



ALLEGANY BOYS CAMP

inspiring change through relationship

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The Bible Speaks to Boys



The longer I'm at camp the more I believe that the Bible has a word that gives guidance to life. In the coming year's newsletters, we plan to share a few of the scripture passages that are meaningful here at Allegany Boys Camp. Hopefully as we share the Bible and thoughts about how scripture gives guidance for our ministry to boys and families you will be inspired as we have been.

One such scripture is Jeremiah 6:16. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your soul."

Many of the families we serve are very stressed out by life's extreme challenges regarding their son. Camp is a place for a boy and family to stop and evaluate: what is the problem? What is the "good way"? What would it take for our family to have peace, a "rest for your soul"? As these questions are considered at camp, we usually discover that the "old paths" are actually the "good way".

"Old paths" such as boys learning the importance of hard work, "old paths" like boys developing a respect for authority, "old paths" like boys learning the importance of personal responsibility, these "old paths" sure are meaningful for life in 2020.

Another thought from this scripture is what does it mean to walk "in the old paths"? At camp we don't just talk about the

above values, but also learn to do them. Each day at camp we learn to practice responsibility, respect, and relationships. Really, what good is talking about what's right if you don't actually do what's right?

This week we enrolled a new boy at camp and in discussion with the boy and his family, his mom expressed her desire for peace, or as Jeremiah says, "rest," in her family. When we practice principles of scripture, we can have "rest" in our families even in challenging times of life in 2020.

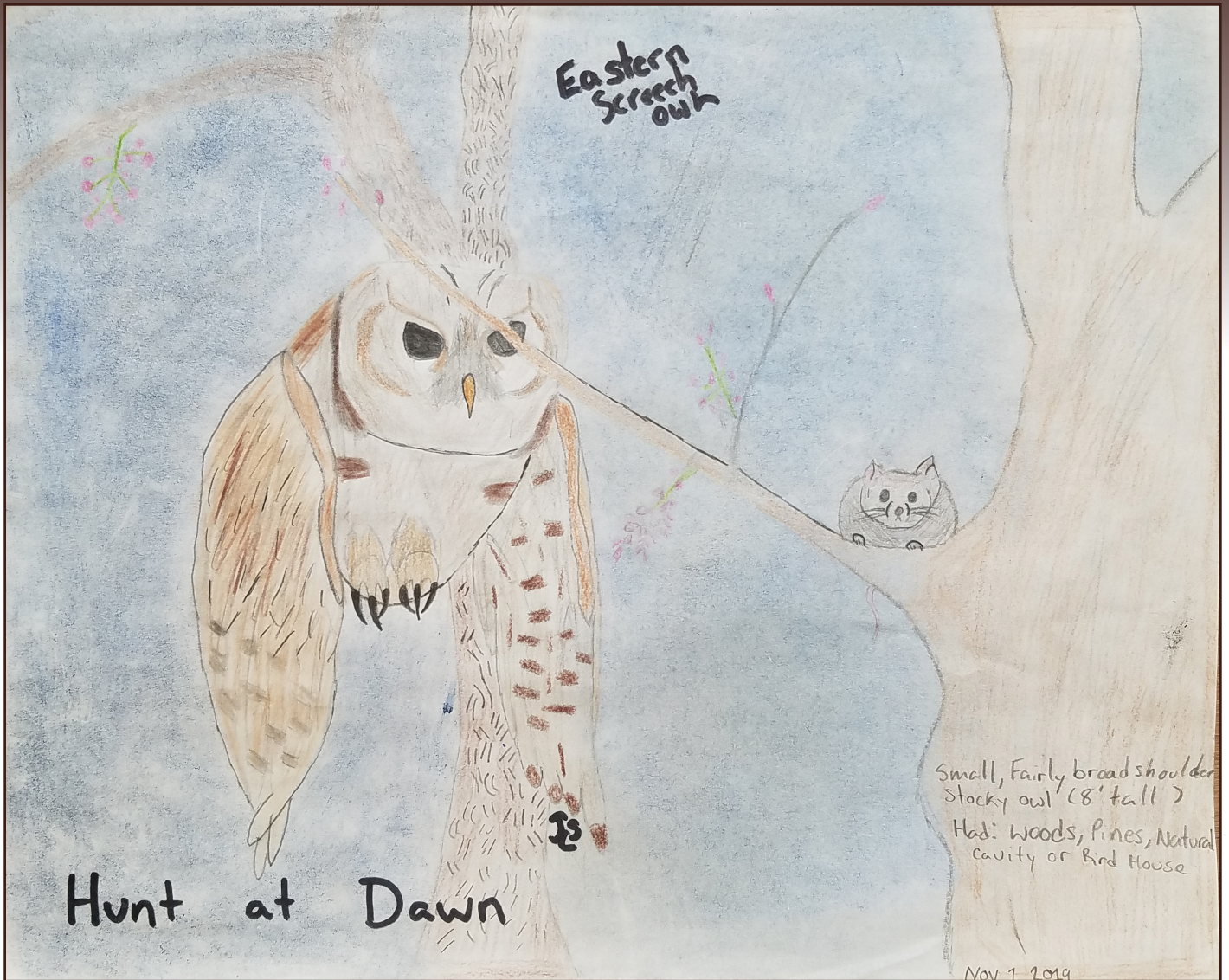


Camping with Jesus,
Brian Martin
Director






ADVENTURE LEARNING

Jadan has been studying birds of prey. Here is one of his drawings.



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



-  Jackson Cole was born to Chad & Fonda Martin on December 4, 2019. He is their first child.
-  One of our maxivans is wearing out. We could use a 15-passenger van. Contact camp for details if you would like to help with this need.
-  We need a chief in August. If you are interested, or know of someone that would fit this job, please contact us.



...news and updates

We are in immediate need of volunteers. Part time positions available with a minimum 6 hour a week commitment. Long-term, full-time position available with lodging provided. If you are interested or know of someone that would be interested in volunteering, contact Merv Lapp, Manager, 610-441-2717, lancasterhayloft@gmail.com