

Honoring the Past, Teaching the Present, Preparing the Future Congratulations to Our Super Campers!



David Tomaso and Rebecca Cambron

This year's Super Camper Awards go to Rebecca Cambron and David Tomaso. Super Campers are nominated on the basis of their character, academics, sportsmanship and leadership qualities.

Congratulations also to our Super Camper Nominees!

Georgia Shurtleff, Victoria Kiernan, Miriam Rogan, Brianna Perry, Faith Vileniskis, Theresa Mazzarella, Katie Peik, Elyse Smith, Haley Kalis, Mikey Lutz, Nathaniel Shurtleff, Ian Smith



Runners-up Theresa Mazzarella and Alex Hale

The first Annual Hal Shurtleff Super Staffer Award Goes to Mr. Shurtleff!

Congratulations and Thank You for Making This Camp Possible!

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News and Announcements

Super Staffer Award

Congratulations Mr. Hal Shurtleff for receiving the first Annual Super Counselor Award! Mr. Shurtleff has been assisting in other similar camps since 1990. In 2009, Mr. Shurtleff inspired the volunteers to continue with the camps after the American Opinion Foundation changed its focus.



Friday Schedule

After breakfast, we pack, clean cabins and public areas, say our farewells, and leave.... by 11:00 AM (+/-).
SAFE TRAVELS EVERYBODY!

See you next year!!

Cabin Inspections

Prudence Wrights (Cabin 4)

The handmade cross with God Bless Camp Constitution was a remarkable edition. You should not have taken the jellyfish from the lake - it misses its family. They tend to dry out and die very quickly out of the water. And the jellyfish hanging from the ceiling fan was very dry. Don't bother putting it back into the lake. Loved the newspaper display and the clean mirror with no graffiti on it. We wanted to let you know that the Liberty Bell has a crack in it - we think it was cracked before we dropped it. **Score: 36.5; Cumulative: 135.5**

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Righteousness lifts up a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs Ch 14; V34

Morning Run-No Report

Polar Bear Swim

Today's Polar bear swim had polar bears: Eyorette, Phil Smith, Will Johnson, Aidan Adamo, and Beach Potatoes were Rebecca Cambron, Kristina Shurtleff, Elyse Smith, Kristen Peik, Ellie Adamo, Ian Smith, and Georgia Shurtleff. Theresa was the Beach Potato (and proud of it). They all came down to babysit Eyorette and monitor her while she did the backstroke and doggie paddle. The runners who came down were A.J., and Valmir Adamo.

Camp News & Views

Roving Reporter Interview

Interviewee: Kristina Shurtleff, Age 10, 3 years at Camp

Reporter: "What do you like most about Camp?"

Kristina: "I like learning about the Constitution."

Reporter: "What is the most fun thing to do at Camp?"

Kristina: "Cabin Inspection!"

Reporter: "Why? [Side note: The Reporter/Teacher always wants to know 'why?'.]"

Kristina: "You get to decorate. You get to get pizza! You get to look at your scores in the paper!"

Reporter: "What would you like to learn next year at Camp?"

Kristina: "I would like to learn more about the Constitution."

Reporter: "Why do you think Camp Constitution is good for students?"

Kristina: "Because they learn about something they don't know about!"

Concord Bridge by Ellie Adamo

The trip to Concord's museum was exciting and fun. What I most enjoyed was the beautiful display of the famous bridge, it was very well designed. After the museum we went to the bridge and walked through the garden which was one of the most beautiful places I've ever been to! The ice cream we were supposed to get afterwards was not possible, since we spent so much time enjoying the peaceful and beautiful garden.

Editor's Note: This essay is a reprint and the correct author is Ellie Adamo.

Interview of Mrs. Harper by Theresa Mazarella

Mrs. Harper is a seeming mild mannered woman from Grand Rapids, MI. Now when I say "seeming" you'll be finding out that one later! Regardless, she enjoys her time greatly at Camp Constitution. She's been a proud member of the John Birch Society since 1968. Her favorite part of being a member of JBS is the camps, and teaching at them. She likes "seeing the lights go on in camper's eyes as they get it."

So how did she get a job that she loves so dearly? It's a long dramatized story filled with twists and turns and heartbreak. But to give you the short story, her sister spotted a "Get US Out" billboard, ordered some information and passed it on to her bright young sister.

