

Stories, Rhymes, and Good Times!

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DaySpring Memories Writing in 6th grade

By: Mr. Duport

The 6th grade classes traveled to DaySpring for their class trip this year. The following writings and drawings represent their fondest memories of the trip.

DaySpring

By: Weston Bailey, 6th Grade

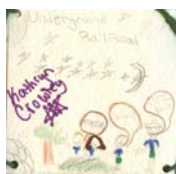
DaySpring was a very fun field trip. There was a lot of fun stuff we did. My favorite was canoeing. It was Justin, Kevin and me in the canoe. On the way out, it was hard because we were going against the wind. I was in the back while Justin was in the middle and Kevin was in the front. The person in the back is the one who steers and is the lead paddler. The others were just paddling. We were going to the mangroves on the other side of the river. When we were in the middle of the river, a boat came by and the wave tipped us over! It was fun! When we arrived at the mangroves, they let us get out and swim. Everyone hung out and played in the water. We tried to go into the mangroves, but there was a dead end. When we were done, we headed back which was the easiest part because the wind just took you with it. We raced another canoe with Cam, Jack, and Henry S. in it. We won by a lot. That was my favorite part.



Underground Railroad

By: Kathryn Crowley, 6th Grade

DaySpring was a lot of fun. We did a ton of team building activities. My favorite activity was the Underground Railroad. It was at night and we were in our day groups. The point of the activity was we were slaves and we were trying to get from one safe house to another without being caught. It was funny because there were two conductors and they were the ones who talked if we got caught by someone because we were on their property. Before we moved from a safe house, the new conductors would have to come up with a story to tell if we got caught. The people whose property we were on would say "Who goes there?" or something and the conductors would walk up to the people and the slaves would freeze because when we didn't move we were "invisible". Mrs. Letourneau

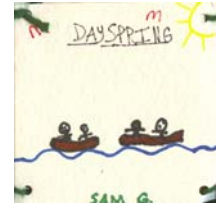


was the hardest person to get by because, she would come and lean on us and say "Those are some funny looking trees." And we start laughing and get sent back to the last safe house. But anyway, Dayspring was a lot of fun and I can't wait until next year's trip!

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By: Sam Greider, 6th Grade

I had a lot of fun at DaySpring. Canoeing was lots of fun, once we got out of our canoe most of us threw mud at each other.



The next day we had challenge courses for our group. All of them were easy except one, the Tikki Shuffle. For our group it took us 3 hours. That night we had the Underground Railroad. It was really fun. We were slaves and we had to escape from the Pathfinder staff by tricking them. I had a lot of fun at Dayspring and wish I could go back.

DaySpring

By: McKenzie Campagnolo 6th Grade



Dayspring was one of the funniest experience's I have had. On the second night we went into the woods to do the solo walk. The woods were extremely dark. I went first, two minutes ahead of Savannah, and Zoe went 2 minutes behind her because Savannah is scared of the dark. One of the things we got to do was challenge courses. On the first day of the challenge courses, we did six challenges. Our team got through the most challenges in the least amount of time. I loved DaySpring and hope to go back one day!

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Jonathan Gemme 6th Grade

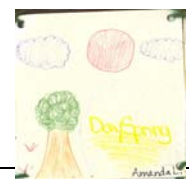
Dayspring was a really fun field trip. The coolest thing about DaySpring was canoeing. Isaac and Alex were in the canoe with me. While we were out on the water, our group went over by the mangroves and went into the water. Everybody got out of their canoes except Alex and Cam. While Isaac and I were in the water, Alex started drifting away into the mangroves. It was HILARIOUS! After a while, Alex finally got back to us, and we went back and ate lunch.



