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Fierce Storm Wreaks Havoc on Camporee



Reef Peckham

By Amanda Blake, Reef Peckham, Kaitlyn Gordon, Tompaul Wheeler, and Chris Ngugi

When a storm threatened the Cam-Plex campground the evening of Tuesday, August 6, only hours after the camporee officially kicked off, camporee leadership acted quickly.

The opening night-time program was first moved forward half an hour, then canceled outright. As winds picked up and rain rolled in, the Camporee app and radio announcements urged campers to "Find Hard Shelter."

About 6 p.m., campers flooded indoors as Cam-Plex administration opened the doors of buildings. Groups entertained themselves and each other playing Uno, singing songs, and, of course, trading pins. Sheltering in place in the Heritage Center, Pathfinders quickly filled the auditorium,

hallways, and stage. Spontaneous group renditions of "God's Army" and "Marching to Zion" filled the air.

Outside, wind gusts slammed tents and trailers, lightning flashed, and torrential rain flooded campgrounds. Winds moved the stage's large LED screen by ten feet, and moved the main left and right stage pillars. In the Heritage Center lobby, Pathfinders scattered as rain started pouring down through a ceiling light. In campsites a long distance from buildings, campers found shelter in buses, trailers, and tents.

The storm subsided after roughly an hour, having soaked clothes, electronics, and personal belongings. The International Village was particularly hard hit. Brenda Scott, a club cook from the Bahamas,

wrapped up her passport in plastic and closed her suitcases, but the passport was drenched anyway.

"We had to sleep in the car, in the van, because we had no tents," reported Samson Waweru, director of the Lower All Nations Warriors from Lowell, Massachusetts.

Community institutions quickly offered their help, offering food, water, and supplies. Several hundred Pathfinders accepted offers to sleep in local churches, including both of Gillette's Latter Day Saints congregations.

"My experience from last night was pretty rough, but we got through it," Zamara Clark, 14, of the Royal Palm Club in Brossard, Florida, reported Wednesday morning. "None of our tents really got messed up. It was really

soaked in our tents though, but that was the least of our problems. This morning when we woke up it was easier, and it was very cold and sunny, so we got to dry off our stuff in the sun."

"We saw a huge tent fly over," said Nicholas Morgan, 17, of the Jacksonville Spanish Pathfinder Club. "Our neighbor's tent across from ours was gone."

"We weren't prepared for it all the way, but we're Pathfinders, so we already had a lot of our stuff tidied up," reflected Jefferson Jean-Francois, a counselor with the Precious Stones Club from Hartford, Connecticut. The group had been in the process of setting up a tent for the club's girls, and had to "drop everything and secure the tent" when the storm hit.

Union Adventist University's "Disaster City" Simulation Meets the Real Thing

By Lori Peckham

While storm clouds loomed over the Cam-Plex, disaster had already come to the lawn in front of Energy Hall, where power lines were down, roofs were damaged, trees had blown over, and feet protruded from a victim trapped under a collapsed building at "Disaster City." Union Adventist University's International Rescue and Relief (IRR) program created this simulated scenario, with 140 Pathfinders visiting on the opening afternoon to race to the rescue.

At this point it was all pretend, but Tuesday evening's severe thunderstorm hit the camporee with wind gusts of more than 60 mph, damaging and displacing tents and soaking Pathfinders and their supplies. Christine Sturgill, a junior IRR major from Warrensburg, Missouri, reports, "The situa-



Emma Bermeo

tion at disaster city was one we created and wasn't made any worse by the weather."

"It's our passion to educate others with the skills and mindset to be prepared for events like these," says Andrew Saunders, IRR program director. "Come check out the disaster city obstacle course and build your ability to help communities in times of disaster."

"There Is No Lull" Clubs' Five-Year Journey to Camporee

By Tompaul Wheeler

"We start planning for the next international camporee the day we leave the previous camporee. It's been a five-year prep. There is no lull."

So says Dee Christiansen, director of the Woodstock Whitetails from Maine. Christiansen admits she has "no idea" how many fundraisers they've done, from bake sales and movie nights to walk-a-thons and *Great Controversy* coloring books. "Honestly our best fundraiser has just been generous family members," she says. "And friends. We have received significant estate donations. One of our church members' wife passed away, and he got an unexpected \$800. He knew how important Pathfinders was to her, and he forwarded that gift straight to Pathfinders."

Christiansen works twelve-hour

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Lucas Albino of the Marlin Azul Pathfinder Club sold quail eggs to raise money for camporee.