Now, back to the "seemingly" part. Despite what you may think, Mrs. Harper is someone you don't want to mess with. One evening in June, the sun was still high. at about six in the evening. She was working after everyone was gone and parked

Camp Constitution by Rebecca Cambron

Caring for our country's fate
And never falling for other's bait
Though they try to infringe
We go calmly off to Rindge

We came to Camp Constitution
To learn about the Revolution
Trying to turn back to the ways
Of our Founding Father's days

Activists in the making
We never do any baking
Inspection comes but once a day
But patriotism is the only way!

Roving Reporter Interview

Interviewee: Mikey Lutz, Age 12, 1 year at Camp

Reporter: "Would you just talk to me about Camp and include things you like, etc.?"

Mikey: "I like recreation and the food is fantastic! I like how all the people here are so nice. I like how we get to go places. We get to go to so many places."

Reporter: "Anything else?"

Mikey: "Rev. Craft's classes are so much fun!"



Mrs. Harper cont.

at the far end of the parking lot. She was in a hurry and did not want to be messed with. As she was just about to close the door of her car, a man's hand started to push on her shoulder. "Move over I have a knife." Mrs. Harper, being in such a rush, pushed back and exclaimed "I don't have time for this." She slammed her car door and proceeded to attack the man with her car. Or, as she puts it, "I gunned the engine and chased him." So yes, there you go, the sweet innocent Mrs. Harper exposed to be 'not so sweet'. Despite this fact, we all love her dearly and appreciate her contributions to camp.

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Roving Reporter Interview

Interviewee: Kristen Peik, Age 18, 4 years at Camp

Reporter: "Are you a Camp Counselor?"

Kristen: "I wanted to be a Camper for one more year." (She was smiling!)

Reporter: "What is the most fun for you at Camp Constitution?"

Kristen: "All my friends!" Just hanging out!

Reporter: "What else?" ["Thought I was gonna say, "Why?" didn't ya. ☺]

Kristen: "The classes are very informative. Our speakers are always great!"

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion.. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail to the exclusion of religious principle. It is substantially true that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government.

George Washington (from the Northwest Ordinance and describes the Founders' Position.)



Cabin Inspections Cont.

Debra Sampsons (Cabin 5) Picture frames with quotes were a HIT! The gifts of chocolate - Lindt's and Ghiradelli - were the coup de grace. We did however leave the room with a sugar headache - you must have noticed that we ate every single one - Mr. Peik was stuffing his pockets - we hope he ate them all before he went out into the sun. We appreciate the attention to detail, noticing that all the signers of the Constitution were represented. The room is clearly your magnum opus - you saved the best for last - like the Wedding at Cana! Eyorette took off for the beach - left without saying goodbye. After everything we've done for you! But we won't hold it against her. **Score:** 38; **Cumulative:** 138

Martha Washington (Cabin 7)

We found very little changes from yesterday, although we must agree that yesterday's decorations were good. Hey if it ain't broke don't fix it. We think you're practicing to really surprise us next year. **Score:** 28 **Cumulative:** 108.5

Betsy Ross (Cabin 9)

We stopped inspecting this cabin a long time ago. **Score:** 0 **Hannah Duston Cabin (10)** Thanks for the All-American treats. The salt water taffy did have a little too much salt water though. You missed the opportunity for a big visual punch with a big blank wall behind the beds. The streamers in the door gave us that 70's feeling - go Brady Bunch! Sally and friends was a big hit as was the duck, although we think she needs a hat that is 1000 times smaller. **Score:** 36.5; **Cumulative:** 135.5

Uncle Sam Wilson (Cabin 1A)

What!?! Is this all the decorations you have? We found four square inches of wall space with nothing on it - very disappointing and still only one bear. Then to our surprise, Papa Bear came lumbering, armed to the teeth. Where have you been? we asked. I went to check out the Polar Bear Swim. Do you know they're not really polar bears?, he said. But you've been gone two days! We exclaimed. Duh, holding one paw in the bear, my legs are only an inch long. **Score:** 38; **Cumulative:** 134

101 Ways to Reclaim America: #9: Share Your Faith

101 Ways to Reclaim America: #42: Get to know your elected officials

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Cabin Inspections cont.