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By: Amanda Leonhardt 6th Grade

My favorite thing at Dayspring was the Underground Railroad. We



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were all separated into groups and we were trying to get passed the teachers to the safe houses. Two people had to go up to the teacher and make up an excuse for why we were there in order to get by them. Most of them let us by, but sometimes they didn't. The most common excuse was "my slaves ran away". When we got up to Mrs. Letourneau, she all made us laugh. She leaned over on my shoulder really far and I couldn't stop laughing. My other favorite activity at DaySpring was the Chili Dance and the instructor "Barney". Barney was really nice. The Chili Dance was when we sang the Chili song, and some people went in the middle of the group and danced. Also, the Pig Posse and the food waste were cool. DaySpring was a really fun experience.

Fun at DaySpring

By: Jack Madden



This year for our class trip we went to DaySpring. My favorite part of the trip was when our group went canoeing. Our canoeing trip was lots of fun. At the beginning we were very far behind. Then, a

Pathfinder, or worker at the camp, came over to our canoe. He showed us what we were doing wrong and how to fix it. Once we got the hang of paddling normally, we started going faster. We had almost caught up to the group, but we suddenly got very tired. I to rally our group. I got us going at a steady rate by making the sound of battle drums. "BOOM...BOOM...BOOM!" It turns out that the "Battle Drums" helped us a little bit because soon we were near the head of the pack. That's my favorite experience from DaySpring.

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By Nick Petrozzi 6th Grade

My favorite part of DaySpring was the Solo Walk. I liked it because it was lots of fun. What you had to do was walk by yourself through a trail in the dark. I tried to run through it, but they told me not to. I thought I heard some kind of bear in the bushes, but I knew that there could be no bear there. The whole trail took about 1 2/3 minute. If you were to run, it probably would have taken about 20 seconds. The night before the walk, they showed us that if you got all of the spit out of your mouth and put a wintergreen mint in your mouth and chewed it, it would spark in your mouth. It was very cool.



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By: Alex Thomas 6th Grade

My favorite part at DaySpring was the Mohawk Walk. We had to walk across thin metal lines that

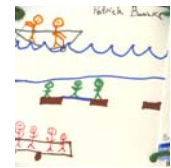
were about a foot off the ground. The distance wasn't very long but not very short either. We had to walk all the way across the line without falling. There were three different lines we had to walk across, and they were held together by trees. When all of us touched the tree on the other side of the line, we were done with that line and had to move on to the next one. On first line we had to cross, there was a tree about a foot ahead of where we started which helped us keep our balance, but the tree at the end of the line was too far away for us to reach. To help us get the rest of the way, we got to use the raccoon circle, which was a blue rope that we tied around the first tree so we could keep our balance to reach the end. We did exactly that. The second line was easier because there was already a rope that was attached to a tree. The first person was able to get across without using the raccoon circle and then we attached the raccoon circle and everybody got across with ease. The third one had a rope and tire swing sort of thing and we attached my friend's jacket to the rope to make it easier to get to the tire swing. Then, we had to swing from the tire to the last tree. We finally finished, and everybody cheered.



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By Patrick Banick 6th Grade

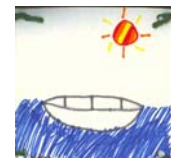
My favorite activity at DaySpring was when we did the challenge courses. My favorite one was when we had to stand on a log and get into alphabetical order without falling off the log. It took us like 2 hours to do before we got it right. My other favorite activity was when we went canoeing. We canoed out into this cove, and we got out and played a lot of games there. I had a lot of fun at DaySpring!



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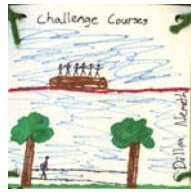
By: Andrea Globetti 6th Grade

DaySpring was one of the best class trips that we have ever been on. My favorite part of DaySpring was when my group crossed the Mohawk walk. The Mohawk walk was like walking on tight ropes and to get across you would have to use the objects around you. There were some easier ways that we could have picked, but our group decided to chose the most difficult way. The reason that we passed most of the courses was because of Henry's sweatshirt. Everybody used to make fun of Henry because he would always wear it. Now, they don't.