Fabiola Sousa, a volunteer from the Brazilian division, gestured to an open tent as they dutifully cleaned their campsite. "Look inside," she said, revealing a huge puddle, large enough to accommodate several toy boats. Most of their tents had blown down or flooded, forcing the clubs to spend the night in a hotel before coming back this morning to pick up the pieces. "But it's normal for the camp," said Sousa, keeping her spirits high. "We are Pathfinders!"

The Doulos Pathfinder club from Montemorelos, Mexico experienced similar damage from the storm. Fifteen of their tents were leveled, meaning they too were unable to spend the night at their campsite. Without replacement tents, Doulos resorted to covering their wrecked ones with tarp to gain what protection they could from the elements. Arely Angeles, a club counselor, described the storm's impact as "terrible," but still expressed optimism for the camporee, stating in Spanish that they were "happy and good." As Angeles spoke with Pathfinder Today Wednesday morning, staff members moved equipment and tables, rebuilding their site and preparing for the day.

The storm's influence seemed almost sporadic at times, with some tents

destroyed while their neighbors stood unaffected. Two campers from the Ephesus Gators club in the Bahamas eagerly explained how their tent had been “perfectly fine” and “completely dry” after the storm, while the one next to them was “in shambles.” This sentiment was shared by Sherilee, a counselor staying in the Caymen Islands section of International Village. While some of the tents in her area had been turned completely upside down by the weather, she described hers as “not effected.” Thankful for her good fortune, Sherilee excitedly expressed that “God is such an awesome God!”

Henny Kiruwi, however, was not one of those spared. Her tent was demolished in the storm while her belongings were drenched by the downpour. "My tent is in the garbage bin somewhere," she said, seemingly unperturbed. For her, this is a reminder of how little we need in life. "When the storm was coming, what did you take?" asked one of Hannie's friends. After replying with "Nothing," they exclaimed, "Exactly!"

Thankfully, Hannie, from Australia, won't be left sleeping under the stars. One of her neighbors came with an extra tent, generously giving it to her after seeing the situation. "God provided," she said.



Elle Raquina

nights in a maternal child health unit. "The bottom line," she says Christian-sen, "is if it weren't for the blessings of God there is no human way that I would survive with everything I juggle. It's a complete miracle. Truly. Pathfinders, especially a year before Gillette, takes as much time as my full-time job. Without any exaggeration at all. There's so much planning and coordinating and research and fundraising and work to do. It's a lot of work and I absolutely could not do it without the blessings of God and I am thankful for that every day .

For Estrella Racasa became director of the Bramalea Signet Pathfinder Club in Toronto in 2014 when the club lost its previous director to cancer. "I was hesitant because I'd never done Pathfinder-

ing,” she reflects. “But I was really moved by the Holy Spirit about who else would take over. It was a challenge, but we got through it.”

In 2019 Racasa mentored another Pathfinder leader, Ronald David, to take over for her. Then tragedy struck again. In March 2020, David, a front-line healthcare worker, died in the first wave of the covid-19 pandemic.

Racasa and her husband, Reuel, did what they could to keep Pathfinders going through Zoom. They organized the church media team to involve older Pathfinders in digital ministry. Still, club membership fell to three, and Racasa feared they wouldn't be able to attend the camporee.

Then a new pastor arrived, helping re-

vive the program. Today the club has 14 members. A key fundraiser is Pathfinders and parents cleaning the church, raising \$800 a month. "Now we have extra money to buy 'luxury items' like sweatshirts and hats," Racasa says, "and other things we'd like to buy."

To raise funds for Gillette, the club put on an evening dinner. “We taught the kids table manners and all that in our nutrition classes,” says Racasa. “We thought we would ask about \$30 plate. We just said, you come and we will provide you with a dinner and some entertainment—Pathfinders singing and such. We raised \$7000. That’s the victory that we achieved despite all the challenges.”

Racasa looks forward to passing the leadership baton once again after

Gillette. As she reflects on challenges faced, young people mentored, and what they've accomplished, she is grateful for the support of God, family, and her community.

When the Huntingburg and Jasper, Indiana, English-speaking Adventist churches teamed up with their Spanish-speaking counterparts, they formed the Group 180 club. One Sunday they earned \$2,006 selling food including pupusas, budin (bread pudding with raisins), and fruta con crema.

Pathfinders in the Marlin Azul club, part of the Brazilian Chapel Adventist Church in Deerfield Beach, Florida, found unique items to sell. Pathfinder Edrick Pereira, 11, made chocolate truffles, while Lucas Albino sold quail eggs.

