

## And So It Begins . . .

We heard tell of a kinfolk gatherin' early yesterday morning, the likes of which hain't been seen in a very long time. One hundred young folks and forty staff set off from Greenville between Friday and Monday mornings, making the long drive to Camp Peniel in Ohio.

The Monday morning crew got up early in anticipation of their 5:30 a.m. scheduled departure. The anticipation built . . . and built . . . and built until Uncle Andrew Threlfall decided to finally join the kinfolk. We are thankful for a safe trip and the (eventual) arrival of all.

Our reporters discovered the following about the day:

### Preaching Report

In the Monday evening service, Mr. Eric True laid the foundation for the week's theme: Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord (Eph. 5:10). Mr. True asked, "What is it that really excites you?" He emphasized that it is necessary to determine those things that we are earnestly pursuing, but that the most important question is, "What is it that is exciting to God?" Our arrow—our inner direction—should mirror God's interests and desires.



### What did you forget to pack?

David Schaedel: "Ask the girls. They'd know what they forgot."

Anna Vincent: "Sunglasses."

### Favorite moment of the trip?

Patrick Beam: "Uhhh . . ."

Asher Vincent: "Mr. Tompkins missing the turn into the camp twice."

Maria Largent: "When the DVD player broke right before my initiation DVD."

### What time did you get up? (a.m.!)

Zach Bundy & Lucas Walker: 3:15

Aunt Kristen Smitley: 2:50

Andrew Fox: 3:30

Uncle Andrew Threlfall: not early.



### Household Chores

In a rousing first competition, the Aunts and Uncles proved that they need to take some "Roach-Stompin'" (balloon-stompin', for you civilized folk) lessons from their camper kinfolk! The Kousins and Hicks also got a little larnin' about "Backwoods Trivia." The coon hounds and Hatfield-McCoy trivia had some of our clans scratchin' their heads! But the "Clan Cleansin'" cleared those heads as Kousins and Hicks faced off with a fast-talkin' water balloon challenge. The Household Chores competition wrapped up with some holler-worthy "Pictionary Paintin'."



We have it on good authority that  
**Ben Rea**  
ate **12** Hostess cake rolls before lunch!