DaySpring**By: Dillon Nemeth 6th Grade**

DaySpring was possibly my favorite field trip ever. We did many fun things involving a lot of teamwork. My favorite thing was challenge courses. In the challenge courses we did many things. The first one we did was definitely the hardest one. A Pathfinder told us all to sit down on a log. We all sat by our friends. The order we sat was: Kyle, Patrick, me, Sophie, Lauren, Julia, and then Gabby. She told us to stand up, and put ourselves in alphabetical order by our first names. The trick was, we couldn't touch the ground. It was extremely hard. It took us about an hour. We almost gave up but Lauren made us keep trying. After that, we finished it, and it felt really good. We didn't really do anything extreme besides the Wild Woozy. It had two wires and you had to hold yourself up with a partner's hands. You had to push against each other. The goal was to go as far down the wires as you could. It was pretty hard too. No one finished it, but the lady said that no one has ever done it that she has seen. I had lots of fun.

**DaySpring****By: Alyssa Rinehart 6th Grade**

DaySpring was lots of fun. We did a lot of things, but my favorite was canoeing. There was Kathleen, Amanda, and myself in the canoe. I was in the front of the canoe, Amanda was in the middle of it, and Kathleen was in the back (the person in the back steers the canoe). We were all going out to a sandbar where none of the other groups went. It was so much fun! We got to tip over all of the canoes and sit (or try to) on top of them. That was easy, getting them up again, was not. Everyone hung out and had a good time. On the way back, Kathleen decided to stop paddling, so Amanda and I had to do most of the work. Trust me on this one. You don't want your back person to stop paddling. But after awhile, she started helping again, and we were the first ones to get to the dock. DaySpring was so much fun. I have a lot of favorite memories, but this was my favorite of them all.

**DaySpring****By: Kathleen Smith 6th Grade**

DaySpring was fun. We did many activities like canoeing, challenge courses, estuary, and a lot others... Canoeing was my favorite activity.

Once we got to a sandbar, everyone tipped their canoe over, and then the guys and some girls started wrestling. Then, we left the sand bar. We were trying to race back to the shore, and we came in first. Then, after we washed up and everything, we had dinner. Then, we did something called "Underground Railroad", and we had to pretend to be slaves and run from the DaySpring people. One time we had to be trees. One of the staff started sniffing us, and we started laughing. Then he broke his walking stick and fell. The second to last day we were there we learned a dance called the "Chili Dance", and it was fun. It was the best field trip ever.

DaySpring**By: Kylie Flynn 6th Grade**

At DaySpring, we had fun and played a game called Underground Railroad. It was about when the slaves were captured and how they traveled at night trying to escape via the Underground Railroad. Our group pretended we were slaves escaping. Two people were the engineers and had to make up stories to tell the counselors and our teachers (Mrs. Letourneau was the hardest to get past.) Our guide that was with us was Barney. Some of our stories were that we were looking for our dog-named Old Yeller. Another was that we were on our way to a night church service. The slaves also had to pretend to be trees, and Craig cut down a tree (Autumn) who had to pretend to be fire wood. We told him that he could not start a fire because there was a fire warning.

**DaySpring****By: Marco Garcia 6th Grade**

DaySpring was amazing! Everyone had fun. I had the best dorm, and it was Dillon R., Jack, Weston, and I. The best activity was canoeing. Hunter, Garrett L., and I flipped the canoe 3 times. We also had challenge courses which were really fun. After we got to the sandbars, we started wrestling, throwing, and pushing each other into the water. It was so fun! The two activities I remember the most were the Mohawk Walk and Tarzan Baseball. The Mohawk Walk is a game where there is a thin cable, and you have to walk about 50 feet across to the other side. There were people called 'spotters' to help you balance. Tarzan baseball is a game where you swing yourself with a rope a few feet to the other bases. One of the nights inside the dorm Mr. Duport told us a scary story, and everyone in the room started screaming. DaySpring was a lot of fun!



DaySpring**Lahner Taylor 6th Grade**

I had so much fun at DaySpring! My favorite part was when we went canoeing. I went canoeing with Montana and Mrs.