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CAMPOREE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 7-9

When	What	Who	Where
5:56 a.m.	Sunrise/ Generators on	Everywhere	Campground
6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Meals served	Meal Pass Only	North side of Wyoming Center
6:00-6:45 a.m. 6:00-7:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting Breakfast/ Clean Up	BTP Admin & All Youth Dirs. Clubs	Heritage Center Theater Campsite
7:00 a.m.	Flag Raising (Color Guard)	Wed - SWU/NSD/SSD/SUD/ESD Thurs - PU/SPD Fri - AU/CHU	See map
7:00-7:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	A-Team Staff	Wyoming Center Upper Level
7:10 a.m.	Load Community Serive Buses	Pre- Registration Required	See your project bus gate assignment
7:15 a.m. (Friday Only) 7:15-8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament Conf. Worship/ Announcements	Pre- Registration Required Clubs	Bell Nob Golf Course Campsite
7:15-8:00 a.m. 7:15-8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice Orchestra Practice	Choir Participants Orchestra Participants	Talent Stage Tent Heritage Theater Stage
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	On-Site Shuttle Buses	Everyone	WY Center & Southern Union Gate on Fox Av
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Registration/ Information	Everyone	Southside of Wyoming Center
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Food Concessions Off-site Shopping Shuttle Buses	Everyone Everyone	Northside of Wyoming Center Grand Central Station Gate #7
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Off-site Activities Buses	Everyone	Grand Central Station see Bus Gate List
9:00-11:00 a.m.	Fueling For Golf Carts	Golf Cart Renters	South of Lake Union; see map
9:00-11:15 a.m.	On-site Parade	Wednesday - NPU/PU/MAU/ INTL - TED, ESD, EUD, MENA Thursday - AU/CU/INTL - NSD, SSD, SUD, SPD Friday - SU/SDACC/INTL - WAD,ECD, SID, CHU	Wrangler Dr./ Morningside Grandstand
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Propane Refill Sales	Everyone	Three locations, see map
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Two-Way Radios On-site Activities	Everyone Everyone	Morningside Building Campground
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Ice Available - Cash Only	Everyone	Three locations; see map
9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. 12:10 p.m.	Drumming On-off On-Site Veggie Food Tent Store Load Community Service Buses	Everyone Everyone	Campground See map
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Drum Corps Practice	Drum Corps participants	TBD
3:00-5:00 p.m. (Friday Only) 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Friday Only)	Choir Practice Orchestra Practice	Choir participants Orchestra participants	Main Stage Main Stage
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Fueling for golf carts	Golf Cart Renters	South of Lake Union see map
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Propane Refill Sales	Everyone	3 locations, see map
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Supper / Club Time	Clubs	Campsite
5:45-7:00 p.m.	Drumming Off Approaching Main Stage	Everyone	TBD
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Baptism	Wed - LU/CU/SDACC/ SPD/SAD/TED/ECD Thurs - SU/PU/EUD/SSD/SUD/ SID/IAD/NSD/WAD/ESD/ MENA Fri - SWU/NPU/AU/MAU	Main Stage
7:00 p.m.	Flag Lowering (Color Guard)	Wed - SU/EUD/SID/WAD Thurs - LU/SAD/Fri - CU/CHU	See map
7:45-9:45 p.m.	Main Stage Program	Everyone	Main Stage
8:16 p.m. 11:00pm	Sunset Curfew/ Generators Off	Everyone Everyone	Campground Campground

SABBATH, AUGUST 10

When	What	Who	Where
6:00 a.m.	Sunrise/ Generators on	Everywhere	Campground
6:00 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.	Staff Meeting	BTP Admin & All Youth Dirs	Heritage Center Theater
6:00-7:00 a.m.	Breakfast/ Clean Up	Clubs	Campsite
6:00-7:30 a.m. 7:00-7:30 a.m.	Meals Served Staff Meeting	Meal pass only A- Team Staff	Northwest side of Wyoming Center Wyoming Center Upper Level
7:00 a.m. 7:15- 8:00 a.m.	Flag Raising Conf. Worship/ Announcements	MAU/TED/MENA Clubs	See map Campsite
8:00- 1:00 a.m.	Registration/ Information open	Everyone	Wyoming Center Only- south side
9:00-5:00 p.m.	Lost and Found open	Everyone	Morningside Building
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Sabbath Program (Investiture)	Everyone	Main Stage
11:00-7:00 p.m 11:00-7:00 p.m.	Drumming On-Off Drumming w/ Camping Neighbor Permission	Everyone(Class A Uniforms) Everyone	Campgroud Campground
11:15-12:15 p.m. 12:00- 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Meals served	Everyone Clubs	Campsite Northside of Wyoming Center
1:00-5:00 p.m.	On-site Activities- Sabbath Appropriate	Meal Pass Only	Campground
3:00 p.m.	Line up for On- site Parade	Everyone	Wrangler Dr. / Morningside Grandstand
3:30-7:00 p.m.	Drumming Off Approaching Main Stage	LU/SWU/INTL- IAD,SAD	Gardner Lake Rd.
4:00-5:15 p.m.	On-site Parade starts	Everyone	Wrangler Dr./ Morningside Grandstand
4:00- 5:30 p.m. 5:00- 6:30 p.m.	Baptism Meals served	Candidates Meal pass only	Main Stage Northwest side of Wyoming Center
5:00- 11:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Golf Cart Returns Flag Lowering Vehicles ENTER Campsite	Golf Cart Renters SDACC/ECD Those Leaving Saturday Night	Parking Lot #2 See map All gates, except A, B, & C
7:45- 10:00 p.m.	Main Stage Program	Everyone Welcome	Main Stage
8:13 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Sunset ALL Union Gates Closed to traffic	Everyone Those Leaving Saturday Night	Campground All Union Gates
9:00- 10:00 p.m.	Ice Sales- Cash only- near food	Everyone	Northwest side of Wyoming Center
10:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.	Food Concessions Two Way Radios Returned/ Lost & Found open	Everyone Everyone	Northwest side of Wyoming Center Morningside Building
10:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m.	Exhibitor/ Retail Sales- Special Sales	Everyone	Central Pavilion
10:00pm- 1:00 a.m.	Extra Non- Perishable Food & Donation Items	Everyone	All Union exits
11:00:00 approx. time 11:00 p.m.	Garner Lake Rd. open after NT foot traffic Vehicles EXIT Campsites	Everyone Those Leaving Saturday Night	Garner Lake Rd. All Union exits
1:15 a.m.	Curfew/ Generators Off	Everyone	Campgrounds

