



A gathering of eagles is called a convocation.



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### Shocking! Unbelievable! Without precedent! Choral Camp coordinator breaks tradition

ROSEDALE, Ohio -- In an extraordinary reversal of Choral Camp policy, Bethany Barkdoll hit the tarp on Tuesday afternoon and became the first Camp Coordinator ever to mingle with the masses in the notorious Choral Camp Cream.

Asked to explain her decision to fly in the face of decorum, common sense, and all things reasonable, she said, "Because I feel like it's important to be involved in every aspect of camp, so I can get the full Choral Camp experience."

She added, somewhat wistfully, "Besides, I didn't do it last year, and I kind of miss it."

Previous coordinators have chosen not to participate, using the excuse that they would have to "look professional" if they had to take a camper to the hospital.

Bethany thought of that and designated administrative intern Allison Gingerich as the go-to person for hospital trips.

The indomitable camp leader denied rumors that she did this as an effort to express solidarity with the masses.

"I am not a communist," she said, wiping shaving cream out of her eyes.

Not everyone was pleased with her actions. "It's a decision she will live to regret," said Ken Miller, music director. "What if we have to take *her* to the hospital?"

Ken, normally not such a grumpy guy, had other concerns. "What's next? Who'll run Super Games if she decides to join in that?"

He shook his head. "It's a slippery slope," he said. "The next thing you know, I'm going to have to be telling her to go to bed and stop talking."

Ken wandered off, muttering to himself. "Although, if I *did* get her out of the way . . .."



Above: Bethany emerges undaunted, as always. Below, step by step into Choral Camp history: 1. Bethany says, "Bring it on, Campers!" 2. Yikes! They do! 3. Massive pile-up on the tarp. We can't even see our brave leader! 4. You can't keep a good Camp Coordinator down.



#### Flagging trains, finding knees and other life lessons from the Camp Hoedown

#### By Alexander Martin

Yee-haw! Choral Camp's second ever Hayridin' Hoedown swung into being Tuesday night with a "yippie-kye-yi-yay" · and a "howdy do." Choral Campers ventured by haywagon to a secret location for an evening of singing and relaxation.

Cowboy Dan and the band The Pea Pickers provided live music for the Hoedown. These talented artists were on their way home from a concert in the Balkans when they ran into culture aficionado and teacher Deborah Showalter, who was bringing back Choral Camp's mascot, Shqiponyë. The band eagerly promised to stop by Rosedale for a benefit hoedown.

True to the camp's educational spirit, several of the songs Dan and The Pea

#### WEDNESDAY'S MENU



**Breakfast**: Pancakes, sausage patties, cereal, milk, juice.

**Lunch**: Taco salad, corn, pears, Buckeye cake.

**Supper**: Ham/turkey/ PB&J sandwiches, Cheese Puffs, grapes, cookies, Capri Sun.



Pickers sang imparted invaluable wisdom to campers. This advice included:

- How to flag down a train with two red shirts
- Why not to stick a bean in your ear
- Where to find the most beautiful knee in the world (Answer: on the leg of a fly on the feather of a bird in the nest on a twig of a branch of a tree in a hole in the ground).
- What happens in Nebraska during hog-callin' season

These life lessons will surely be of upmost importance in the lives of our young campers.

President Dan (no relation to Cowboy Dan) was pleased with last night's Hoedown. "We were fortunate not to have any fire-breathing dragons or rain-gorged thunderstorms," he said. "It is our hope that the Hoedown will become a staple of Choral Camp for many years to come."

**Dinner- Pack-a-Picnic** 

G.B.B-Choose-a-Spot

**Y.O.R.**-Running Games

**G.B.B-Running Games** 

Y.O.R.-Hall Party (& snack)

G.B.B.-Hall Party (& snack)

G.B.B.-Class-Library

Y.O.R-Campfire

Y.O.R-Quiet Time

Y.O.R.-Lights Out

10:30 G.B.B-Lights Out

G.B.B.-Quiet Time

**CLAP Classes** 

Session XIII:

Y.O.R-Class

Session XIV:

When we pointed out that the Choral Camp office already has plenty of staples, Dan declined to comment.



#### **OVERHEARD!**



"Everything's boring without the counselors." ~Little red-headed camper.

#### Tuesday Room Awards

Nurses rate each hall on a scale of 1 (terrible!) to 10 (fabulous!), based on overall appearance; they also pick the best rooms. **Best room awards go to:** 

- Best of Bach (6): Room 3 Caleb Eicher, Elijah Gingerich, Ethan Hostetler, Wesley Miller Beethoven's Fifth (6): Room 6
- Danny Peterson, Josh Hershberger, Andy Benderoth
- Handel's Messiah (8): Room 3 Abigail Miller, Miriam Stoltzfus, Charity Zerkle, Deborah Zerkle, Mary Peterson
- Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (8): Rm. 4 Danae McGaffey, Jalisa Schrock, Bethany Zerkle

**Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz (8): Room 5** Emily Steiner, Jenalyn Miller, Selena Gerlach, Maria Stoltzfus

## Get Wet! great race! Party!

4:45

6:15

6:45

7:45

8:15

8:45

9:30

10:00

WEDNESDAY

7:30	Wake Up
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Choir
9:30	Chapel
10:00	Session XI:
	Yellow, Orange, Red–Class
	Green, Blue, Black–Get Wet
11:00	Session XII:
	Y.O.R.–Get Wet
	G.B.B-Class
12:00	Lunch
1:15	CLAP Classes-Last 15 min.,
	recorder classes play for e. o.
2:00	Great Race
3:30	Choir-Library
4:00	The Big Show