

Friday's Forecast



High – 90°F
Low – 72°F
Hot, humid, some clouds



Golden eagles can get to be 15 to 20 years old—some even live to be 30!



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Mirëdita!* (Greetings!)

Campers learn about Balkan cultures and the Roma people

Campers walked into Culture Class this week, never knowing what they might see—or smell—or taste. Olives? Strong coffee? Onions sautéed with green peppers?

Deborah Showalter and her assistant, Hannah Zimmerman, immersed their classes in the colors, flavors and sounds of the Balkans this week, taking them on a whirlwind tour of Bosnia, Serbia, Romania, Croatia, Kosovo, Bulgaria, and Albania, with a little bit of Greece thrown in for good measure. Hannah lived in Albania for six years and returned to study their this spring.

They also talked to campers about the Roma people, who travel through these countries (campers learned that in some places, calling the Roma gypsies can be offensive).

class spent time listening to music (accordion, clarinet, violin, and wind instruments) and also discussing how these instruments are used in church services.

Campers learned that musical expression is different in the three main religions of the area. Instruments are not used to accompanying singing in the Orthodox Church; in the Catholic Church, you might hear an organ; for Islam, students heard a call to prayer.

Deborah and Hannah spent some time talking about recent wars in the Balkans and how that has affected people. Hannah explains that they've suffered so much, yet they are still so warm. "They've been told so many things over the years [during the war and under Communism] that they're inclined to say, 'Okay, that's good for you, but we're going to stay with



Hannah (front) and Deborah. Hannah's wearing a Bulgarian outfit, and Deborah is wearing a Bosnian outfit.



Deborah and Hannah stressed how warm the peoples of this part of the world are, demonstrating how they greet each other (cheek touching cheek, kissing, and, with children, sometimes pinching the cheek!). Campers ate foods they might be served if they visited people in their homes, and they practiced dances they might do with their Balkan hosts.

All that dancing requires music, so the

our beliefs."

Nevertheless, some of the Roma people have been open to the Gospel. Theirs is a hard lot in some ways; they're caught in a cycle of racism, says Hannah. "There are different kinds of Roma; some are rich, some are poor. But they have no homeland, and when they travel, they are not accepted."

Campers spend one class in a quickly

constructed Roma camp, and they finish the class by breaking into small groups to pray for the Roma people.

Hannah finds these prayers moving. "They pray, 'Lord, please help them not to have to dig through the trash for their food,' or 'Please help them find unopened food.'" They pray for doors of opportunity to open for the Roma.

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CREATURE ATTACKS CAMP

Campers saved by brave, yet screaming, counselors



By Tybie Brenneman

This week at Choral Camp, while the campers were learning their songs in choir, a ferocious beast trespassed on camp grounds.

Counselors caught sight of the creepy-crawly and were quite startled. Jared Yoder and Scott Brenneman were the first to respond. Witnesses say they saw Jared and Scott running from the scene “practicing their operatic tones.”

Counselor Tim Yoder was also at the scene and soon determined that the beast was a caterpillar, an American Dagger Moth caterpillar, to be exact. Although it looked more like Dagger Mouth to Tim.

No, it was no ordinary caterpillar. Tim approached the suspicious-looking creature. This large insect—named Sheldon Jones III, as we later learned—had long, spikey, neon-green hair and 100 or more black legs on his long, green body.

Tim tells *The Record* that it wasn't until Sheldon Jones III caught sight of him that he noticed the long, black spikes coming from Sheldon's head. And even brave Tim ran away, practicing those operatic tones.

Just about that time, hard-working crew member Kendall Yoder courageously decided to check the situation out for himself. He was also “struck with fear,” he says.

When asked how he got the nerve up to approach the beast, he went on at some length about “the importance of

the campers' safety.”

Kendall approached the creature from behind and tickled it until it curled into a ball and fell asleep. Then Kendall “Monster-Slayer (or Tickler)” Yoder removed Sheldon from the area so that he wouldn't bother any campers or scare any more counselors.

Lilli Doll and other campers tell us they “are very glad we have the brave crew members to keep us safe.”



The dreaded Skull caterpillar

Thursday Room Awards

Best of Bach: A tie between two rooms with a perfect 10!!! Well done, guys.

Room 6: Joshua Brobst, Nathan Christophel, Ryan Bender, Chase Bender

Room 8: Jackson Gehman, Drew Hartzler, Marcus Peachey, Dawson Yoder, Conrad Yoder

Beethoven's Fifth (8): Room 8
Aaron nazelrod, Andy Gingerich, Grayson Abend

[Nurses' note: Room 6 was really close! Hard to decide!! Gave it a 7.]

Handel's Messiah (9): Room 10
Liana Kauffman, Kate Petersheim, Paige Krueger, Katie Krueger

Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (9): Rm. 7
Emily Brobst, Katherine Pennell, Renae Byler, Jewel Byler

Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz (9): Room 5
Emily Steiner, Jenalyn Miller, Selena Gerlach, Maria Stoltzfus

[The nurses said they could really see that campers were making an effort.]



FUN FACT!

In the Renaissance, it was fashionable to shave one's eyebrows off. Ellen kindly demonstrates this look for us.

FRIDAY'S MENU

Breakfast: Coffee cake, hard-boiled eggs, cereal, milk, juice, LOs.



Lunch: Shredded chicken sandwich, green beans, Mandarin oranges, 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