DRILL & DRUM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

CANADIAN & SOUTHERN UNION

Conference	Club Name	Church Name	Category	Schedule
Alberta	* Cimarron	Bridgeland	Drum Corps	9:00 AM
Ontario	* Alpha Centauri	Ruth	Drum Corps	9:10 AM
			Basic	9:20 AM
	Bramalea Signet	Bramalea Filipino- Canadian	Basic	9:24 AM
			Freestyle	9:28 AM
	Conquerors	Ottawa East & Ottawa	Basic	9:38 AM
	Hummingbird	Mt. Olive	Basic	9:42 AM
	Maharlika	Mount Zion Filipino	Advanced	9:46 AM
			Freestyle	9:51 AM
	Mississauga	Mississauga	Drum Corps	10:01 AM
	Nepean Crusaders	Nepean	Basic	10:11 AM
	Orion	First Filican	Basic	10:15 AM
			Freestyle	10:19 AM
	Quest	Mississauga- Filipino	Basic	10:29 AM
	Soaring Eagles	Toronto Nigeria	Basic	10:33 AM
Quebec	Westmont Crusaders	Westmont	Drum Corps	10:37 AM
	Maranatha	Spanish Central Central	Freestyle	10:47 AM
Carolina	Smartmovers	Ruai South	Basic	10:57 AM
			Advanced	11:01 AM
			Freestyle	11:06 AM
	Wilkesboro Crusaders	Wilkesboro	Freestyle	11:16 AM
	Mcdonald Road Hawks	Mcdonald Road	Drum Corps	11:26 AM
Georgia Cumberland			Advanced	11:36 AM
			Freestyle	11:41 AM
SHORT BREAK				
Kentucky Tennessee	Solders of the King	Nashville Hispanic	Drum Corps	12:30 PM
			Freestyle	12:40 PM
Florida	Brandon Archangels	Brandon	Advanced	12:50 PM
	Brandon Spanish	Brandon Spanish	Basic	12:55 PM
	Brazilian Pioneers	Brazilian Temple Fort Lauderdale	Drum Corps	12:59 PM
			Freestyle	1:09 PM
	Eliathat Envoys	Eliathah	Basic	1:19 PM
	Forest City Spanish	Forest City Spanish	Drum Corps	1:23 PM
	Forest Lake	Forest Lake	Drum Corps	1:33 PM
			Basic	1:43 PM
			Drum Corps	1:47 PM
	Hollywood	Hollywood Spanish	Basic	1:57 PM
			Advanced	2:01 PM
	Lauderhill Pioneer	Lauderhill	Freestyle	2:06 PM
	Margate Chargers	Margate	Advanced	2:16 PM
	Melbourne Rocketeers	Melbourne	Basic	2:21 PM
	Miami Gators	Miami Brazilian	Basic	2:25 PM
	Miami Spanish Central	Miami Spanish Central	Basic	2:29 PM
	Northwest Miami Spanish	Northwest Miami Spanish	Basic	2:33 PM
	Orlando City	Wholelif	Drum Corps	2:37 PM
			Basic	2:47 PM
			Freestyle	2:51 PM
Florida	Orlando Spanish	Orlando Spanish	Basic	3:01 PM
	Palm Coast Warriors	Palm Coast	Basic	3:05 PM
	Plantation Messengers	Plantation	Advanced	3:09 PM
			Basic	3:19 PM
			Basic	3:23 PM
			Drum Corps	3:27 PM
			Advanced	3:37 PM
		Emmanuel	Basic	3:52 PM
			Basic	4:06 PM
South Atlantic	Emmanuel Wildcats	Goldsboro & Wilmington	Basic	4:06 PM
South Central	Christian Crusader	Oakwood University	Drum Corps	4:10 PM
	Madison Mission Soliders	Madison Mission	Drum Corps	4:20 PM
			Basic	4:30 PM
			Advanced	4:34 PM
			Freestyle	4:39 PM
			Basic	4:49 PM
Southeastern	Antorchas Doral	Hispanic Doral	Basic	4:49 PM
	Guilgal Orion	Guilgal French	Drum Corps	4:53 PM
			Advanced	5:03 PM
	Partmos Panthers	Patmos Chapel	Basic	5:08 PM
	Perrine Allstars	Perrine	Basic	5:12 PM

