



MONDAY

Discovering the true treasures promised by God

JUNE 18, 2012

THIS WEEK



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

MONDAY

Park Lodge opens at 8:45 a.m. Everyone gets their t-shirts and pictures taken. Campers depart at Noon.

TUESDAY

T-shirt day! Wear 'em! We're taking our campsite pictures today. Park Lodge opens at 8:45 a.m. We're making crafts today. Campers depart at Noon.

WEDNESDAY

Park Lodge opens at 8:45 a.m. We're making crafts today. Campers depart at Noon.

THURSDAY

T-shirt day! Wear 'em! Park Lodge opens at 8:45 a.m. We're making crafts today. Campers depart at Noon.

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!



Peace, Be Still

Today we learned that Jesus gives us peace, no matter what problems we face. Jesus helped His friends, and when we are afraid He will always help us too.



On the trail with Ranger Rick and the gang

As we gathered together in the Park Lodge for the first time today, we met a group of campers who began a hike with the help of their guide, Mojave McWeasel. The problem is, we're not sure she knows her way around the park.

Ranger Rick introduced us to everyone and seems to have confidence in McWeasel, but we'll have to see how it goes each day from here on.



The rest of the hikers includes Daje Avu, who is from Quebec and seems to be pretty forgetful; N. Tom Ollie Gist, who loves bugs

so much he bugs everyone else; Palien Tolo Gist, Ollies' twin brother who is a dinosaur expert; Tom Orow, a real secret agent who was rejected by the CIA and now wants to be a park ranger; and Shirleen Sumter, a true southerner who was named after a famous pig roast (Yeah, we thought it was weird too).

Parents, be sure to ask your campers for the latest story updates every day!

Story time: Jesus calms the storm

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was

nearly swamped.

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!"

Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples,

"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Mark 4: 35-41





Smelling Sweet

News that doesn't stink!

Even before the first camper had shown up inside the Park Lodge, word had spread that SonRise National Park VBS was going to be THE place to be to experience the greatest and most cool, cool summer of all!

Uriah Martinez agrees with that thought. He said he thinks VBS is "the best week of the summer," and we really couldn't agree more with Irish! I mean, how can you argue with a guy who has such cool name like Uriah?



Uriah Martinez

His sister, **Katerina Martinez**, has her own view. She told us that she "loves VBS because it is so much fun!" That it is, Katerina.



Katerina Martinez

Finally, we love what **Grace Rush** has to say about VBS. At least we think we do. Grace said she wishes we had VBS "100 weeks because 5 days is not long enough!"



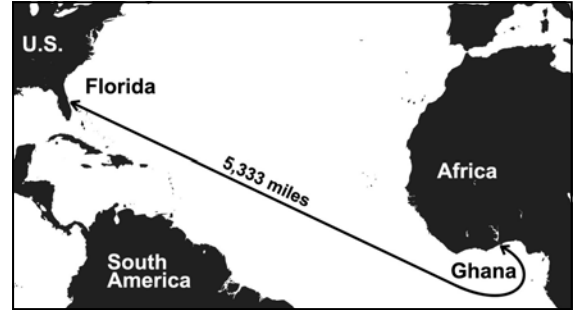
Grace Rush

Wow. I'm not sure we could handle that much fun. That would be more than two years of non-stop camping, singing around the campfire, eating yummy snacks, creating nifty crafts, playing outside and learning about Jesus.

You know, maybe Grace is right. Only 5 days of VBS a year isn't enough!

Sharing God's love with kids in Ghana

This week all the campers at SonRise National Park are raising money to buy special gift packages filled with clothes and food for an orphanage in Ghana. Each gift box costs \$40 and we hope to be able to buy 60 of them.



Ghana is a country in Africa, across the Atlantic Ocean from Florida. The word Ghana means "warrior king."

About 24 million people live there compared to the 19 million that live in the Sunshine State. It is almost twice the size of Florida. Ghana's largest city is called Accra.

More than 2/3 of Ghana residents say they are Christians. Islam and traditional African religions also are practiced there.

Soccer is the most popular sport, and Ghana's national men's team is known as the Black Stars. But like the Minnesota Vikings, they have never won their version of the Super Bowl.



Where's your campsite?



All of the campsite names listed here are in the word search puzzle. The names can be forward, backward or diagonal.

- Bouncing Bears
- Busy Beavers
- Buzzin' Bees
- Cheery Chipmunk
- Courageous Coyotes
- Crazy Caribou
- Daring Dragonflies
- Eagle Unit
- Friendly Frogs
- Fun Fireflies
- Gracious Wolves
- Hopeful Hawks
- Laughing Lizards
- Magnificent Moose
- Mighty Mountains
- Silly Salmon
- Squeaky Squirrels
- Whispering Waterfalls

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Today's Bible Verse

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1



Coming up on Tuesday

All campers are asked to wear their t-shirts on Tuesday so we can take our really cool campsite pictures. So don't serve spaghetti for dinner tonight unless you want to do the wash! And get a good's night rest because the fun is just getting started, and you won't want to miss a single day!