Uncle Sam Wilson (Cabin 1B)

It was interesting to see a U.S. Flag before there were any states in the union - there have been campers who miscounted the number of stars by one or two, but never by fifty. You showed a lot of enthusiasm in the home stretch. Next year kick it up a notch earlier in the week and you could have it! **Score: 31; Cumulative: 94.5**

Prince Estabrooks (Cabin 2A)

New "Get Us Out" sign - nice! You almost got us with the subliminal mind trick of displaying things with the number '10' in them like the 10th Amendment - nice try but it didn't work! We did like the fact that we were able to count at least twelve camp papers on the bunks. **Score: 31; Cumulative: 109.5**

Prince Estabrooks (Cabin 2B)

Your creativity seemed to plateau on Day 2. You definitely win the Spartan category, but unfortunately that's not a category. On the bright side, clean-up will be easy and scoring you was a breeze!
Score: 18; Cumulative: 79

More Roving Reporter Interviews

Interviewee: Sebastian Adamo, Age 12, 1 year at camp

Reporter: "What do you like most about Camp?"

Sebastian: "The games!"

Reporter: "Why?"

Sebastian: "Volleyball---it's fun! It's exciting and I have something to do, at least."

Reporter: "What else do you like about Camp?"

Sebastian: "The classes are so funny when Reverend Craft preaches."

Reporter: "Do you learn anything from Rev. Craft?"

Sebastian: "Yes!"

Reporter: "Say more!"

Sebastian: "There is actually a God in the world. Some people say there might not be but there is and they need evidence."

Reporter: "Does Rev. Craft give you evidence?"

Sebastian: "Yes! He shows with the Bible. He shows with 'stuff' that there is the presence of the Lord."

Reporter: "Anything else about Camp Constitution? Will you be here next year?"

Sebastian: "I will return next year."

And The Cabin Winners are....

The staff inspectors were hard pressed to pick a winner this year. The competition was fierce and the inspectors debated for a long time. The efforts, enthusiasm and hard work were appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Cabin Winners: **GIRLS CABIN:** Debra Sampson #5 and **BOYS CABIN:** Uncle Sam Wilson 1A!!

Concerning God's Revealed Law -

Distinguishing Right from Wrong

The Founders considered the whole foundation of a just society to be structured on the basis of God's revealed law. These laws constituted a moral code clearly distinguishing right from wrong.

In his Commentaries on the Laws of England, Blackstone propounded the generally accepted idea that "when the Supreme Being formed the universe" he organized it and then "impressed certain principles upon that matter, from which it can never depart, and without which it would cease to be".

Interviewee: Hannah Wyatt, Age 6 1/2, 2 years at Camp

Reporter: "Hannah, what do you like most about Camp?"

Hannah: "I like the campfire! I like meeting the 'middle' kids." (Note: When clarification was asked by this Reporter what was the 'middle' kids, "I mean not the babies and not the big kids.")

Interviewee: Val Adamo, Age 14, 3 years at Camp

Reporter: "Val, would you like to talk to me about Camp or would you like to answer questions?"

Val: "I'll just tell you. It's like the best camp I have been to! I get to see good friends! I like to thank each Counselor for their kindness to teach us history. And thanks to Mr. Craft for the teaching."

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Camper Artwork

by Faith Vileniskis



**1. Hi, What's Up?
I found a dead squirrel.**
**2. Poor squirrel
I know.**
**3. Hey want to get pizza?
ok!**
**4. Do you like xtra cheese? I love it!
(hee hee hee)**

Roving Reporter Interview

Interviewee: Ian Kalis, Camp Counselor, Age 18, 4 years at Camp

Reporter: "What is the most fun for you at Camp Constitution?"

Ian: "Probably the camp fire-just everyone singing, doing skits, and the bad jokes, to top it off! ☺"

Reporter: "Is there anything else you would like to say about Camp Constitution in light of its new name?"

Ian: "There really is no difference. It's the same camp, same people, same conversations, same activities, and the same friendships!"

Reporter: "As a Camp Counselor, what has been your most rewarding thing to do?"

Ian: "For me, it's just being here, going to a place with like-minded people, having a nice vacation from everything, and being totally secluded.. At Camp Constitution, we try to portray how the world should (bold) be."

Reporter: "What was at least one memorable event at Camp?"

[“Ian had a difficult time selecting just one (underline) memorable event.]

Ian: "The first time I climbed Mt. Monadneck! It was my first time climbing! You start off thinking it will be easy and then it goes on and on! Then you finally get to the top and you realize it was worth it!"



The 2011 Camp Constitution will be held starting on Saturday July 9 through Friday July 15, 2011. Help is needed to begin the planning now. Contact Mr. Shurtleff at 857-498-1309. The official website is www.campconstitution.us.

Contact details are also available for Mr. Charles Everett at the website.