

Friday's Forecast



High—96°F

Low—75°F

Hot, hot, hot, hot, hot!



The Andean condor is a national symbol of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.



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LONG-LOST BROTHERS REUNITED AT CAMP

By Emily Hertzler

"I never knew my brother," recounts Mozart Hall's mascot, Pascal. "Not even his first name, though I knew that it started with a K."

Pascal was all alone, with no family, when Choral Camp counselor Emily Hertzler adopted him from Disney World five years ago.

Last week Pascal made the thrilling pilgrimage from Amelia, Virginia, to Rosedale Bible College. "I never could have fathomed the adventure that awaited me here," Pascal exclaimed.

At camp, the girls of Mozart Hall were quick to take Pascal in and give him a middle name, bringing the chameleon to tears. "I felt so blessed," said the newly named Pascal Kirk.



The family resemblance is undeniable.

As the week went by, the little green mascot heard much about his namesake, Camp Director Kirk Kauffman; he couldn't wait to meet Choral Camp's fearless leader.

It was Thursday before Pascal finally got to meet Kirk. As soon as the two locked eyes, they couldn't deny the connection

they felt. "I knew without a doubt that he is my brother," Pascal said.

In an exclusive interview, Kirk described meeting Pascal as an "extremely emotional event," and asked that everyone respect his and Pascal's privacy through this time as they get to know one another.

Emily couldn't be more thrilled for Pascal. "He's always wanted to know his brother, but we never dreamed he would meet him here at Choral Camp!"

Mayah Kauffman, however, is very suspicious. "I'm so confused!" she said. "I mean, he's a chameleon!"

Nevertheless, Pascal and Kirk are excited to get to know each other more. While Pascal has decided to continue living in Virginia, he and Kirk look forward to writing letters, having weekly video chats, and spending holidays together as a family.

Guut auvit! ¡Bien hecho! Bon travail!

The Record is delighted to report that some of our campers, crew and counselors have a secret power: they speak more than one language!

How cool is that? Very cool. "I like learning languages," says Sophia Kauffman, 8. Her parents speak Spanish and she and her sister Mayah, 10, attend a French immersion school in Columbus. Mayah says when they visited their grandparents in Spain, her grandma would test her with sentences in Spanish to see if she understood.

Crew member Marcus and counselor Gaby Peachey's parents went further than that. Mom and Dad wanted the kids to grow up speaking English and Spanish, so when they were little, it was all Spanish all the time at home.

How did that go? Pretty well, since they're both bilingual today. When they were little, explained, Marcus, they wore clothespins on their shirts. Every time they spoke in English, they lost a clothespin. Their parents kept track and they won prizes based on how many clothespins they had after a certain time.

His family travels a lot in Spanish-speaking countries and is now living in Ecuador. "It's really cool to know you can understand most people," he said.

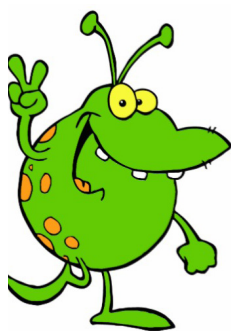
Gaby says she fought it for a while, because Marcus's accent was better than hers at first. But now she says she's glad her parents pushed Spanish: "I'm so thankful they did that."

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Top, front, l. to r.: Ismael & Dayana Ramos, Lucía & Pablo Guardia Pérez, Malia Bucher & Mayah Kauffman. Rear: Patrick Shenk.

Bottom: Those with ability/interest in other languages.



Rumor has it that an alien took over the job of delivering *The Record*, and Bach Hall got their papers late! On the left is an artist's sketch, based on witnesses' descriptions. If you see this guy, ask him to stop. Nicely, of course.

GOOD JOB (CONTINUED FROM P.1)

Marcus says that he and Gaby speak English with each other "unless we're trying to impress somebody!"

Alethia Diener, 12, says her parents lived in Bogotá, Colombia, for three years before she was born, and she loves learning and speaking Spanish. She went on a mission trip to a church in Texas that had connections with a Mexican church just across the border and enjoyed using Spanish when they were there.

Patrick Shenk, 12, says Pennsylvania Dutch is his first language. "All my siblings speak it," he said (and that's nine kids!). "We barely speak English at home," he said. It's clear he loves speaking Dutch; when someone at the table talked about understanding Chinese, he quickly said "That's really good!" Only he said it in Dutch (which is tricky to write).

Dayana Ramos, 9, didn't know any English when she went to kindergarten. "The teacher said, 'Hi, how are you?' and I didn't know what she was saying." Her mom had her transferred to PreK, and she learned English in a matter of months, she said. Now, during game time at school, she likes to conduct classes in Spanish for some of her classmates!

Pablo and Lucía Guardia Pérez, 10, both spoke Spanish until they went to pre-school. "It was kind of weird," says Lucía. "One kid made fun of me, and I didn't know how to tell the teacher." That was hard, but after a week or so, she started learning to speak English.

Ismael Ramos, Dayana's brother, is 11, and likes speaking Spanish because "you can talk to people who are kind of like you." He likes making friends with English and Spanish speakers; knowing Spanish opens those doors for him.

The Record apologizes to anyone we missed, and the editor especially wants to encourage all campers to learn not just one, but two or three or four or more languages!



Thursday Room Awards

Best room awards:

Beethoven's Fifth: Room 3
David Schrock, Trevor Graber
Patrick Shenk

Best of Bach: Room 3
Micah Diener, James Mast
Robby Burris, Bode Stauffer

Handel's Messiah: Room 9

Arwen Troyer, Miriam Diener
Chloe Doutrich, Tiffany Petersheim

Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik: Room 9

Brooke Graber, Lulu Wilson
Alexia Petersheim, Molly Krummery
Ja-nya Konneh

Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz: Room 5 (Most improved)

Josie Nelson, Brooklyn Bowman
Esther Moore, Chloe Stutzman
Jasmine Stutzman



FRIDAY'S MENU

Breakfast: Baked oatmeal, hardboiled eggs, mixed fruit, cereal, milk, juice.

Lunch: BBQ meatballs, rolls, chips, CA vegetables, peaches.

3 pm reception: Punch and cake.

Recitation!

7:30	Wake Up
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Session XVIII
	YOR—Choose-a-Spot
	GBB—Class, Library
10:00	Chapel
10:30	Rehearsal
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Rehearsal
1:15	Dorm Time
2:00	Recitation/Reception