

Senior Hike Memories

On Day 1, we spent a wonderful car ride to Mrs. Hemp's house in Staunton for lunch. Afterwards, we finally reached West Virginia's National Radio Quiet Zone. The end of the day greeted us with a thunderstorm, fortunately after we set up tents. Day 2 was spent taking a morning hike to Green Bank Observatory. We had a splendid time at the observatory going on a tour and seeing the exhibits. We made the trip to Seneca Rocks on Day 3. Wils Vosteen, a JL alum, also hiked with us. Luckily we didn't eat anything poisonous on the "Edible Wild Foods" hike. Nighttime came and we split into



two groups to see stars, galaxies, nebulas, and planets through telescopes, thanks to Starquest. On the last day of the trip, we woke up and drove over to a cute little town with a steam locomotive. Since the RAs who were with us (Diego, Lauren, and Micaiah) love us so dearly, they all treated us to ice cream afterwards. After returning to the campground, we relaxed before heading to the Vosteen's for a cookout and goodbyes. We had a wonderful time spending our last night together eating, sharing memories, taking pictures, throwing frisbees, and having fun. When we finally cooled down, we settled in for devotions by the fire under the stars. It was a trip that all of us will always remember.

- Ashley, Senior Climber



Gleaning and Giving Back

When I learned that we were able to glean corn, I was ecstatic because it was my first time. I love corn, and as a matter of fact I ate many ears of corn during our gleaning trip. Despite the blazing hot weather it was really fun! We worked hard and in the end it was worth it. The corn we picked is going to people in need. After I went gleaning, my perspective changed. - Dominick, New Climber

JL Presents "Annie" the Musical



As a New Climber, Sophomore, and even as a Junior, I used to look at the Seniors doing the musical, especially those in the lead role and think, "Wow. They are so far above me. I wish I could do something that great!" Then, in my senior year, we were doing the musical Annie, and Miss Nicole announced that I got the lead role. I almost cried! Working on this musical was such a pleasure. Every song was amazing and well-choreographed, each scene was an adventure, and everyone got a line, too! We all worked so hard, and I could not have asked for a better final JL performance.

- Serenity, Senior Climber

Anthem LemonAid Stand is a Success!

Anthem LemonAid Stand is one of Jacob's Ladder's many service projects. Every year, we have the lemonade stand at Family Day and the JL Musical to raise money for children who suffer from cancer. In preparation for the stand, we created posters and baked cookies to go along with the lemonade. It is important because we must learn to give back and help those in need. We ended up raising over \$250!

- Ivan, Senior Climber



Seniors Visit Richmond to Watch "The Wiz"



On Saturday, July 6th, the Senior Class went to see "The Wiz" at the Virginia Repertory Theatre in Richmond, VA. The play was very thrilling! The actors were bold and powerful which kept not only me, but the rest of us unable to look away. The actress who played the main character, Dorothy, had a powerful, yet soft voice. She was loud without having to yell. The plot of "The Wiz" is the same as the plot of the Wizard of Oz, except the cast is all people of color which was inspiring!

- Kiersten, Senior Climber

Climbers See 'Pompeii' Exhibit

We traveled to Richmond for an exclusive visit to see the new Pompeii exhibit at the Science Museum of Virginia! It was very interactive and fun. We also enjoyed going to the Dome for the IMAX movie that surrounds you from all angles. The movie we watched was about Volcanoes, and it mentioned things about Pompeii. While we were in the exhibit, we saw many artifacts and read a lot of facts about Pompeii! In all, we really enjoyed the trip. - Gracie, Junior Climber



Challenge Discovery Visits Camp

We had a fun afternoon of team-building and leadership activities for all of our Climbers with the staff from Challenge Discovery!



Class Spotlights

My favorite class was Video Game Design with Ms. Wilkins because it was a new experience, and it was really interesting! - Kevin, Junior Climber

I liked the Metamorphosis class with Ms. Brindley because it lets me express myself. It showed me a lot of details, and we got to make our own sketchbook covers. - Shanya, Sophomore Climber

Crazy World of Coding was my favorite class because we got to program the Spheros. We designed the paths on scratch.com and used it on code.org/ for results. - Andrew, Junior Climber