All teams must be in line 15 minutes before scheduled time for Uniform Inspection.
Teams, please be ready at the gate to enter as soon as it opens.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

INTERNATIONAL, SOUTHWESTERN & LAKE UNION

Conference	Club Name	Church Name	Category	Schedule
Dominican Union	* Dominican Union	Dominican Union	Drum Corps	9:00 AM
			Freestyle	9:10 AM
Inter American	* Dominican Rep. Delegation	Union Dominicana	Freestyle	9:20 AM
Asociacion del Noreste	Doulos	Universitary Church	Freestyle	9:30 AM
West Central Korean	K-Force 16	Youth Mission Center	Freestyle	9:40 AM
Hong Kong-Macao	Hong Kong	HKMC	Freestyle	9:50 AM
v	Puerto Rican Union	Adventista Ponce 4	Freestyle	10:00 AM
	East-Central Tanzania Conf.	ECTC	Freestyle	10:10 AM
Southern Highlands	Mbeya Adventist	Mbeya Adventist	Basic	10:20 AM
			Advanced	10:24 AM
Oklahoma	Tulsa Twisters	Adventist Fellowship	Freestyle	10:29 AM
Southwest Region	Alamo City Rangers	Ephesus	Basic	10:39 AM
	Metro Paradise Soldiers	Metro Community	Freestyle	10:43 AM
Texas	Central Texas Drum Corp	Laurel Heights	Drum Corps	10:53 AM
	Edinburg Castles	Edinburg	Basic	11:03 AM
			Freestyle	11:07 AM
	Houston Northwest Spanish Centurions	Houston Northwest Spanish	Drum Corps	11:17 AM
			Basic	11:27 AM
			Advanced	11:31 AM
	Los Centinelas	Austin Spanish First	Basic	11:46 AM
	Maranatha	Mcallen Central Del Valle	Basic	11:50 AM
Short Break				
	Polaris	Garland Spanish	Freestyle	12:30 PM
	SIGMA	Ft Worth E Handley Spanish	Basic	12:40 PM
	Tamaraw	DFW Fil-Am	Basic	12:44 PM
			Advanced	12:48 PM
	The Generals	Houston West Little York	Advanced	12:53 PM
			Freestyle	12:58 PM
	Thunderhawks	Filam International	Basic	1:08 PM
	Tyler Trailblazers	Tyler	Drum Corps	1:12 PM
			Advanced	1:22 PM
Texico	North Valley Chiles	Albuquerque N Valley	Freestyle	1:27 PM
	Western Eagles	El Paso Central	Basic	1:37 PM
	Elmhurst Sentinels	Elmhurst	Basic	1:41 PM
Illinois	Hinsdale Fil-Am Challengers	Hinle Fil-Am	Basic	1:45 PM
			Freestyle	1:49 PM
	Light Bearers Club	Morton Grove Fil-Am	Freestyle	1:59 PM
	North Shore Stars	North Shore	Freestyle	2:09 PM
	Everest	Maranatha Hispanic Elgin	Basic	2:19 PM
	Falcons	Detroit Burns	Basic	2:23 PM
			Advanced	2:27 PM
			Freestyle	2:32 PM
			Freestyle	2:42 PM
	León de Judá	Waukegan Hispanic	Basic	2:52 PM
	Pontiac Warriors	Pontiac Southside	Advanced	2:56 PM
	Ypsilanti Navigators	Ypsilanti	Basic	3:01 PM
Wisconsin	Milwaukee Central Leones	Milwaukee Central Hispanic	Freestyle	3:05 PM
	With Lions	Maranatha	Basic	3:15 PM

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Safety & Main Stage Seating Tips

- 1 Have at least one adult at your campsite at all times.
- 2 Adults should accompany Pathfinders at all times.
- 3 When saving seats for the nighttime program, remember the rule of “seat one and save one.”
 - Only one person can save one seat for one other person.
 - Do not leave your seating unattended.
 - All unattended items left will be taken to Lost and Found or thrown away.
 - Portable chairs are strongly recommended. People on tarps cannot see as well and take up a lot of space.

