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Abraxas Goes Wild

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On June 25, 2015 the Abraxas Youth Center (AYC) in South Mountain, PA

facilitated an educational field trip, to Lake Tobias Wildlife Park, in order to foster students' learning in community-based instruction. The education team at AYC feels that by using community-based activities, students will engage in a learning environment that extends far beyond the classroom walls.

Lake Tobias is a family owned wildlife park located in Central Pennsylvania. At Lake Tobias, students observed and interacted with animals from six continents. The park offers three main interactive attractions with various visual exhibits throughout. In the petting zoo, students fed and petted a variety of animals that included: goats, camels, guinea pigs, llamas, fallow deer, monkeys, and pigs. The students also attended a show in the reptile exhibit where they learned about the behaviors, habitat, and characteristics of sloths, the dangers of keeping exotic animals like alligators and Burmese pythons for pets, and the importance of keeping a



pollution-free environment for all animals. The wildlife park's safari tour was the culminating activity. Students rode an open-air tour bus through 150 acres of open terrain, while a tour guide educated them on the wildlife. Students had the opportunity to interact with various exotic animals including: elk, bison, watusis, rheas, Texas long-horns, and yaks.

While at Lake Tobias students were tasked with participating in a park wide scavenger hunt that explored the animals and their habitats. They were also expected to interact with Lake Tobias staff in order to write an essay for a job they would be interested in doing at the park. Lastly,



students took photos and videos that would be used in a Powerpoint presentation to

share their experience at Lake Tobias with AYC staff and residents.

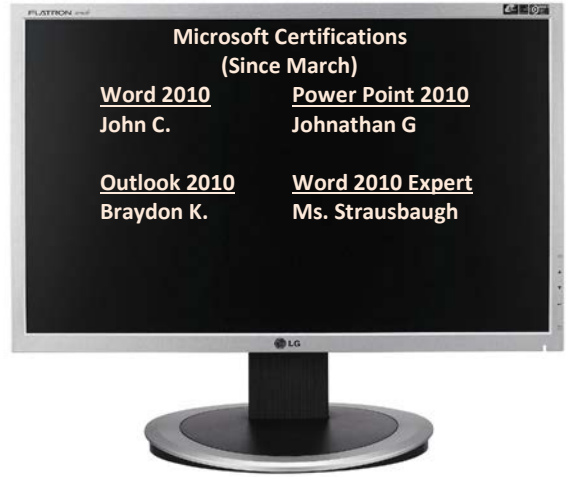
"Lake Tobias is a great park for children and teens. It's a family park where people can enjoy themselves and feel safe. I never saw a park with so many foreign animals. This is a park that makes you want to go back for more." –David (AYC resident)

*"Tell me and I forget,
teach me and I may
remember, involve
me and I learn."* –
Benjamin Franklin

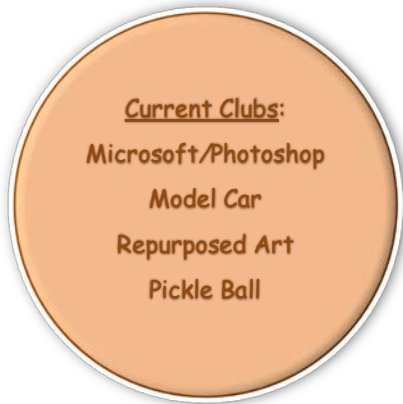
Did You Know?

(Summer Facts)

- The Dog Days of Summer refers to the weeks between July 3rd and August 11th. They are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation of Canis Major.
- Ancient Romans and Greeks blamed Sirius for the extreme temperatures, drought, sickness, and discomfort that came in late summer.
- The Summer Olympics take place every four years. They were held for the first time in Greece more than two thousand years ago.
- Watermelon is summer's most popular vegetable. It is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family. The average American eats 15 pounds of watermelon a year and these juicy favorites are 92 percent water.
- July is National Ice Cream Month. More Americans buy ice cream in July than any other month.
- Summers spent throwing a Frisbee back and forth owe their game to a pie maker named Mr. Frisbee.



Microsoft Certifications (Since March)	
<u>Word 2010</u> John C.	<u>Power Point 2010</u> Johnathan G
<u>Outlook 2010</u> Braydon K.	<u>Word 2010 Expert</u> Ms. Strausbaugh



Current Clubs:
 Microsoft/Photoshop
 Model Car
 Repurposed Art
 Pickle Ball

	March	April	May
Most Motivated	Troy D	Louis T.	Jonathan G.
Most Consistent	Taylor S.	David M. & Taylor S.	Victor A.-C.
Most Improved	Angel C.	Victor A.-C.	Darryl H.-S. & David M.
Most Positive	Matthew H.	Braydon K.	Angel C.

CONGRATULATIONS
4th Marking Period Honor Roll Recipients

Troy D. 4.0	John C. 4.0
Brandon P. 4.0	Matthew H. 3.86
Louis T. 3.71	Johnathan G. 3.71
Braydon K. 3.57	Troy D. 3.57
Casey M. 3.57	John M. 3.57

Important Dates

July 13th
 Teacher In Service Day-No School

August 14th
 5th Marking Period Ends
 Report Cards Mailed

August 21st
 Teacher In Service Day-No School