

# A Look Inside the Senior Hike...

The senior hike for me was a difficult but rewarding experience. It brought me extremely close to my fellow seniors. It was a memorable moment when we reached the summit of Mt. Rodgers, the highest point in Virginia. Walking up the rocks, and going up and down multiple mountains for 9 miles was painful - but the whole group was doing the same thing, so we understood each other and got through it together! We also got close the last night of the trip. When it was time to sleep, we all took our sleeping bags and laid together in a big pile, laying our heads on one another and “stargazing.” We told silly and scary stories to each other until we fell asleep in that pile. We got woken up at 3 am by Diego, one of the RAs on the trip, because we’d get “hypothermia” if we stayed out there (his words, not mine). The senior hike is an experience I don’t think any of us will ever forget.

- Taylor, senior climber



# Under the Sea: JL Presents The Little Mermaid

This years’ play is going to be amazing. We are doing The Little Mermaid which is a great production because it has tons of parts. Because of this, lots of the climbers were able to be casted in the play. The show is also a musical, and it is so fun singing and dancing. However, the acting is the best part. Ms. Nicole and the climbers have been working so hard and we know it will be an amazing show.

- McKenzie, senior climber

# Changing Seasons

Winter Snowy, white Falling, snowing, freezing A beautiful white blanket Time-out  Snow blankets the earth Animals go into a peaceful slumber Trees are bare and thin The sun shines a brilliant white tint overall It is winter  Spring Sunny, noisy Blooming, melting, growing New life is born Eastertide  Blossoms burst with aroma and color New life is born Snow is melting, watering the plants and making them grow It is spring  Summer Warm, sunny Heating, swimming, resting Hot sun beating down, pushing people towards the water Dog days	The sun’s harmful rays beat down on the earth The greenery is thriving and lush Brids and bees are flying about It is summer  Fall Chilly, rustic Falling, blowing, changing Golden, brown, red array of leaves Autumn  Leaves detach and descend The strong fragrance of pumpkin and spices are in the air Brown, red, gold, yellow, and orange appears The wind blows and the temperature drops It is fall  Change Different, new transitioning , changing, differing From old to new and new to newer Modify  Forever changing...
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- Tehera, sophomore climber

# The Ladder Lowdown

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Below are shots from our field trip “in reverse” when Studio Two Three came and helped climbers screen print a Jacob’s Ladder design on tote bags. A big “thank you” goes to Ms. Monroe, one of the Jacob’s Ladder board members, who helped bring Studio Two Three to us! She is pictured in the bottom right picture with Ms. Ruffa.



New climbers received their Jacob’s Ladder bibles at a special chapel service.

## Climbers’ Favorite Classes:

“I liked the class Creature Feature. We made a cartoon character and then we painted it. On Friday, we made clay animals. Ms. Jones’ class was very fun.  
- Andrew, sophomore climber

“Although all of my classes were great, I would have to say my favorite was Ms. Zeilinger’s class, which was titled “Cartonera Creations.” This class was my favorite because I could show my creative side and my smart side. The books we made are going to be given to students who need them. This was my favorite class.”  
- Shanya, new climber

## JL Seniors See West Side Story



On the 14th of July, the senior class went to see a play titled “West Side Story.” This play was very exciting and kept everyone on the edge of their seats. It had some turnarounds and really big scenes that were thrilling! We watched how practice obviously made things close to perfect and we watched how nicely ran the scenes were. The play was like a big puzzle and the actors definitely put it together. We were really grateful for this amazing opportunity, it changed our views, and pushed us to work harder on our plays, thanks to Virginia Repertory Theatre, because practice gets you close to perfection.

- Shyanne, senior climber

## Giving Back by Gleaning...

During our first weekend at Jacob’s Ladder we went to a huge field of corn to go gleaning in Kilmarnock. The corn that we gleaned was left over from the harvest, and was given to the Northern Neck Food Bank. The Northern Neck Food Bank is an organization that gets donations of food to give back to the community. They are able to give people in need the corn we gleaned. At first when I started gleaning the corn it was hard, and I got bored easily. Then, I learned the technique to twist and pull the corn husks really fast off the stalks. So, I started to do that and it became really fun. Once I finished picking a whole row of corn, my friends saw me and they told me to try some corn and it was really delicious! I later found out that we had picked a few thousand pounds of corn in two hours. I really liked this experience because it is something that I probably would never have done back at home. I am very glad that I gleaned corn.

- Kiersten, junior climber



Students sold Anthem lemonade during Famliy Day.

