

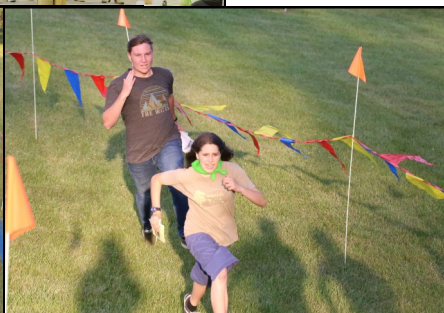
THE RIVERBOAT REPORTER

SKOOKUMCHUCK
RIVER BASIN

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Great Battle Commences on the Skookumchuck River over Valuable Cargo

It was a very different Monday, from th' start. The sky flashed an' roared in a storm that would make most sailors quake. At approximately 5:00am, many young seamen and sleepywomen assembled drowsily. Josh and Anna Rush, who boldly overslept (gasp!) scurried to join the two large crews of roustabouts as they reported for a great week-long challenge. The sailors made their way towards Camp Peniel near Fredericktown, Ohio — otherwise known as the **Skookumchuck River Basin** — where over 70 teens found their stateroom for the week and saluted their "First Mates", or cabin counselors. First in order at the Skookumchuck, everyone was refreshed by the Galley Gang's scrumptious Boat Buffet. The Green River Runners and Blue Super Steamers began a weeklong battle by sorting all sorts of clutter in Organizing the Freight, trying to be the first gang of swashbuckling' steamboateers to land some cargo (even if a river otter miscounted some cards, but not naming any names.) The sailors still worked hard to prove which team is worthy of a coveted contract from the Great Freight Shipping Company. Time can only tell who will claim the coveted title: "King of the River."



Preacher's Passage

Pastor Tim Richmond introduced our week by leading us into Isaiah 55:1-3. We are the needy who are called to come, thirsty and bankrupt. We are offered what is good, soul-satisfying abundance: an offer for God Himself, an offer of life. Instead of shock at our desires, we can ask for a heart that seeks God.

Popular Passengers

Dr. Dan reports that his passengers Ezra Newton and Michael Jones got thirty-two 18-wheelers to honk at them on their leg of the trip to the river. But when they swapped seats with Israel Warren and Kyle Moffitt, they logged only 3 honks. Let's be extra kind to these lonely pals.

In other news...

Josiah Kan brought a mini suitcase to camp; (with only a knapsack to complete his luggage); and it is TBD whether his cabinmates believe that is sufficient packing. Isaiah Heimann could show him how to pack amply, in his crate-sized tacklebox that could contain a Josiah.

Skookumchuck

Weather: **62°**
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It'll be "the chilly rain soaker we talk about for years to come." (maybe.)



There's a Run on Fish at th' River

The Reporter doesn't have enough room to name the fishermen who arrived at camp; be aware that the docks may have a weight limit, good fellows. Jerry and Micah Quattlebaum may be vying against FBI Dad Benson for most fish caught this week. Boys, he has a head start!



What was the memorable moment of your bus trip?

Noah Beachell: Games. Like Rook. But I didn't win.

Ien Santiago: um? Ummm. Um. Umm. Rook. Is this for the newspaper?

Eddy Labadorf: I found fossils!

FBI P.R. watching Maggie West and Anna Knipe teaching card game Taco/Cat/Goat/Cheese/Pizza; "Next time, try Rook."

Bus Driver/Galley Gang Kirk Matthia: I set a new trip record, legally!

The Elephant (not) in the Room

It has come to light that the River Runners' Rope Riggers, in cahoots with First Mates Meg Rush and Jocelyn Brazeal, found a dead mouse in their trash can, named him "Pipsqueak" and left him there for a less-than-honorable burial by TRASH, not sea. Really, ladies, very off-theme. But shall we mention the extra drama brought to camp by the Super Steamers' Lifesaver Ladies? Don't you let "quiet" First Mates Anne Marie Frederick or Priscilla Smith fool you. They stood by, grinning, while their ENTIRE CABIN locked themselves out of their stateroom BEFORE arriving to th' Skookumchuck. Now there have been some publicity stunts at camp over the years, dear reader, but for an entire gaggle of girls and alllll of their luggage to require two top FBI law officials to help them break into their lodging within the first minutes of arrival is unspeakable. Luckily, Officer Rodgers had personally raised camper Addie who was available to be shoved through a window and rescue her group. Settle it down, girls. The FBI doesn't take too kindly to drama.

