

Friday's Forecast



High – 84°F
Low – 61°F
A morning thunderstorm



"The baritone call of the bullfrog is so deep and resonant, it resembles the mooing of a cow, hence its name." (nationalgeographic.com)



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Zeegle the Eagle flies again—right over Choral Camp!

ROSEDALE, Ohio -- Look! Up in the air! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Zeegle the Eagle!

When Rosedale Bible College president Dan Ziegler told Choral Campers about his childhood adventures on a bike ramp, he said he liked to think of himself as Zeegle the Eagle—someone who could more or less fly.

Of course, it didn't work out that way. "For the moments I was in the air, it felt wonderful," reminisced Dan. "But when I landed, it didn't feel so good." That's because he landed upside down, right in front of his friends Jack, Victor, and Joey, who had tried to stop him.

Old dreams die hard, though, so it should come as no surprise that Dan gave flying another shot. Yesterday afternoon, he took off from a nearby cornfield, and the rest is history. Had they looked up at just the right time, campers would have seen Dan's happy face hovering over Choral Camp, if only for a few minutes.

"I always knew I had it within me," he said, smiling. "Sometimes it's just a matter of spreading your wings and taking off." A little bit of age and experience has only deepened his appreciation for flight, he added.

His wife Wendy was waiting for him on the ground. "I think she was hoping for a soft landing," said Dan. Wendy said she wasn't worried at all. "I fully trusted in his grand abilities. As his wife, I felt a deep sense of admiration. I was impressed with him finally reaching his life's goal."

Not everyone had such a positive reaction. Music Director Ken Miller shook both his heads and said, "It makes me feel inferior. I'm stuck to the ground." He sighed. "Gravity is such a heavy thing." To explain, he quoted a favorite song: "You know, a man gets tied down to the ground, he gives the world its saddest sound. Its saddest sound, its saddest sound . . ." His voice(s) trailed off into silence.

Sheep — are we really like them???

We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. ~Psalm 95:7b

Camp pastor Conrad Showalter has talked a lot about sheep this week.

"We've been looking at Jesus as the Good Shepherd in John 10," he says. Campers have been learning about knowing and listening to the Shepherd's voice.

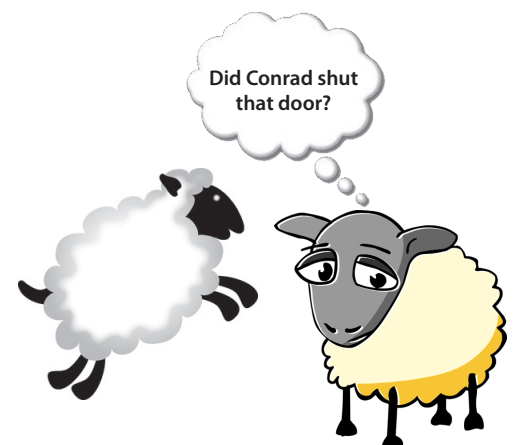
They've also heard about how important the gate to the sheep pen is. If the gate isn't secure, the sheep aren't safe from their enemies.

Conrad uses the sad loss of many of his chickens (13 out of 18!) to a family of hungry raccoons to explain why the door needs to be strong. "My chicken door did not keep out the raccoons," he says.

He tells campers that Jesus is a secure door. "No one can snatch the sheep out of his hand," says Conrad.

A fun fact about sheep: President Woodrow Wilson grazed sheep on the White House lawn.

(Angela McKenzie-Jakes, "102 Fun Facts About Sheep")





A place of healing

Choral Campers traveled to the Land of Eire with Lynette Showalter in culture class this week, learning about soda bread, Irish jigs, St. Patrick, and all manner of Irish blessings: blessings for new babies, blessings for tea time, blessings for the home, blessings for the journey!

We spoke with Lynette about why she loves Ireland so much. She's been there four times; her son Jeremy lives in Dublin with his wife Pa'lee and their children, Shiloh, 5, Saffron, 3, and David Skye, who was just born.

Lynette says she's found Ireland to be a healing place. "It's so pastoral, and everything is growing. It's lush, it's pretty, and it has beautiful coastal areas."

So much appealed to her, including the music. "Some of the haunting melodies touched the pain in me," she says. And she loved the people. "The majority of the people were just so friendly and I felt such a welcome." They were very interested in her and why she was there, and they loved that her last visit was because of her new grandchild. "It's so beautiful that you're here for a new baby!" they'd say.

The story of St. Patrick moved her as well. "I find something so profound about someone who was a slave for six years going back to the place where he was a slave." She loves being able to see how his choice to do that changed the history of Ireland.

So campers, take a little piece of the Emerald Isle home with you in your hearts, and may you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door!



Joke of the day

Q. What makes pirates such good singers?

A. They can hit the high Cs!



Thursday Room Awards

Best of Bach (7- good job!): Room 12

Seth Hershberger, Colin Bontrager,
Ethan Bontrager

Beethoven's Fifth (6): Room 8

Cooper Vaterlaus, Simeon Moore, Blake
Schwartz, Kendall Yoder

Handel's Messiah (8): Room 12

Bethany Zerkle, Alia Probst,
Lauren Hertzler

Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (7): Rm. 9

Anna Zerkle, Elsa Hobbs, Diane Mast,
Kayli Keim

Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz (7): Room 5

Kiersten Schwartz, Emily Hertzler,
Sabrina Slabaugh, Delaney Yutzky

A new poll reveals that 97% of campers think we should do a counselor hunt next year. (Felicity Ropp & Karissa Brenneman)

FRIDAY'S MENU

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs & sausage, cereal, milk, juice, LOs.



Lunch: Sloppy Joe sandwiches, corn, fruit cocktail, punch, LOs.

Recitation!

7:30	Wake Up
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Session XVIII
	Y.O.R-Choose-a-Spot
	G.B.B.-Class
10:00	Chapel
10:30	Rehearsal
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Rehearsal
1:15	Dorm Time
2:00	Recitation/Reception