



What's Happening at the Amador Arc

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My Favorite Fishing Trip To Bear River Resort

By James Bluma

A few years ago, I went on a special fishing trip with my dad and Casey. We spent the day at Bear River Resort fishing from the shore. I was so excited because I caught a big Rainbow Trout. We put it on ice and took it home for dinner. I kissed it, and thanked it for being dinner. I helped my dad prepare it for cooking. Yum!

Returning To The Arc

By Sharly Grandon

"I'm enjoying the magic of returning to The Arc"

When I stepped into the doors at my day program, I felt I like spread my wings and I free. The real magic happen when I'm back in the classes it feels so go to do newsletter again, I'm ready to learn new things in classes the staff always come up with exciting new subjects, some of my favorite classes are health ladies group ,zoology newsletter music dance and art I miss having lunch and good conversations with my friends , I miss my in house job and my other job at Operation Care thrift shop, I did lots of cleaning and sorting the clothing I felt like I was making a difference in the community,



Joshie's Jive

By Joshua Rhoades

ZOOM Classes

Instead of day-program classes at The Arc during the COVID pandemic, staff created ZOOM classes. We did some arts and crafts classes, as well as other popular subjects. I especially like Relationships, Brain Games, History, Socialization, Art, Food Around The World, Book Club, Recreation, Music, Cooking Class, Math, Cultural Art, Independent Living, Health and Exercise.

I enjoy Music Zoom and have performed Eric Clapton's song, "Tears from Heaven" as well as other favorites. Connie and Katie played guitar and we watched the inspirational videos and did vocal warm ups and exercises. Sometimes we dance. It will be fun to go to program for full days soon.

MY GROUP HOME TRIP TO BEND OREGON

On our trip to Bend Oregon we played miniature golf, Frisbee, volleyball, soccer and went on a picnic. It was beautiful there and we all had fun. It was good to get out and about.

CAMP CANCELED

My camping trip was canceled due to the fires, smoke and a power outage. I am disappointed because I had to stay home. But, I will be going back to camp in 2022, if all goes well next year. Fingers crossed.

ALTERNATIVE PLANS

We are going to the Wolf Lodge in Manteca on August 16th. I will be staying in a hotel with my mom, Kasandra, Kourtney and Lindsey. Heather and her daughter will go with us too. There is an outside water slide as well as an inside slide. We will go bowling, golfing and shopping. What fun!

***I will miss you all!
But, I will visit and
see you on ZOOM.***

***Sending love,
Connie***



It's Different

By Kasandra Graham

We just experienced opening the doors again after a year and a half since March of 2020 when the COVID-19 Pandemic caused The Arc to shut down.

The Rhoades home folks are looking forward to Camp reopening. There is a concern about how they are going to separate the clients with the social distancing. How will they set up the tables for serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, and how will they separate the showers. There is a mask mandate because COVID is becoming more severe. Clients will have to be six feet apart at the Arc and at Camp . . .

Do to global warming and the terrible fires, camp has been canceled. We are disappointed, but we all need to do what we can to be safe as a family and with our friends. We should think about how we need to work on global warming to change things. To keep everyone protected, we need structure on this pandemic now and to have people get the vaccine. Our world needs change to make a difference . . . if we don't, then we can't help anyone. We help to change people by being positive and looking at ways we can stay independent. Our world needs some BIG changes. We seek help from the resources out there too. There is a lot out there when it comes to safety and vaccine information and how we can keep safe. It all starts with patience and waiting for a life time of happiness and laughing once COVID IS OVER.

It is different in the time of COVID-19 and computer class in person at program is limited to just 4 people. During the time of the shutdown, staff continued to create packages, made porch visit and created a zoom program of classes online. We all had to learn about how to log-in and to use Zoom. Classes were offered in all of the usual favorites and it was fun. Now that the arc has finally re-opened with all the safety measures of temperature taking, six feet of distancing, hand washing, it has really worked out – **different, but wonderful.**

Being able to see the staff after such a long time has changed me in the way I am doing things now, and I love being able to really laugh with them again. Hopefully, we won't have to shut down any more. We have made progress and we'll keep moving forward and using one step at a time with patient and positive attitudes. Staff is really working hard to keep everyone

We are all enjoying Kris and Kim's beautiful butterfly garden.



The British Royal Family

By Tiffani Smith



Princess Diana was one of my Favorite people. She changed how people thought about the Royal Family. She was down to earth and very kind. She loved to work with children. She had two children with Prince Charles, William and Harry.

Since her marriage was arranged, it didn't work out as she expected. She and Charles finally split up and she found a new boyfriend named Dodie. Unfortunately, Princess Diana and was killed on their way to Paris as they entered a tunnel, trying to ditch the paparazzi. There was a Terrible crash and Diana died. Before Diana became a Royal, she was good friends with Elton John. He sang *Candle in the Wind* at her funeral.



Girl's Trip

By Sharly Grandon



I'm looking forward going to the Church retreat with my mom, granny and auntie. We will play board games .and have bible study. There will be music and lots of good food. It will a pleasure to be with my female friends. I'm going to get dressed up for the event. I'm going to a cute top and my favorite nice dress sandals from the Church of Nazarene.

Welcome To Camp Transylvania

By Sean Martin

We hope you enjoy your stay. A few things to be aware of for campers:

1. Spitting toads may hit you with foaming yellow slime -- not a good feeling -- yucky !
2. Flying monkeys will mistake your ears for wings and will and try and steal them.
3. Last rule for happy camper's experience -- DO NOT, WE REPEAT, DO NOT GO IN TO CANDY CASTLE BY YOURSELF! Indescribable things happen without the buddy system. **Thank You!**

The day started with all campers finding their cabins. There was a lot of laughing and kidding around. Kids were dared to test out some of the rules. Most didn't dare try, but a few thought about it.

