



ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

inspiring change through relationship

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John & Raquel share about their camp experience



When Raquel and I brought our family together in Houston, we never imagined sending any of our children to live somewhere else for nearly two years. And we

had no idea that God would bring us into a community with Mennonites in rural Maryland.

We found Camp after struggling to find a way to help Miles solve some problems that our family couldn't solve. We'd had a bad misfire with a military boarding school.

Everyone was frustrated, and Miles agreed to try Camp mainly to get away from the hassle, not because our urban boy wanted to spend time chopping wood and living in a tent.

Camp changed Miles and our family for the better. Even when we are at odds, things don't escalate. And we are in a better place to support everyone's goals and overcome challenges



"We are in a better place..."

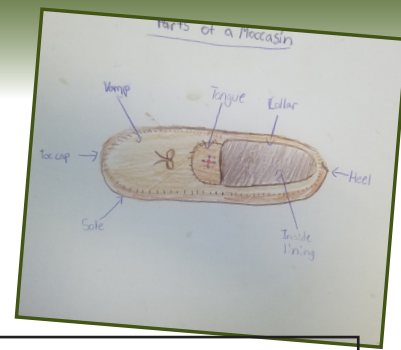
together. Miles is more patient when solving problems in the family and at school. When someone in authority isn't doing the best job, he tries hard to remember that he needs to respect that person.

Raquel and I are applying things we learned about how Camp family works. Raquel is applying things she learned from Camp to her work in the criminal justice system, working on new ways to support the families of inmates. For me, the direct, relational spirituality of Camp was a needed infusion into the reflective, expansive engagement with God that I'm more accustomed to.

The staff at Camp sure know how to put a word on it. The evaluations were so short but so meaningful. Every word counts for ten. When you slow down and take time to solve problems together, you come to understand both the problem and each other, much better.



ADVENTURE LEARNING - Mountaineer's EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY BUS TRIP



TROUT ARCHERY

Today we went to Trout Outdoors Archery. The dude's name was Ken Trout. What we saw is not what I was expecting. I was expecting a huge building with tons of bows. What we actually saw was a little garage full of bows. Ken showed us how he made strings, bows, knives, sheaths, and quivers. After that, he showed us how to use it. He got us some bows and arrows and let us use his atlatl and tomahawks. We shot them on the 3D shooting range in his backyard. Ken made a deal with us that if we were to shoot a foam apple off of a 3D weasel's head we would get a free hat. The only people that shot the apple were Jonny and Austin. Several other people came very close. Then in the end we all got free hats. Now we are at Ohio Wilderness Boys Camp.

John



THE MULTI MILLION DOLLAR TOUR

All right welcome back. So the day started off as a regular day. We woke up at 7:00 o'clock and ate an amazing meal! Then we jumped into the van and we drove to Weaver's Leather. We walked in the door and immediately the aroma of leather filled my nose. Then a guy named Myron came in and gave us a tour of the place. So this place is huge! Like I am talking like the building covers about 10 acres. Our guide talked to us about how the place got started and who the founder was. He also showed us all the different kinds of leather that they have there. Some of the kinds were water buffalo, cow, kangaroo, sheep, and pig! The most comfortable type of leather was the sheep leather! It also still had the sheep's wool on it which made it really, really comfortable. Anyways he also showed us the helmets they sell and he showed us all the different stuff they made. They also had these little cool car type things that they drove around in to go from place to place. We also got to see how they make dog collars. Well that's it.

Jonny

TRACTOR 101 AND A BLACKSMITH

Yesterday night before we went to bed, we had fun with James Heatwole's tractor. It was big, blue, and a New Holland. The first guys took a spin on the tractor, then it was my turn. James took us on a trip to the chicken house. He said that there was over 40,000 chicken in one house. Jacob asked if there was any dead chicken, so we went on a chicken ramble. We look for about 1 minute and found one. James gave it to Jacob and he dropped it. We also found a deformed chicken and James said we could keep it. But sadly chickens and tents don't work that well. After the chicken house we drove back to campsite. During that time, James let us drive the tractor. I drove it slow and careful and even made a turn without denting the vehicle. Then Jacob drove the tractor. He went really fast and slammed on the brakes. It scared me to death, but I'm still alive ain't it!? Well we had a wonderful time at this park, and I wish this farm the best. Thanks for all you did...

Now onto the blacksmith. His name is Glenn Horr and He the prime forger. Today, he showed us how he makes nails and leaves. The nails he made were cool, but I think the leaf was the best. First he would heat up the metal and then bang it into a stem shape. After that he would flatten out the end into the shape of a leaf. From there, he would make grooves that would look like leaf vanes. Finally he would rub the leaf with brass to give it a gold tint. I hope that we can make stuff like that in our forge. Well that was today, I hope you enjoyed this article.

Logan

Camp Kindling ... small pieces of camp news and needs



- 🪵 Welcome to Sheldon Frey from Annville, PA. He will be serving as chief.
- 🪵 We said goodbye to Brandon Bowman in July. Thank you Chief Brandon for your willingness to serve as Mountaineer chief.
- 🪵 Chief Shawn Weaver graduated from camp as chief on August 28. We are grateful for his investment to the Pioneer group over the last 2 years.