

ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

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MY CAMP STAY

My camp stay started out in 2013. I came to camp with a lot of anger and disrespect toward my mom. The problem was, I was fake. I put on a “I am perfect” picture and spent a lot of my time being fake and not getting to the root problems. It took time and it was hard but I opened up my life and let my group help me. I spent 3—4 sessions getting mad and letting my anger out. Then I took a U-turn and let people help me. My relationship with God was renewed and I decided to rely on God instead of on my own strength. I now encourage people to focus on God in hard times. Also to realize you are going to make mistakes and go through hard times. What matters is we get back up and be able to learn from our mistakes. That is something I am still working on. This is something I hope you can learn from.

Luke—Woodsmen



IT'S FINALLY SNOWING (SIGH)

Of course as lots of people know, we had a brown Christmas, and we were praying for now. Well, I think we prayed to much. I wanted just enough to sled, but not so much. It would take an hour and a half too shovel our chuck-wagon trail. We got two feet in one night and it keeps piling up so tomorrow we will probably have three feet. Its fun to play in it and all, but when you get all wet and have to shovel all of campsite again right after breakfast. You don't finish your wood corral in time for chuck wagon, means you need less snow. By lunch you just ready to be done for the day. Now I'm praying that it will melt at least a foot. Because two feet might be just a dab too much.

Joseph—Pioneers



We will be holding an Informational meeting about camp at the Summitview School Gym (the Old Leacock Elementary School)

3656 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gordonville, PA 17529

on February 15, 2016. Supper is at 6:00 with a presentation following at 6:30.

If you would like to join us for supper, please RSVP to 301.478.5721 by February 9.

Nature Corner - Snowflakes ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️

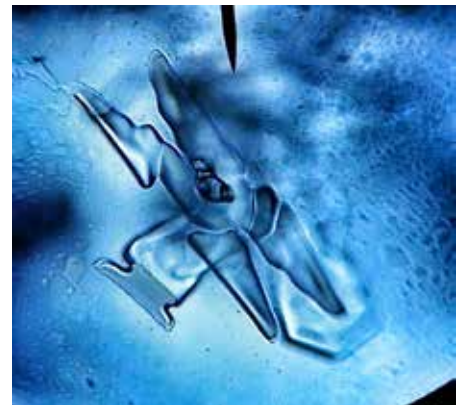
A week and a half ago, a snowstorm dumped about two feet of snow in our area. Suddenly, instead of cutting firewood and playing tag, we were busy shoveling snow and sledding. The number of individual snowflakes needed to create two feet of snowfall over such large area is mind boggling. Even more amazing is the fact that each snowflake has a unique shape!

We got out our microscope and had a closer look at some of these snowflakes. The detail and beauty of an individual snowflake is amazing! I was able to photograph a few of the best examples by holding my camera to the eyepiece of the microscope.

Snowflakes form when supercooled drops of water come in contact with a dust particle, forming an ice crystal. As more drops bump into the crystal, it grows and begins to fall. The crystal forms intricate shapes ranging from needle-like prisms to lace-like plates. The temperature of the atmosphere determines their shape. Colder temperatures create small, sharp needles and warmer temperatures create large intricate plates. One flake might start as a large plate, have some sharp needles added to the edges, and then receive another dose of plates on the end of the needles, resulting in the familiar hexagonal shape in the picture.

Why is every snowflake unique? Each flake follows a different path from the sky to the ground, experiencing a different spectrum of atmospheric conditions on the way, and creating a shape that is unique. Snow is beautiful on different levels: from the dazzling sparkle of a freshly blanketed meadow to the intricate beauty of the flake that lands on the tip of your nose!

Chad Martin - Supervisor



Camp Kindling

... small pieces of camp news and needs

- 🏠 We welcome Antoine Brubaker from Guys Mills, PA. He is serving as a chief in the Mountaineer group.
- 🏠 Welcome to Brian Moser from Spring Grove, PA. He is helping out on Maintenance.
- 🏠 We say farewell to Jeff Mowen this month. He has given two years of his time to make a difference in the lives of the Mountaineer Group.
- 🏠 After a couple years of looking and waiting, Dolyn and Donna Eby recently bought a house close to camp. We are grateful to have them as part of the community.
- 🏠 If you know of a boy and his family who would benefit by being a part of camp, don't hesitate to help us connect with the families who are needing help.
- 🏠 Thanks to the many sewing circles who responded to our need for comforters and other projects. We have been blessed with many warm comforters. God bless you for giving of your time and resources to help keep our boys and their chiefs warm on a cold winter night.