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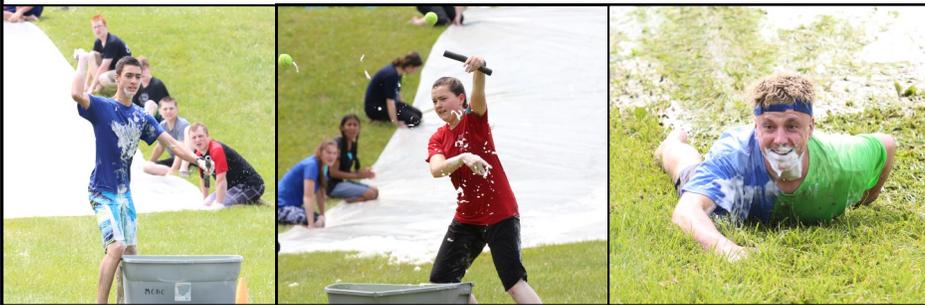
Sailors Battle in Sun and Suds on the River



Preacher's Passage

In our morning chapel, Pastor Tim began sharing with us the PILLAR principles of biblical decision making. We began with the principle of God's Providence. We also discussed the principle of Inclination—we must cultivate faithfulness by trusting and delighting in God. In the evening service, we learned about maintaining delight in God's Word: Bible facts to know, Bible facts to enjoy, and Bible actions to follow. Is delight in God's Word a part of your daily routine? This is the one single most impactful choice of your life when God's Words have the chance to be the joy and delight of your heart: giving you the chance to obey and be doers of the Word.

Even in the toughest competitions, there are times when you need some good clean fun. The grassy wharf sparkled in the bright sunshine and was nearly turned into a river of soap as roustabouts went **Divin' off the Deck** and **Stone Skippin'** with great splash and speed. Their seafarin' teammates went full steam into the Little River for the great **Slaughter in the Water** with intensity as crewmen slopped and sloshed in the most intimidating fashion, challenging the enemy with Skookumchuck determination. All the fun was for a cause, and freight was ferried to the **Super Steamers** who hauled in the win. Other prizes throughout the day added pounds to the **River Runners'** side of the scale. It all tallied up to show at freight weighing that there is still a contest on the river—and they have the lead by a hair. With only one day left in the race, we wait with bated breath to find out which crew will prove most worthy of the Great Freight Shipping Company's contract. Who will be King of the River?



Golden Ticket
Ezra Newton found one of the missing periodic elements in his casual milkshake snack before chapel. It appears that Mrs. Rush had a yummy recipe that included a gold bar.

Skookumchuck SuperStaff

Big Fan
 FBI Ben Griffith is one of the hardest workers on the Skookumchuck, cleanin up behind you swashbucklers. But when he takes a well-earned break, he and his box fan get along just fine.



Swabbin' the Sailors

It is always amusing that we drench the deckhands with soap in Divin off the Deck and then you all go carefully shower. (You DID carefully shower, right?) One sailor appeared in clean dry clothes. When asked if they were all clean, they replied: "I think? Yes. ...But I'm not sure."



Stoke the Boilers!
Full Sun

70°
53°



Coming Soon to DVD

A comic live-action drama about the owners of The Skookumchuck, a rust-bucket of a steam boat that has been put up for collateral on an old loan. With the loan coming due in three days, Widow Butterworth must enlist the help of Mr. Beauregard C. Clayton to construct a variety of ways that they can raise money to avoid the grasp of loan-shark Jimmy Porter Junior. Will the Butterworth clan be able to save their ship? Will Bobby Sue find the man of her dreams? Catch this epic tale, coming soon from Bulrush Studios.



Does Anyone in Your Cabin Snore?

Esther Schaub: I sleep really deeply, so who knows?
Lilias McGary: To be honest, I talk in my sleep.
Priscilla Bachman: I did a test and stayed awake, and I didn't hear anything. It's hard to sleep in a new place.
Madeline Stokes: Umm.... (eyes dart to Gabby)
MaKenna Jones pipes up: "Someone sleep-talks though." (Reporter: "Gabby?") **Madeline:** (nods yes)
Jonathan Muller: I don't know, I'm asleep like I'm supposed to be.
Matthew Washer: I dunno. I sleep like a rock.
Pastor Tim: Noo. Oh! And I have great lodging!
Micah Quattlebaum: Christian snores on his back, so it's good he sleeps in a hammock strung on his bunk.
FBI Thomas Rodgers (bunks with other FBI staff): (Gives a long silent glare as he slowly sips his coffee.)
Jonathan Knipe and Shiloh Keck: Yeah. Definitely. Pretty sure it's Mr. Gary.
Mr. Gary Santiago: that is NOT verifiable. Oh brother.

Letter to the Editor

The SkookumStaff is getting tired, folks. We'll actually break protocol and publish part of a report of The **Boiler Room Boys'** last 24 hours, recorded by Eddy Labadorf: "*Micah Beachell wrote his 3rd epistle to Greenville...so if Pastor Rush decides to give freight to the team with the most words sent home, we should be covered. At lunch Nathan Schaub...dip(ped) his cookies in the kool-aid. He said it gave it 'an interesting twist. I (wrote) a cheer on the bus...which we used... However, because we had some desynchronization issues, we lost poorly: Down, buried deep, in the ship's wide hull, just a sweatin' in the heat and workin in the coal, there's a gang of dirty boys that are working up a storm, 'til the cap'n calls "ahoy!" We'll be work'n till the morn!"*

Y'all Have Yer Boats Confused Beloved campers: we understand your enthusiasm for our nautical theme, but this is Steamboatin' week, not Noah's Ark. As Caleb Parr said, we have plenty of critters running around in green and blue shirts. But you're acquiring extra vermin now: frogs, fish, birds, mice, and turtles. Micah Schaffner collected a gift monkey for his 18th birthday, and now the **Paddle Pumpers** have collected an **actual** elephant in the room. Girls, we know you're collectatatin' freight weight but this is a bit much, don't you think?