

VEGAS VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Friday, February 16, 2024

CALENDAR

Feb. 19
President's Day NS
Feb. 22-24
Music Festival
March 8
End of 3rd QTR.



THE AMBITION AWAKENS

-JAMES W. GILLEY

I was granted the opportunity to participate in the 9th and 10th trip that consisted of a journey to Bible Camp, as well as a tour of Rio Lindo Adventist Academy. It was an exhilarating trip that contained numerous activities to enjoy. The journey to Leoni Meadows was a very treacherous voyage to reach as our tire on the bus got stuck in the snow. Thankfully we still continued our expedition and remained safe. All the men were given the task of retrieving the luggage and transporting it onto the second bus. It was not easy nor was it smooth sailing due to snowing and distance. Alas we accomplished it and had a good rest that night. For the whole trip I was very passionate about gaining new knowledge whether it may be academically or spiritually. Regardless of the journey being tiring and exhausting I was still ambitious and to trust that this trip was going to be good in the end. I then enjoyed nature and socialized with students and new people. We ventured the vast wilderness and discovered many different life forms. Crossed into the past of Charles Muntz and his journey of becoming a notable cartoonist. Even now, I am aspiring to gain a more enlightened comprehension about the world around us and I have a great ambition to evolve ahead of my generation. Striving to learn by trying new things is not a bad idea, in fact even Einstein said "Imagination is more important than knowledge." Ergo if you have a good imagination you'll have curiosity then you can discover new things and learn more. Always trust that the journey may be long and treacherous but you should still be positive and upbeat no matter how dreary the struggles are.

LEONI MEADOWS AND RIO LINDO TRIP -JOSHUA M. SILVER

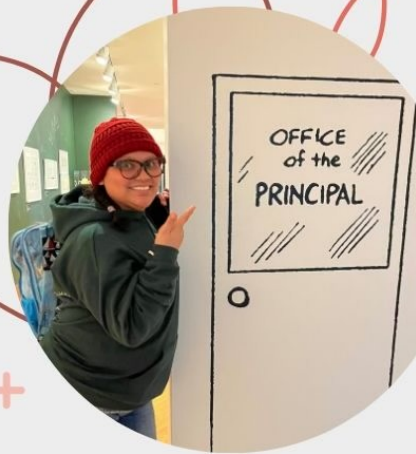
Recently, 9th and 10th grade traveled to Northern California for Bible camp and a biology trip at Rio Lindo. First, we flew to San Francisco and drove to Rio Lindo. We were driven to Rio Lindo, and once we got there, we boarded a bus to drive to camp. On the way to camp, we took a wrong turn just a few miles from it. There was hardly any traction on one section of the road, so we got stuck. The bus sat still for a couple hours. But we got out of it, and then we actually got to the camp past 9 pm. Bible camp is a fun experience, as you can come together with other Christians in a comfortable space. You do small Bible study sessions with other people, which can help you learn more about other people's points of view, as well as develop your own. You also play games with your assigned group to have fun while becoming more comfortable with each other. The experience was unique and enjoyable. After camp, we went back to Rio Lindo for a biology trip. We went down to the river and collected samples to help make a mini ecosystem. During the trip, we also went to the beach, the Petrified Forest, Fort Ross, and the Charles Schulz museum. We also got a tour of Rio Lindo to learn about the opportunities they offer. We were shown all the facilities and choices given there. Overall, the trip was a memorable and informational trip.

MORE THAN A DAY OFF?

-CALLIE SAMANIEGO

Why do we always have the third Monday in February off of school and some jobs? It is President's Day. This holiday is to celebrate George Washington and honor his birthday. He died in 1799, and this holiday began way back in 1885. A bill was passed in 1965 called the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, that would make all federal holidays on a Monday, so that workers could have a three day weekend. During the time they were voting on the bill, they also changed the holiday from Washington's Birthday to President's Day to honor Abraham Lincoln's birthday as well. On President's Day, there are usually a lot of celebrations and parades in Washington D.C. and all over the country. Washington's birthday was also the first holiday that recognizes someone's birth date.





PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AT THE 9/10 TRIP -MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

This past week the 9/10 class went on a trip to Leoni Meadows and to Rio Lindo Adventist Academy. Our schedule was filled with many fun and exhilarating activities. But on the first day our schedule was already unsuccessful. We were supposed to get to Leoni Meadows by dinner but our driver took a wrong turn and we ended up getting stuck in a hole. Trying to find a solution we had to bring all the luggage to a new bus and continue with our trip. The rest of the Bible part of the trip went well, I met lots of new people in my group and saw how people view the Bible. The biology was by far the best part out of the entire trip. We first made an ecosystem out of a plastic water bottle. We grabbed water by the river, mud, insects, and much more. We wanted to visit museums but they were closed due to weather. But we ended up going to the Petrified Forest and the Charlie Brown museum. We learned how to make ecosystems out of water bottles from resources from Rio Lindos back yard. I appreciated Rio Lindos kindness in giving us food for 4 days and a dorm for us to sleep in.

BIBLE CAMP

-YESEL GONZALEZ



Bible camp this year is a story to tell. The process of arriving on Bible trips, it's usually driving to Leoni Meadows with classmates. From Vegas to San Francisco, we went on a plane; from San Francisco to Rio Lindo, we took vans. We took a bus with the Rio Lindo kids to Leoni Meadows. On the way to Leoni Meadows, the bus got stuck in the snow. So, a few kids and I went to put chains on the tire. However, after putting the chains on, the driver pressed on the gas, and the bus wouldn't budge. Due to this, everyone had to wait for another bus. Thanks to God, we made it to Leoni safely but arrived around 10:30 PM. So the gentlemen took the luggage and bags to another bus. Everyone made it to Leoni Meadows safely. Nonetheless, Bible camp was cool. I met new people and enjoyed the services.



MY EXPERIENCE ON THE TRIP -ROBERT CASTRO

Bible Camp was a very different and short experience. It all started Friday night when Rio Lindo's rental bus got stuck in the snow at Leoni Meadows. At this time, I was wearing shorts and sandals because I wanted to be comfortable on the plane ride earlier in the day. Then, on the day of Bible Camp, it was pretty fun, but I was switched to another group at the last minute. To be honest, it was a great move, at least for me. I met new people, and later something greater would happen. But the activities at Bible Camp were fun and enjoyable, especially with the group I was put in, and out of all the games that we played, my group hadn't lost once. So, after all the games, we ended up in a tie for first place, which meant we had to play one more to figure out who'd come out on top. And guess what? My team won! It was crazy because I managed to hit the bullseye on one of the targets. We were all hyped about it and realized that working together and not giving up really pays off. Winning felt awesome and showed us how important it is to stick together and stay focused on our goals.

Rio Lindo was a great experience; their dorms were pretty nice, and their staff was delightful. The campus has lots of space, and they have lots of fun activities that you could do. My favorite part of staying at Rio Lindo was the basketball games that we got to watch. There were a couple of competitive matches that were fun to watch.

Overall, it was a joyful experience the entire week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When people don't have any curiosity about themselves, that is always a bad sign."
-Irvin D. Yalom

SILLY GILLEY

What did the paper clip say to the magnet?
You're very attractive

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