

Dear Fivers,

Well, my prayers were answered! It is true, the camp had new bunks! We had the best weather, the best parent chaperones, the best 4-H interns and the best group of kids!

I want to thank all the parents who came took care of their child and others, made endless trips to the bathroom, watched out for all the fivers, lifted children to see baby wrens and many other tasks. We couldn't do it without you!

I especially want to thank Kim Sherr who stepped in for Debra to help with Earth Day and camp. Her help was priceless. On the first day I was in charge of the challenge course for all 3 classes and I missed spending time with everyone at the pond and art. Kim was the staff person in charge of making the pond a safe activity. Thanks Kim!

The night hike was exceptional this year! The intern, Candace, was very good with the kids. I was proud that our class was very quiet when asked and listened very well. Also, Josh Breeze brought night vision goggles and everyone got to look through them. WOW!

My favorite time was when the Dads lifted children to see 5 baby wrens in the nesting box. I wish my eyes were cameras so I could share the look of wonder on every child's face. A close second was the excitement as we dissected owl pellets. All the parents and teachers enjoyed this activity!

After the last class Candace told me how impressed she was with our children. She said this was the first time she ever heard of Montessori and was amazed at the way the kids listened and behaved. Although she is only 19, she said our children were better behaved than the 4th graders that usually go to camp!

I have an awesome job and I am so thankful that you are able to make sacrifices to send your children to Providence! Your return on every dollar is not measurable but is very valuable.

Peace,

Chris Zachritz

