



# ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

*inspiring change through relationship*

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## Problem Solving 3.0 CHOOSE A SOLUTION

Turn the dial two times clockwise past zero and stop at 31, turn dial counter-clockwise past zero and stop at 17, turn dial clockwise twice past zero and stop at 41, open lock.

Problem solving is a multi-step process as alluded to in the two previous installments of this series. The step that I would like to cover in this article is the third step: hence the title Problem Solving 3.0.

The third step of problem solving as we talk about it here at Camp is to choose a solution. The first step of problem solving was to identify the problem and the second step was to talk about possible solutions. In some ways, having the opportunity to choose a solution is the most exciting step of problem solving. It is a liberating step because it exercises the gift of choice.

Problem solving needs to work in every area of life. The type of problem solving that we do at Camp is often centered around relationships. However, there are many other problems that we face every day that pass beneath our radar because they are commonly seen as mundane or normal. Problem solving that involves relationships gets close to the heart and feels personal at times, but to be good at problem solving, is a desirable personal trait. We should be good at solving problems in all areas of life. Having said all that, I want to talk about problem solving in a way that does not just focus on relationships.

So, we have a known problem. We have discussed or named various and sundry solutions. Now we get to choose a solu-

tion. We get to change the course of the future! Let's imagine a little scenario on how to solve a problem between two angry boys, Ralph and Bobby. Ralph had said that Bobby's mom was fat and that she looked like a cow. Was it easy for Bobby to take that off his peer? No way! Bobby liked his mom

even though he had called her worse things than a cow. He lunged at Ralph and tried to punch him, but another boy standing by got in the way and deflected the punch. Ralph stepped away and smiled a bit because he wanted to see Bobby mad and besides he was getting the show "that he had paid for". About this time Chief steps into the fray and puts his arm around Bobby and reprimands Ralph for being so cruel. When Bobby realizes that he has an ally, he calms down a bit, but is still angry at Ralph for the "low blow". As we step away for a moment, let's identify the problem? We have a situation of two wrongs. One boy is being mean and saying cutting things. The other boy is trying to hurt the next to defend his mother's honor. Possible solutions to the problem could be 1. Line Ralph and Bobby up and let them go at it so that they could work out their frustration on each other. 2. The two boys could give each other heartfelt hugs and say they are sorry. 3. We could say that two wrongs make a right and since no one got physically hurt there is no loss. 4. Ralph and Bobby could identify their attitudes and make plans to not let it happen again. 5. We could separate the two boys for a while until they cool off and are not feeling angry towards each other.



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Here's another scenario. You're driving down the road and your car runs out of gas. I hope that there are not too many folks that have had that experience, but I have heard instances of people with a "condition" we might identify as Always Pushing It (API). These individuals tend to gamble (whether they believe gambling is ethical or not) with the inevitable. A person who suffers from API might believe that even though last week he got stranded because he ran out of gas, this week when the gas gauge is at the same place, one-eighth of an inch below empty, he will make it to work. The car is out of gas. That is the problem. Possible solutions could include 1. Walk to the nearest gas station and bum a gas jug off the attendant. 2. Put the car

in neutral and push it down the side of the road. 3. Put a white thing in your car window, and thumb a ride to work. 4. Call your wife, confess to "doing it again", and ask her to help you. 5. Try to start the car until the battery is weak just to see if there might be enough fumes to make it to the station. 6. Give up and sit in the ditch. All these solutions have been tried in the histo-



ry of mankind. The one that is the hardest to do is probably No. 4.

Both scenarios are significant. They both have their own degree of difficulty. They are both problems that demand to be solved. Ralph and Bobby need to love each other in a better way. Your car needs some gas so that you can make it to work and the towing service doesn't tow it away. In each scenario, we have multiple solutions to the problem. Some of the solutions might seem like poor choices, and they might be, but nevertheless they are possible solutions.

At Camp, we solve problems as a group. I don't know if you have a group or not. If you don't, you need to get one. Our first problem, I think, can be solved with more than one of the named solutions working together in tandem. The second problem also has multiple good solutions to solve the issue. The solution you pick will change the future. If Ralph and Bobby are allowed to slug each other at will, the harm done will most likely be detrimental to their relationship. If they are encouraged to make wrongs right and make commitments to love each other, the relationship has hope. If the individual suffering from API tries to push his car, he likely will run out of gas personally and maybe get hit by a passing motorist. If he humbles himself and calls his wife, he might have an opportunity to get help for his condition.

