

Expedition ExPress

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The Beach

– *By Rett Meyer and Owen Booth*

This is Rett Meyer here reporting from R.M. News Services. And I'm here on Jekyll Island asking Owen Booth, "What brings you to the beach today?"

"I am on a trip with my school, The Living Science Academy. We are here today trying to catch some sea creatures in a 75 foot long net. We call it seining."

"And do you like to visit the beach often?"

"Yes, I love the ocean and all of its creatures."

"Now, Owen, can you answer some questions that I throw at you?"

"Sure!"

"Would you come back to The Golden Isles for a beach vacation?"

"Most definitely!"

"On this school trip have you been to any other beaches?"

"Yes, I have been to one on Cumberland Island."

"What are some major differences between the two?"

"Cumberland had horses on the beach and an old burned down mansion. Jekyll is mostly just a regular beach, but it is not crowded and it's nice to hang out on."

"Overall would you say that this is a great school trip to the beach?"

"Yes, because I got to hang out with my friends for a whole week!"

"That sounds really fun! And Owen, were the beaches fun and overall amazing?"

"The beaches on the expedition were very cool and were filled with all of God's creations."

"Now, is there anything that you would like to add?"

"I just want to thank all the people in charge of making this Expedition one of the best trips I've ever had."

"Wow! Let's give a big round of applause to Owen and Living Science Academy!"

I'm Ret Meyer and that's all for this week of R.M. News services. Now I will kick it off to the other news reporters who are reporting on this trip.

Worship Time

– *By Drew Roberts & Patton Andrews*

Thanks to this year's worship team, relationships grew closer with both God and friends. First of all, let's meet the worship team.

This year's team includes Jackson at the drums, while Bane, Ila, Olivia, Dieudonne, Aspen, Aiden, and Sean led us in the singing. Mr. Speiss occupied the piano and joyously led the whole thing. Whatever this year's songs lacked in seriousness, they made up for in enthusiasm and a great message for all to hear. Some of the songs included "Bubblin," "Blind Man," and "My Lighthouse." The more serious songs led us in a time of great worship. Overall, the music and the atmosphere was incredible. We just want to give a big thank you to Mr. Speiss for all the hard work he puts into making our worship time so amazing! We all hope to enjoy next year as much as we did this year.



The Skit

– *By Noah Lloyd*

This year, LS middle school students enjoyed a skit featuring servant leaders. They performed a four-day play which included a historical event from the Bible. This year's skit included characters like Sir Albert Peacock III and Gertrude solving the mystery involving billions of

dollars disappearing from their bank account.

On the first night, we are taken back to the days of Noah after Olivia's character finds an old Bible from her great-grandfather. The scene changes to the time of Noah. As the story goes, Noah, his wife, his sons, and their wives would be spared from the ensuing disaster. God told Noah to build an ark and to take his family, and a pair of each living animal with him, (though I do not know why mosquitoes had to survive.) On the second night of our skit, just as a number of mysterious people begin to arrive at "Olivia's" door, billions of dollars are emptied from "Olivia's" account, ruining her goals of building a life-sized ark. On the last two nights of the skit, the main goal is to figure out who might have stolen the money from their account and why. In the end, fingerprints were lifted from their computer, and the entire thing turned out to be an accident! I would like to thank Emma Singleton and Tru for directing the skit. It was truly one of the highlights of Expedition!

Redeemer

- By Jocelyn Miller & Rose Beach

The Redeemer Skit is a powerful play about God's love, the struggles people go through, and how Jesus saves us. It starts with a dark stage, then music plays softly.



A spotlight shows God walking on stage, and He starts creating the world. It's peaceful. Then, God makes man. He breathes life into him, and man stands up. God smiles, and they walk together like best friends. Everything is perfect at first.

However, things change when man meets Temptation, Money, and Alcohol/Drugs. They act like they're his best friends. Man spends more time with them and pulls away from God. At first, it's fun with music and dancing, but soon, those "friends" hurt him. Man gets weak and stuck. Jesus is there the whole time, watching and loving man, but man doesn't choose Him. Finally, Jesus fights back. Through Him, man's sins are nailed to the cross. The lights go out, and the music goes quiet. But then, Jesus comes back to life! He takes man's hand, and they walk toward a door that leads to Heaven.