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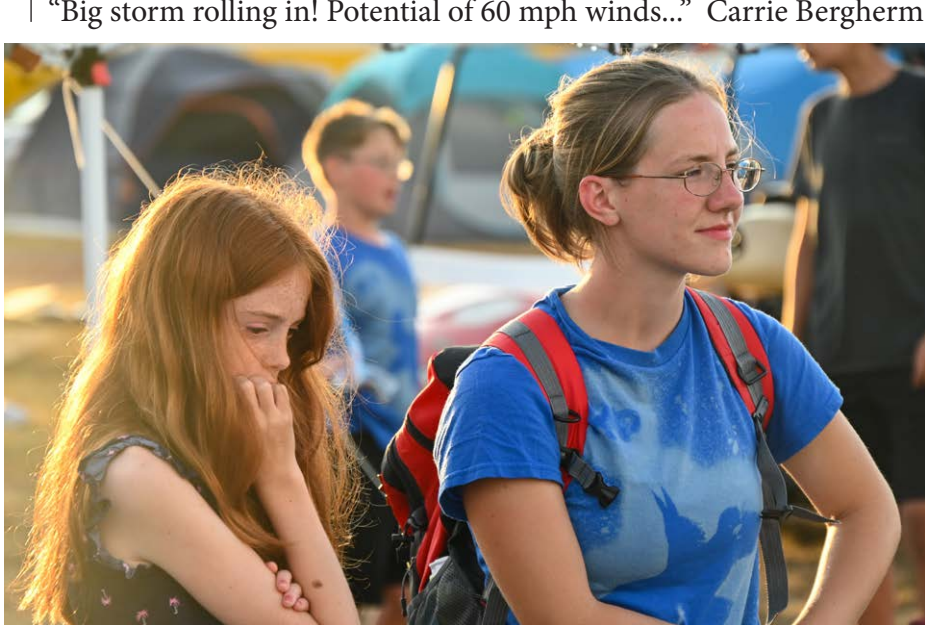
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Weathering the STORM



Crowds take shelter in the Heritage Center auditorium. Elle Requina |



Assessing the storm's damage. Tompaul Wheeler



The Colville (Washington) Cougars were one of many clubs flooded out. Jason Stewart |



Campers return to their tents after the all-clear is given by Camporee officials. Tompaul Wheeler



Campers move a tent to higher ground Tuesday after the storm. Elle Requina |



By mid-day Wednesday, campers returned to a standard schedule. Elle Requina



On Wednesday all morning on-site activities were canceled so campers could clean up. Elle Requina



Many tents were damaged beyond repair and discarded to the trash heap. Elle Requina



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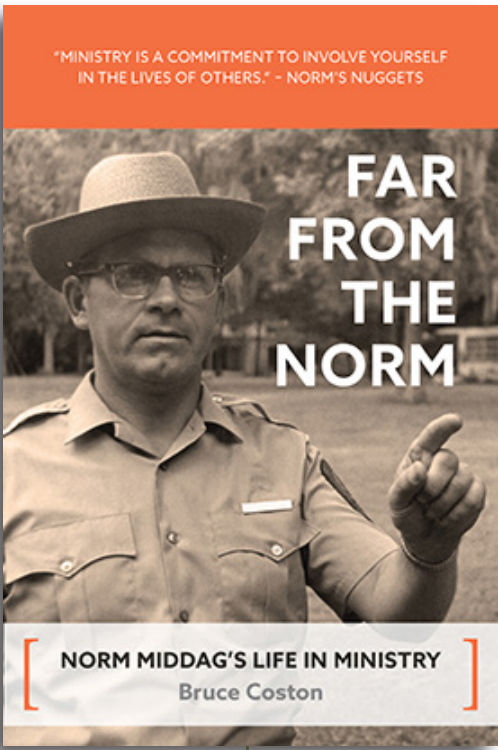