Meanwhile, the Camp Counselors joined the campers. There was a lot of whispering and shocked faces because the counselors were very strange looking. Some looked like vampires with toad bodies, some were bats with horse tails and others looked like a variety of other creatures. But one camper, Jacob Yummy couldn't stop thinking about the Candy Castle even though it was forbidden to go alone. What wonderful yummy goodies were waiting for him? He knew he needed a buddy, but who could he trust? He didn't know anybody yet. But he knew he had to enter that castle before his week was up!

Everyone was having a great time. The food was fried toad heads that tasted like chicken. The grasshopper salad with green-slime dressing was also tasty, but very crunchy. Some of the campers had burgers, fries and shakes, but some ended up taking foaming yellow slime from toads. A couple lost an ear! The monkeys sure looked crazy with human ears, but they were all warned!

Jacob was still figuring out his buddy system as he was walking back from lunch when he saw a kid by a weird looking tree. He decided to say hi. He hadn't seen him before. His name was Sean Slimy. Turns out he was one of the counselor's kids, but he seemed liked a human, or so Jacob thought. They got to talking about all the rules and Sean Slimy asked Jacob yummy if he wanted to go into The Candy Castle. Jacob was so excited he couldn't control himself. Sean Slimy just smiled and told Jacob to meet him by The Candy Castle in an hour, and not to tell anyone about it. At 1:00 pm Jacob went to The Candy Castle and waited for what seemed like forever. Finally, he saw Sean and got so happy. Then, right before his eyes, Sean turned into a flying monkey and grabbed Jacob's ear. Sean said, "Come on!" But, didn't hear him. So Sean grabbed him by the leg and they went flying into the castle through a back window. Jacob couldn't believe his eyes. There was so much candy and he took as much as he could. He shared it with other campers who turned into Laffy-Taffy and Purple Skittles. Others turned into cotton candy. How were they going to explain this to their parents? Jacob Yummy



didn't care. He'd lost an ear, he had a great time at camp. As for Sean Slimy, he was happy to meet a good friend and couldn't wait until next year He knew he would give Jacob back his ear because he liked the kid. Camp was great and even though it was weird, everyone agreed they would return next year.

Thank you for coming to
Camp Transylvania!

Happy Halloween!



Hi, we're
Mia and
Megan from
Andromeda.

Sistas

Identical Twins From The Cosmos

Illustration by
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Big Ideas

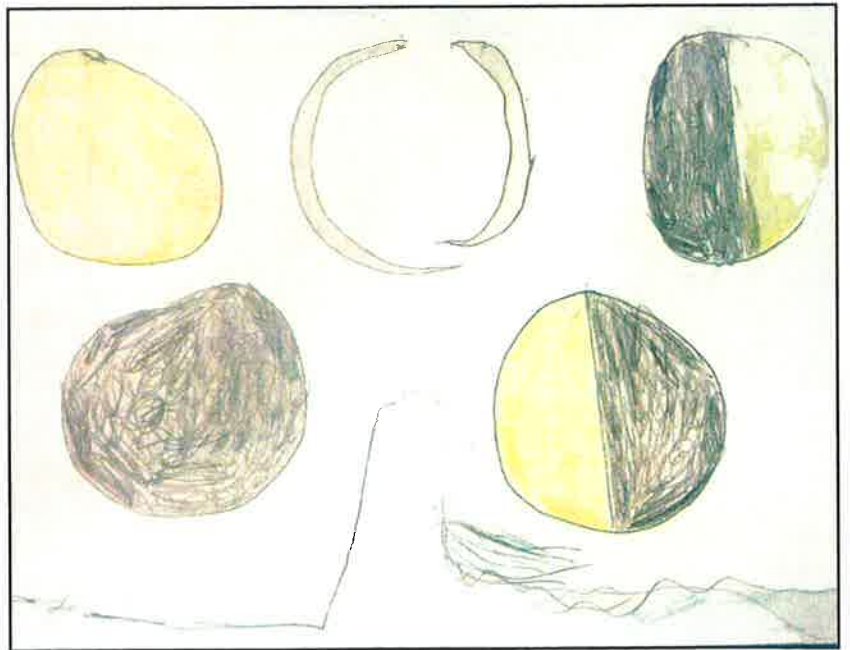
Written and Illustrated by Matt Schwartz

Greenhouse Gas

I'd like to talk about the polar ice melting all due to global warming around the world. The methane carbon gas release from the permafrost soil bubbles up from within the ground. Over the years more people are using carbon gas from the cars, factories and plants. If this keeps going in the wrong direction, life as we know it will wipe off from the face of the mother earth.

The Phases of Moon

One phase of the moon cycle is waning crescent. It is when it becomes a lot smaller gradually after a full moon. Another phase is that of the new moon when it isn't visible. Then after that it will be waxing gradually from a crescent, increasing back to a full moon. During the bright full moon, everything is very active in the night will come out of the darkness.



The cycle takes about 29 days for the moon to complete its rotation around earth. The moon size is about 2,148 miles in diameter. The moon controls social behavior and moon keeps the earth's climate cooler. It also affects the tides of bodies of water. The moon is a satellite that orbits around the earth. The moon almost looks like cheese. It was advised for humans not go out when there is full moon so as not to encounter the werewolf. Finally, nobody will know if the moon in real life has secret powers.