Today's Forecast

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# Friday's Menu



**Breakfast**: Sausage gravy and biscuits, cereal, juice, milk

**Lunch:** Taco salad, tortilla chips with salsa, butterscotch pudding

**Reception:** Punch, variety of cookies

"Music is what feelings sound like." —*Anonymous* 

# Friday is Recitation Day

7:30 Wake Up

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Session XVIII

Yellow, Orange, Red – Choose-a-Spot Green, Blue, Black – Music Class

10:00 Chapel

10:30 Rehearsal

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Rehearsal

1:15 Dorm Time

2:00 Recitation/Reception

# SuperGames Inside Still Super

"Rain, rain, go away!" The forecast on Wednesday night might have led some campers to include this plea in their bedtime prayers. Staff members had similar prayers as they prepared for the possibility of the first cancellation of SuperGames in the history of Choral Camp! Counselors began planning creative indoor obstacle courses. Phyllis drank even more Diet Coke.

On Thursday morning SuperGames decided to come and put the inflatables inside—two in the gym and one in a nearby shop. Water games and pedal cars remained outside despite gray skies and low clouds.

Debbie Diller put a positive spin on the development. "SuperGames inside is a



new step for Choral Camp. We like to keep people on their toes. Just when they think they know how SuperGames works, we might have to change it on them."

Phyllis summed it up this way, "Because Choral Camp staff is so flexible and creative and up for something new, and because the campers are so cooperative, a good time was had by all."—*Ryan Graber* 



## "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"

Choral Camp teachers remember – a series

Lynette Showalter loves traveling and sharing her experiences with new travelers, a.k.a. Choral Campers. "Every time you come to my room," she tells them, "we're going to travel to a different place in the world."

The campers travel with her, trying new foods (sweet potato chips!), playing percussion instruments made out of gourds and bean pods, and learning how to sing a Liberian folk song and do a circle dance at the same time.

Lynette's favorite memories revolve around the concert prayer. "The concert prayer is a choir of prayer going up to God," she explains. "In lots of places in the world, people pray out loud all together."

She wasn't sure how it would work the first time she tried it with campers. After

telling them about the needs of children in another country, she asked the class to pray for these children together. "The room was filled with campers praying," she says. "I remember being so moved I couldn't even pray anymore."

This year a counselor came to her and said, "I just want you to know that you're influencing the children at their bedtime prayers." The campers wanted to remember the Akha children they'd prayed for in class.

"A camper told me last week that several years ago she decided to take this kind of prayer home to her girls youth group, and they've been doing it ever since," says Lynette, smiling. "I think when things move outside Choral Camp, that's very special."

—Vicki Sairs, Lifestyles



The distinctive headdress of the Akha people attracted lots of attention, along with international snacks that were tasty or "interesting."

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#### RECORD OF THE DAY



Flexibility was the order of the day on Thursday, and Cheyenne Pittman takes the record, hands down, for being the most flexible camper.

### **Acrostic Action**

Choral Camp positively brims with creativity! Campers and counselors thought up excellent and amusing acrostics using the name of the camp mascot and the names of each dorm hall.

Winning teams, in random order, are Cassidy Bontrager, Lydia Gingerich, and Tasha Troyer (#1); Chris Yoder, Erica Cornejo, and Mary Beth Riehl (#2); and Carrie Miller and Kelly Yoder (#3).

Here are the winning acrostics submitted by these teams.

#### **Toro**

Tasty Oranges Rock Out (Team #1) Ten Old Rodeo Ostriches (Team #2)

#### **Bach**

Beautiful Angels Chant Hallelujah (#1) Boys Are Comically Hopping (Anonymous)

#### **Beethoven**

Bolivia's Energy Enhances The Hope Of Virtues Even Now (#3)

Bad Eels Eat Toast Heated Over Very Excellent Nuts (#2)

#### **Handel**

Hand Alfredo Noodles Down Evergreen Lane (#3)

Happy Animals Need Deoderant Every Leap Year (#2)

#### **Mozart**

Mostly Organized Zombies Arranged Rather Thrillingly (*Anonymous*) Monkey Overturned Zebra At Race Track (#2)

#### Strauss

Saucy Telepathic Rhinos Are Unnecessary Stupid Species (#3)

Sour Tigers Roar At Unicorns Singing Saucily (#2)

# Camper Takes Love of Music Home With Her

Bessie Scheffel of Pryor, Oklahoma was a little bit reluctant to send her daughter Jessica to Choral Camp last year. "It's 800 miles away!" she said. She was worried that Jessica might get homesick.

She didn't. Instead, Jessica, now 11 and in her second year of Choral Camp, returned home with a new sense of excitement about music.

Jessica had been in music class and taking piano lessons, explained Bessie, but it was more a matter of duty. She heard a lot of "practice, practice, practice!" from her teachers.

Choral Camp was different. "It was formal, but yet they made it fun," said Bessie. Jessica took what she learned at Choral Camp back to school with her. "And she just loved music in school."

Her music teacher noticed it, said Bessie, and her grades in music were excellent. "As a mother, I feel like it happened from here [Choral Camp]."

Jessica herself doesn't make a big deal out of it. When pressed, the modest camper admitted, "I seemed to get better in music." —Vicki Sairs, Lifestyles



## **Caption This Photo!**



Nearly a dozen captions were submitted for this image captured during Capture the Flag on Monday evening. With thanks to all who participated, the *Record* pronounces Caleb Schrock-Shenk and Angela Mayzsak the winners with this entry: "Mommy! Mommy! Look what I found! Can we keep him?"

Joel Bender and Ericka Byler are also winners for being such good sports about this fun photo.



# ROOM INSPECTIONS

#### **Best room on each hall:**

**Handel** – #12 (Ericka Byler, Meghan Hamilton, Natalie Myer, Rebecca Shirey)

**Bach** – #6 (Jason Martin, Todd Ropp, Alex Shrock, Jensen Shrock)

Beethoven – #4 & #7 (Josiah Barkdoll, Michael Gingerich, Justin Maloney, Gabe Moore, Isaac Moore, Simeon Moore, Hamilton Schlabach, Brock Yutzy) **Mozart** – #8 (Sarah Peterson, Elizabeth Ritz, Karina Yoder, Ashley Zook)

**Strauss** – #6 (Erin Chisenhall, Laura van Kampen, Heather Kurtz, Caitie Yoder)

#### **Best Hall**

Mozart (Again!)

<u>Least Best Hall</u> Strauss