Letourneau. We had to paddle across the Manatee River, and the wind was very strong. When we made it across the river, we got to go swimming in a cove by the mangroves. Everyone got out of their canoes and went swimming. We all got wet and had so much fun! On the way back the wind was even stronger, but it wasn't as hard to paddle back because the wind wasn't against. We all had a really fun time canoeing and at learning at DaySpring!

DaySpring Fun**By: Henry Schweers 6th Grade**

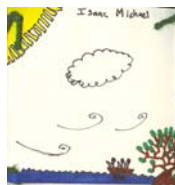
DaySpring is the great 6th grade class trip. When we were at Dayspring, I had a great amount of fun. My favorite part was all of the team challenge courses that we did there. We did many challenge courses including Mohawk Walk,

Spider web, Nitro Crossing, Bull Ring, Incomplete Bridge and many more. My favorite out of those was the Mohawk Walk. Basically, the Mohawk Walk was like a low tight rope course that everyone of your team members had to get across. You might be thinking that this would be impossible because each wire was about 10 feet long, but there was a way to complete it. You could not touch anyone on the ground. You could only touch people who were on the wire with you. You could also use trees and anything else you had with you. Overall, it took us about an hour and a half to complete all three parts of the Mohawk Walk. That was my favorite part of DaySpring.

DaySpring**By: Isaac Michael**

DaySpring was fun. When we went canoeing, it was windy.

When we went to the mangroves on the other side of the river where there was a sandbar, most of the people got out of the canoe. The mud was really sticky and if you stood in one place for fifteen minutes, it was really tough to get out of the mud. Everyone who got out of their canoe was completely soaked. Jonathan and I got out of our canoe into the water, but Alex stayed in and when he tried to turn around in the canoe he ended up



150 yards down the river. He had to get rescued by Barney.

DaySpring**By Julia Bohm 6th Grade**

The second day we went canoeing in the morning and in my canoe was Lauren and Keelin. We couldn't get the hang of it when everyone was already there. When we finally got there, everyone was clapping and playing in the water. The next day we had challenge courses. My favorite was the Tiki Shuffle. When we sat down on the log, we didn't know that we would have to line up in alphabetical order. We sat down in this order Kyle, Patrick, Dillon, Sophie, Gabby, and myself. Then we had to get into the order of Dillon, Gabby, me, Kyle, Lauren, Patrick, and Sophie. We had to bend down and let people walk over us. Then we went to the Wild Woozy where you had to get a partner and walk across a line. You had to keep your balance and trust your spotter. When we woke up, we went to the Beast and the estuary. The Beast was where you had an observer, runner, buyer and a builder. Then, after that, we went in the estuary and got a net and caught baby shrimp, fish, and crabs. We had a lot of fun!

Mentors**By: Peyton Logan 6th Grade**

The Sixth Grade Retreat was fun, because you got to meet your mentors and play games. Some of the games we played were: The Three Legged Race, The Scooter Race, and The Egg Drop. We also ate lunch together and got to know each other. It was really fun! The mentors are Eighth Graders who help their Sixth Grade partners. They help them with homework or if they need advice about Middle School they can help. Sometimes, we have Mentor Days. Where in the morning you go a classroom and play games with your mentor. One of the things we did was The Mummy Wrap, where you have a group and you wrap one person with toilet paper. We also made a Card Building.

My favorite memory**By Cody Carlson 6th Grade**

My favorite memory was when we saw John Storm, and he showed us snakes, turtles, crocodiles, and lizards that were blue and gray. Both the snakes he brought were pythons and one was yellow and white. The other was green, brown, and gray. They were crazy colors and the crocodile wouldn't stop shaking his tail but it was sad because it was chopped off. John Storm had some of the craziest voices I've ever heard his show was awesome.....

Paris

By Philipp Seibert 6th Grade

The city of Paris is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The language spoken in Paris is French. The Eiffel Tower is huge and is beautiful at night when it lights up. In the morning you smell fresh bread from the bakery down on the street. The streets are full of tourists and people. In the afternoon people sit in the cafes, drink coffee and talk. In the evenings restaurants are lit up and some people sit outside in the moon light. Others go to the cinema and watch movies in French and in English.