



RIVER IMPRESSIONS



A Record of the Passing of Time
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“You make springs gush forth in the valleys;... you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.”

-Psalm 104:10-13 [NRSV] / Day 2 text from

2013 summer curriculum ... *All Things New, Look what God is doing!*

Stewards Are Aware



Photo (above right): Camper embraces awesome wonder of nature (in this case, a tree frog).

The JRVC setting offers prompts toward experiencing wonder at the ever-flowing nature of the Johns River, fed by countless springs that dispense water from the earth, and revived by summer rains that release water from above. Campers marvel at “the way God sustains the environment’s balance.” They further pause at the end of each day with their own “psalm” of thanksgiving and praise, understanding more clearly the sustaining presence of that Creator God in a world they are blessed to inhabit.



Work Campers Care

Planning a Work-Mission Camp? Consider Johns River Valley Camp as a destination, with its location in the foothills of North Carolina’s Appalachian Mountains. This JRVC program has identified a cross section of needs where campers – with hands-on encounters -- can address issues related to housing, food, clothing and environment. The Johns River experience immerses campers into a balance of work and play, tough jobs and pleasant tasks, people encounters and

serendipitous discoveries in nature. Work projects in 2013 included an elderly woman’s home in Blowing Rock [*Resort Area Ministries*], an AME church near Collettsville [*Smokey Mountain Mental Health / Caldwell County*], habitat restoration [*Grandfather Mountain*], F.A.R.M. Cafe [*Feeding All, Regardless of Means*], Hospitality House / Hunger Coalition [*High Country*], and a river clean-up [*Wilson Creek*]. **Dates for 2014: July 13-19.** (Some additional weeks are available for specific group tailored scheduling. For additional information, contact camp director C. L. “Curly” Stumb.)

Photo (above left): Campers paint steps at small AME church near Collettsville.

Eight words tell eight stories of camper experiences. Eight campers were each invited to share one word (with a brief one minute explanation) that best described their camp experiences at Johns River Valley Camp during the summer of 2013. The “i-reporters” were worshippers at Oakland Christian Church in Suffolk, VA. The words offer hints toward understanding why these particular campers chose to travel seven hours to immerse themselves into an inviting community in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Also know that Johns River staff believe every camper that crosses the Johns River is a worthy person, created in the image of God. Each week a diversity of campers come together to form a camp community, including: the quiet or vocal, timid or fearless, creative or athletic, seeker or believer, reflective or social, trusting or testing, dreamer or drummer, singer or sayer, challenged or champ, talented or strengthened, petite or prominent, co-operative or competitive. All are welcome in this special place. Elements of the 2014 summer schedule will be posted on camp web site [www.jrvc.org] as available.

Campers Share



Photo (above right): Follow the newly paved road for a destination that offers experiences as described by embedded words.



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