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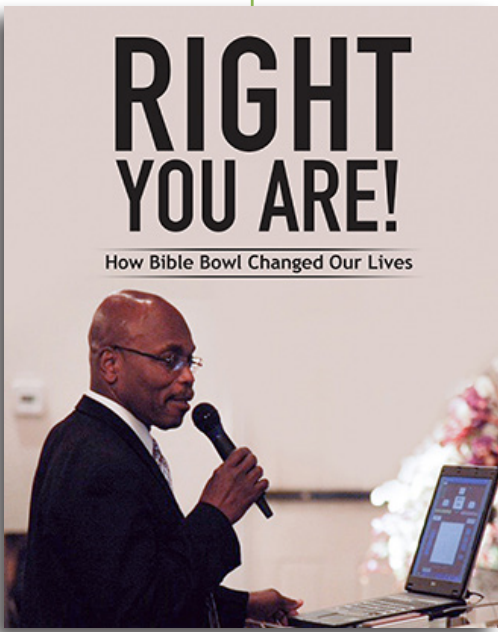
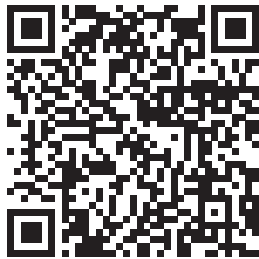
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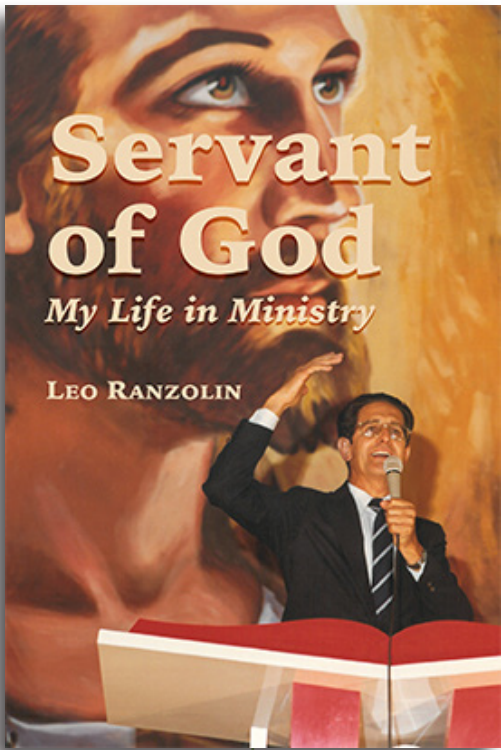


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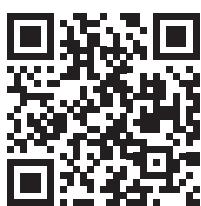


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Strap a headlamp onto a gallon jug of water. Direct the lamp beam inward to create an ambient light for your tent, picnic area, or campsite.

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“Unbelievable”

The Life and Legacy of David Steede

By Sonia Perez and Isabella Lagos

Unbelievable – so great or extreme as to be difficult to believe; extraordinary

Pastor David D.W. Steede II, beloved Bermuda Conference youth ministries director, died in his sleep the morning of July 18, 2024. His congregations and youth audiences knew him to often exclaim “Unbelievable!” in sermons. Now, his Bermuda community is repeating, “Unbelievable,” to each other, shocked by the loss of a faithful leader.

- A Bermuda native, Steede attended Bermuda Institute before studying at Oakwood College, now Oakwood University, where he and his wife Ra'Shall first met. After receiving his Masters of Divinity degree from Andrews University Theological Seminary, he pastored in the Southern New England and Central States conferences before returning to Bermuda to serve. After his service in roles including pastor of Hamilton Church and youth ministries director, he accepted the call to pastor the Southampton church in January 2024. He was father to David III and Summer.
- Steede was well known for his caring personality, witty attitude, and advocacy. He would affectionately greet all, regardless of age, with the phrase, “You behavin’

yourself?” Steede wanted people to know that he saw them, and that they mattered.

- David Mackenzie reflects on one example of Pastor Steede’s care and personal touch, recalling a “chit chat” he and Steede once had after Mackenzie challenged Steede’s cooking skills. Pastor Steede responded by sharing “two bowls with food and cookies” with him the next day, stating “I can cook.” Mackenzie reminisces that it was “the best food” he ever had in Bermuda.
- Pastor Steede loved to pray, read the Bible, and give Bible studies. Steede could turn anything and everything into a sermon, even a story about food. To him, in the hands of God, anything could be “unbelievable.”
- Now, however unbelievable, we mourn the loss of a leader, and brother in Christ. Yet, in the words of Dr. Mackenzie, “We will see Pastor Steede again.”
- “David Steede had an unwavering commitment to God,” declares North American Division Youth Director Dr. Vandeon Griffin. So, we will not weep as those without hope, but weep with the hope that this may endure for a night, but joy will come in the morning.

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•Legacy of Healing: We will explore the unbroken thread of mission between Christ’s healing ministry during His time on earth and today’s modern, faith-based health care. In this class, we will also share a new short film that you won’t want to miss!