In conclusion, the skit shows that no matter how bad things get, Jesus is always there to save us

and give us a second chance. God's love is stronger than anything.

Baptism

- By Baird Pierce

Every Expedition we seine, eat, and have a lot of fun, but on the more serious side, there is one thing that stands out the most. Before seining, we have a baptism ceremony. A few kids (and sometimes adults) will go out into the ocean with a teacher and get baptized. It's a wonderful sight to see. This year baptism was held on Jekyll Island. Last year, I got the opportunity to get baptized on Jekyll, as well. Baptism symbolizes the purification of the soul and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. When we go down into the water it symbolizes Christ's burial and when we come out of the water it symbolizes His resurrection.



There were several students along with Mrs. Crabtree and Mr. Hornbuckle who experienced baptism by Mr. Singleton this year.

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The day was sunny and windy, and watching everyone get baptized reminded me of when I got baptized last year at Expedition. I think it's a unique opportunity, and I hope the kids in the future will want to get baptized and experience it.

In Matthew 3:11, John The Baptist said, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

I'm grateful that we celebrate water baptism at Living Science.



Seining on Jekyll Island

– By Levi Visocnik and Caleb Cox

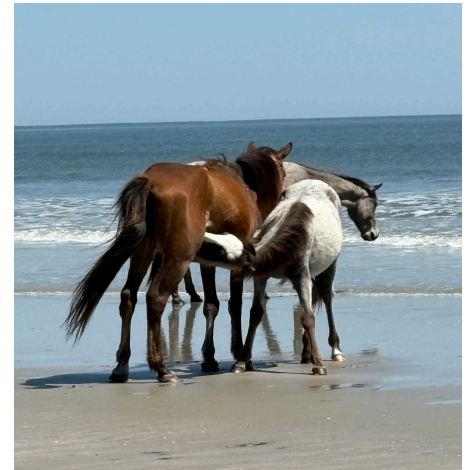
Seining! It's the highlight of the Living Science Expedition. Students get the unique opportunity of going on a special trip to Jekyll Island and observing sea creatures up close. Seining dates back thousands of years when willow nets were found in the ancient city of Andrea, Finland.

It is the process of fishing with large nets held down on the bottom of the sea floor with weights.

The weather was perfect as we made our way to Jekyll Island. We were divided into teams and began the seining process. There were 3-4 people on each side of a 75 foot net, and the servant leaders went first to show how it was done. One side pulled the net far out into the water. The net was stopped; then everyone began to walk back to the shore, pulling water and sea life with them. Their feet reached the sandy ground, and the net was laid down.

Everybody crowded around, looking at what they caught. Crabs and fish lay on the wet net and had to be carefully removed. After a few more catches, something was heard on the radio, "Come to the girls' side, amazing catch!" We put down the net and sprinted to the girls' side. They had gotten a stingray!

Here's a list of the different specimens we found in our nets: shrimp, crab, squid, small fish, a large fish, stingray and 2 other sea creatures. Seining taught us a lot about aquatic creatures and their inner workings. God's creation is so diverse!



Cumberland Island

– By Noah Thomason & Liam McCulloch

As you may already know, on this year's expedition, we went to Cumberland Island as one of our day trip activities. It was so much fun to get to experience all of God's creation. We even saw wild horses. That was awesome!

Also, we walked all the way to the beach and witnessed a family of wild horses there. What a breathtaking sight to see a small foal nursing from its mother as waves were gently lapping the shore. Then, we walked the boardwalk and tried our hand at orienteering. After that, we walked to the old mansion, or what was left of it. There, we saw some fiddler crabs and made them fight. It was super cool. On our way back to the boat, we even saw an armadillo. The boat ride was also very fun. There was a top deck that we could sit on. And guess what? We saw dolphins! If you are ever in the area, We highly recommend stopping by Cumberland Island.

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