Remember this..... By having the opportunity to pick a solution, you have the privilege to change the future. Don't take this step in problem solving lightly. Make a wise choice and follow through.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6

Andrew Barnhart, Family Worker

## Camp Kindling ... *small pieces of camp news and needs*



- 🏕️ We say farewell to Benji Schlabach this month. He has given two years of his time to make a difference in the lives of the Woodsmen Group.
- 🏕️ We wish God's blessing on Ms. Lorraine Brenneman as she leaves camp on June 8. She has served Camp for 18 years, 12 years at Bald Eagle Boys Camp and 6 years at Allegany Boys Camp. We are grateful for her skillful management of camp's office work and care for hundreds of boys and their families through the years.
- 🏕️ Welcome to Jonathan Smoker from Atglen, PA. He arrived the middle of May, and will be serving as chief in the Woodsmen group.
- 🏕️ We are glad to welcome Ruth Stoltzfus from Millmont, PA. She will be serving as Secretary.
- 🏕️ Continue to pray for the staff at camp. There are a lot of transitions happening over the summer.
- 🏕️ Camp needs an electric 1/2 inch hammer drill.
- 🏕️ Our copier needs to be upgraded. The projected cost is around \$10,000. If you are interested in helping with this project please contact camp.
- 🏕️ We hosted our annual Families Day on Memorial Day. Members from each boys family came to share the day together. We started with campsite tours and group activities, then gathered for some exciting games, an inspirational chapel time, and a BBQ chicken dinner. We had excellent participation and were encouraged to witness strengthening bonds between boys and their families.





# ADVENTURE LEARNING - EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

## YORKTOWN

Well today we went to Yorktown. It was fun. We did a tour. We learned a lot. We got to see where the Americans made their last and final attack before they won the American Revolutionary War. We got to see where the Americans and the British made a line. By a swamp we saw about 30 turtles. We also saw a memorial. We also remembered that after the Revolutionary War there were ships attacking at sea because they did not find out the news about the Revolutionary War being over. We did not have enough time. But I am sure we would have learned way more than we did. Redoubt 9 and 10 were the last redoubt used by the Americans before winning the American Revolutionary War. If the British would have won it would be the British Revolutionary War.

Lonnie - Woodsmen

## MINUTE MEN

So today we went to the minute men national park. It took about an hour to get there. Once we got there we didn't expect it to be like that. There was a ton of people and we had thought it would just be a couple people and blah, blah, blah. But we were wrong there was a lot of school groups and stuff. We watched a 25 minute video of the minute man and the march to Concord, it was pretty cool and then we hiked maybe a mile and saw where the British marched. Then after that we drove to North Bridge and we also had an ex marine tell a ton about the minute men and was funny. We also got to watch a 8 minute video on Lexington and Concord. It was pretty cool.

Jayden - Woodsmen



## THE ENJOYABLE DAY

Today was a fun day of learning. The first place we went to was a place called Fort Moultrie. It was a big fort with a lot of hallways with empty rooms. There were cannons on top of the walls. When we were up near the cannons we could see Fort Sumter. When we were done with the tour we headed to Boone Hall Plantation. It was really interesting because our tour guide really knew what she was talking about. At the end of our tour she took us into a really big house. It was really cool because their rooms were connected all around. After we were done looking around we headed back to campsite.

Ben - Pioneers

## TODAY

This morning we went to Paul B Zimmerman Inc. There they make a lot of custom products out of steel. They had a few laser cutters and some different kinds of breaks.

We also saw the different steps of powder coating. The first step is to clean it. They did that by blasting it with steel grit. After that they put a coat of primer on. They put that in the oven and half-way dry it, they don't dry it all the way so that the powder sticks on better.

After they put the preferred color of powder on, they put it in the oven again and dry it all the way.

After that we ate lunch and got into the van. We had siesta on the way to New Holland Baler Factory.

Eric - Mountaineers

## CIVIL WAR MEDICINE MUSEUM

Today we went to the Civil War Medicine Museum. We saw how they amputate legs, arms, fingers, and hops. We learned about Clara Barton. Clara Barton was famous for tending soldiers. We learned about their ambulances. They called the ambulances gut busters because the ride was so rough!

Jayden -Pioneers



## HOW A BLAST FURNACE OPERATES

Iron is made in a blast furnace by means of chemical reactions among iron ore, coke, limestone, and a blast of heated air. Cars carry the charge (solid materials) up a ramp and dump them into the furnace. Air is heated in giant stoves and blown into the lower part of the furnace. Liquid iron also settles to the bottom of the furnace and is tapped into a hot metal car. The limestone combines with impurities and forms slag (waste), which flows into a slag ladle.

Jordan H. - Mountaineers





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# OPEN HOUSE

*fun activities for the whole family*

**August 5, 2017**  
10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

**Tours from 10:00-11:30 AM**  
**Pork BBQ Lunch: 11:30 - 12:30**

