questions still to be answered.

Will McWeasel finally deliver the group to safety? Will Ollie stop bugging people? Will Palien ever find dinosaur bones? What about Tom and Shirleen? And when it's over, will Daje Avu remember anything at all?

The answers to these questions, and maybe others we haven't even asked yet, will be revealed at the final campfire program tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Park Lodge. Arrive on time and be prepared for more bad jokes in the exciting concluding episode.



Image by Cicely Conway

Story time: Paul and Silas in Prison

As our story begins, Paul and Silas were thrown into prison "...and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken.

At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer

woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved —you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized.

The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Acts 16: 23-34



"My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19
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Smelling Sweet

News that doesn't stink!

The moose out front (or is that a caribou?) should have told you, here's some more great news!

■ In our desire to share God's love with others in the world, we've been raising money to buy special care packages for orphans in the African nation of Ghana. As of Thursday our campers had raised \$611.71. That's enough for 15 packages. We're hoping that by the time we finish the final campfire program, we'll have enough money to buy a total of 60 packages. If you can help, please bring your offering tonight to the Park Lodge at 6:30 p.m.!

■ Crafts have been a big part of our week together. (See story at right.) **Eagle Unit** twins **Bridget Rojas** and **Angela Rojas** both said they liked making the crafts because "I've never done anything like that before." They actually said the same thing. Twins, you know. Bridget's favorite craft was the drum, while Angela said she was partial to the Promise Box made earlier in the week.



■ On another subject, identical answers to the same questions came from two separate members of the **Mighty Mountains** campsite. We asked **Ricky Lowe** and **Christopher Giannacco** what their favorite part of SonRise National Park VBS was this week, and both said playing games in the recreation area at **Glacier Bay**. More specifically, their favorite game was kickball.

■ We're planning one more edition of the COMPASS! Parents and Park Rangers, tell us how your kids liked VBS! E-mail name, campsite name and comments to jbanke@milasolutions.com.

Campers get creative with crafts

To survive in the wild of SonRise National Park you have to learn to be crafty and take what God has given you to create something useful and special.

Our campers have been doing just that all week in the craft area at Busy Beaver Lodge by exercising their creativity and fine motor skills to make all sorts of cool things to use at home at their own, personal campsite.

Different crafts were available for different age groups, and everyone went home with some pretty neat stuff on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Crafts included decorating a hat and tote bags, building a drum, assembling a cross necklace made of nails, and constructing a "promise box" out of colorful Popsicle sticks intended to hold inside pieces of paper with all the week's Bible verses.



And back at each of the campsites, Park Rangers had prepared all sorts of creative activities, including drawing and coloring, and in the 5th grade Eagle Unit even making several videos of Bible stories, complete with special effects.

Glacier Bay games galore

When they're not spending time learning, praying, praising, singing or crafting, our campers have enjoyed the great outdoors of our Glacier Bay recreation area.

With the help of a full crew of Trek Guides, the campers have been running, kicking, racing, climbing, sliding and generally behaving like the active kids they are.

Images by Cicely Conway.



EDITOR'S NOTE: I want to say a special thank you and happy birthday to my "cub" photographer Cicely Conway. What an unexpected gift from God she's been to me at VBS. —Jim Banke



Today's Bible Verse

"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name." Psalm 33:20-21



Special thanks to Planet Smoothie

A big SonRise National Park thank you to Greg Spencer and Planet Smoothie in The Avenues for today's Glacier Goodness snack. It sure helped make it a cool, cool summer at VBS.

See you tonight for the final campfire program at the Park Lodge, beginning at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Don't be late!

