Week 1 Trips and Week 2 Scooby Doo Kick Off Summer

We started off our summer season for 2017 with two trip camps last week. Our Fishing Adventure boys went to some hatcheries, fished on our pond, and spent a night at Wesley Forest, fishing in Penn’s Creek and their pond. Our Tour de Crème bike trip took three campers to two local ice cream establishments and they also went to spend a night at Wesley Forest. All the kids had a great time (but were too busy to do a Camel News Patrol elective last week.)

For Week 2, we gathered this Sunday to kick things off. On Monday, we learned about life and water through the creation story. Our First Light was held at the MOW (Middle of the Woods). Monday saw the departure of the Rock, Raft, and Roll campers off to Camp Krislund and then to Ohiopyle, PA for a week of biking, rafting, and rock climbing. Due to a downpour at lunchtime, the campers took a tour around the Evergreen Center, in place of the pond, for Lunch and Learn. They discussed elements of God’s creation and all that He has provided for us, especially water. At dinner devotions, every camper had the chance to draw a day from the creation story however they chose, which were then compiled into one large book showcasing God’s gifts to us.

Tuesday saw a day of crafts with Tara, nature time with James, playing with the parachute, and ropes course activities for older campers. We explored the transformative powers of water in our baptisms, studying the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Camper groups enjoyed a classic overnight meal of mountain pies followed by s’mores. The intermediates hiked up to the Turkey Feeder, the juniors traveled to Blacksnake, and the pioneers slept under the stars at the bottom of the field.

On Wednesday, it was our traditional back-from-the-overnight brunch followed by electives and GROW Time with Pastor Tom, who led us on a scavenger hunt before we learned about the story of the Woman at the Well. We also sang some songs as part of GROW Time.

Our Rock, Raft, and Roll campers were back in camp Wednesday, having come back to Krislund a day early due to rainy weather in Western PA. They had a good time and still managed to do all three activities (rock climb, raft, and bicycle). They didn’t take showers for a few days, but surprisingly they did not smell!

Thursday, we learned about Jesus healing the blind man and talked about how we help others. We were encouraged to do something for our neighbors between lunch and supper. After supper, we had our traditional campfire and worship service. As day camp pioneers and juniors had the option to spend the night at camp, we had some additional campers joining us! Scooby Doo Clue, campfire, and worship were in the Evergreen Center due to rain.

The week ended by solving the Scooby Doo mystery on Friday! With the last of the clues being found, the campers determined that one of our kitchen staff, Kyle Gessner, had been feeding Fruit Loops to the Loch Ness Camel. To close out the week, we studied Psalm 23, learning that God rescues us so we can rest.
My Week
By Brenna Rosenbaum

Overnights are really fun! You get to sleep out under the stars! Plus when you get back, Toni, our cook, has an AMAZING brunch ready! Every Wednesday the camp staff form groups like 2 counselors will do arts and crafts, 2 will be at the pool and so many more things! It is so much fun! A lot of our camps have pools but Mount Luther’s is by far the best! There is a water polo net on each side of the pool. Plus if you don’t like swimming you can sit in the grass and soak up the sun! Gaga ball is the best game at camp! Even if you’ve never played it before it’s so easy to learn how!

Our Mystery
By Gabi Heckman and Carolynn Main
Drawing by Claire Hershberger

We have a mystery on our hands. Someone is feeding the Loch Ness Camel. What is a Loch Ness camel? A Loch Ness camel is a Loch Ness monster but instead of the monster part, it is a camel. The Loch Ness Camel is on the loose and we have to find out who is feeding it. What type of food and why? To find out all this we will use clues to help us find all this and have a great adventure along the way.

Pool and Art
By Carolynn Main

The pool is what you can do at camp. What I like about the pool is that you can play games in the pool. Art is what we do at Camp Mount Luther. You can make a fuzzy ball, masks, and so much more. What I like about art is that you can be creative.

Editors’ Note:
Carolynn also drew the picture to the right, which describes all the fun things you can do at camp!