

JYF Epistle

Most of the JYFs arrived on Tuesday. We started by decorating nametags and having a re-aquaintance, as well as meeting new members. For a change of pace, we started discussing some of the less pleasant experiences of the year, including interesting and funny injuries. We then proceeded to take a tour of the campus. While exploring, some wanted to find the pool, we did not find the pool immediately, but we found a strangely proportioned room. The door to the room was very short, but the roof was about two stories high, which made for excellent echoes. We played a game called Ga-ga-ga in this room later on in the week.

The next day, our first adventure was to find a ball for Ga-ga-ga, which we ended up borrowing from the nursery. After an amazing game, we returned to our classroom and had a stimulating conversation on belief of right and how we stand up for it. We then discussed what attributes would make a good clerk, what occurred in a business meeting, and for what purpose. We also reflected on the yearly meeting theme, and how we would relate that to our class.

On Thursday, we had three new arrivals to our class. We had a bible study session where we were read chapter thirteen, commonly known as the love chapter. We then discussed some of the more controversial, lesser known, and more paradoxical chapters of the bible. After our intriguing bible study, we planned for our activity at the All Ages celebration. We decided to have people make bumper stickers portraying peaceful messages, after which we gave massages. This created the metaphor that one can stand up for what they believe in, but still rely on others for aid.

On Friday, we had another bible study in the morning, as well as having another person join us. We planned for our overnight occurring that evening by coming to agreement on food, quiet time, and movies using Quaker process. We also planned further on writing our epistle, choosing topics we wanted to include that had occurred over our time at BYM.

That evening, all the JYFs arrived for the overnight. We had a guest named Peterson Tuscono, who spoke to us about self acceptance and acceptance of others. After his presentation, we had an excellent night full of fun, food, and music with random dancing.

We spent a great week with this community, and appreciate the contributions of many and all.