Remember, fulfillment is a journey, and being part of Christ’s healing ministry today will be life-changing not only for you, but for so many others with whom you come in contact. Come and explore with us a meaningful future for you in the service of Christ and others.



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Give Me Some Sugar

By Kim Peckham

I was raised in a home without sugar, TV, or rock music. So it’s hard to believe I’m not perfect. With such a good upbringing, I should be walking among you in robes of light.

Some of your parents have tried as hard as my parents to protect you from the evils of the world. You aren’t allowed to have a cell phone until marriage, no music with a beat, and of course, no sugar.

And then you became a Pathfinder, which is like hopping aboard the Sugarland Express. Every camping trip gets you a dozen half-burned marshmallows, which are just sugar cubes with a weight problem.

And then there are Pathfinder trips like the one you took to get to Gillette, Wyoming. You hopped in the van with those tear-soaked twenty dollar bills your mom slipped to you as you said your last goodbyes. And as you drove away, you realized you could spend that cash on anything you wanted.

Your parents may have hoped you would invest it wisely in government savings bonds. But the way you imagined spending that money went in a very different direction. In fact, all the Pathfinders on the van shared this vision so that at the very first gas stop, you all swarmed inside the Speedy Mart and besieged the candy section like a Roman legion.

I’ve seen it happen more than once. Pathfinders returning to the van carrying bags of Skittles, Sour Patch Kids, and candy corn. Their wallets are empty, but they make whoops of joy like Vikings returning from the hunt.

Sugar has always been tempting. Remember King David in the Bible? His best friend, Jonathan, had a craving for sugar that almost got him killed. You can read the whole story in 1 Samuel chapter 14. It starts with Jonathan attacking a Philistine outpost and winning. The whole Israelite army ends up chasing the panicked Philistines. Then King Saul, Jonathan’s father, makes this weird curse on any soldier who eats before evening. I guess he didn’t want them to take a lunch break when they should be winning the battle.

But Jonathan comes across some honeycomb on the ground. And it looks really good to him. So he eats some and feels better. The soldiers say, “You’re in trouble now.” He says, “Don’t be ridiculous.”

But sure enough, his father threatens to kill Jonathan for eating the honey. It really looks like Saul would have stabbed his

son except that the whole army steps in and says, “You can’t do that. Jonathan is the reason we won this battle.”

Some of you may say, “This is a story about honey, not sugar.” Well, there’s not a big difference in my opinion. Honey is just sugar with bee spit.

So, right now, sugar may be a big temptation for you. Tomorrow, the temptation may be something else. Your parents and your Pathfinder leaders will try to protect you from these temptations, with varying degrees of success. But the day is coming when the only one holding you back from temptation is yourself. And frankly, that’s a pretty scary situation because we hate to tell ourselves no.

There is some hope in the love of God. The same love that forgives us after we fall to temptation can help us find ways to escape from sin in the first place. It’s kind of a miracle every time we turn from something we really, really want and do the right thing. And it’s a bigger miracle when our desires change and we don’t even want the things that used to tempt us. We begin to want God’s will even more than we want our own. Then we can say with King David:

“The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
. . . they are sweeter than honey,
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(Psalms 19:9, 10 NIV)



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Leaving the Camporee

When can we Leave at the Camporee?

You can leave beginning 11:00 p.m. Saturday night, August 10, 2024, when the union gates are open to exit.

- Some drivers sleep Saturday during the day and drive out about midnight Saturday night. Their riders sleep through the night on the way home.
- Only clubs leaving Saturday night after the evening program may bring their buses and vans into their campsites at 7:30 p.m., thru the union gates except A, B, & C. The union gates will close again

- at 9:00 p.m. At approximately 11:00 p.m., all union gates will be opened to anyone wanting to exit the camporee grounds, once foot traffic has cleared the main stage area.
- Many clubs stay camping Saturday night and enjoy the Saturday night special sales by exhibitors & vendors. These special sales include camporee hats, shirts, pins, etc.
- Most clubs plan to leave any time before 12:00 p.m. noon Sunday, August 11, 2024.
- The campgrounds must be vacated by 12:00 p.m. noon on Sunday, August 11,

PERSONALS

- Happy Birthday Jackline Ombati (Raleigh Navigators)
- Happy Birthday to Jazmyn and Joniya Walton. Glassboro Braves, Allegheny East Conference.
- Director Pettis, you are the epitome of a Christian leader; a wonderful example to the youth and we appreciate all you do! Your sacrifices, unwavering commitment, care, unmeasurable passion, and resilience don't go unnoticed and mean the world to us. Thank you for your time, communication, and all the love and support you give to our youth. With love, the parents of TWC CLT



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