

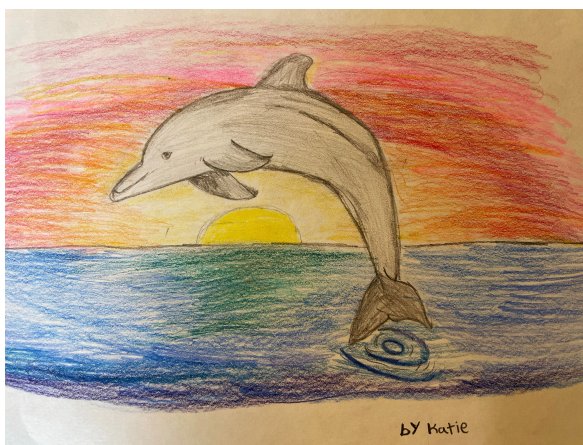
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Taughannock Falls
By Mira, Jackson, and Ama

On Tuesday, the second day of camping in Ithaca, we went to Taughannock Falls, which is the tallest waterfall in New York State. Taughannock Falls is 215 feet tall. We had peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunch and Omi dropped her croc off the viewing ledge and someone had to jump over and get it. The walls of the gorge were so tall, it was very impressive. Johnny didn't know it was called a "waterfall" because it's water falling and had a sudden realization. We also took a group photo before we left (above).



Katie & Mira's
beautiful
creations from
school on
Thursday





On the way to Ithaca, we stopped at the Corning Museum of Glass. First we got stickers, and then we did You Draw It, We Make It. They made Clara's design, a little mushroom man (left), and it worked! Then we watched a glass blowing show, and they made a vase that looked like a wine bottle. Did you know that it takes 9 hours for glass to cool? And it takes a telescope lens one year!!! Afterwards, we explored different kinds of glass, watched a glass breaking presentation, looked through a periscope, and we walked through an optical illusion of glass. Some people actually crashed into the real glass by accident because they didn't see it!!! We went to the gift shop, and then we ate lunch in the cafeteria. After that we headed out to Watkins Glen.

The End. ~Aurora & Amelia



Watkins Glen By Georgie and Katelyn

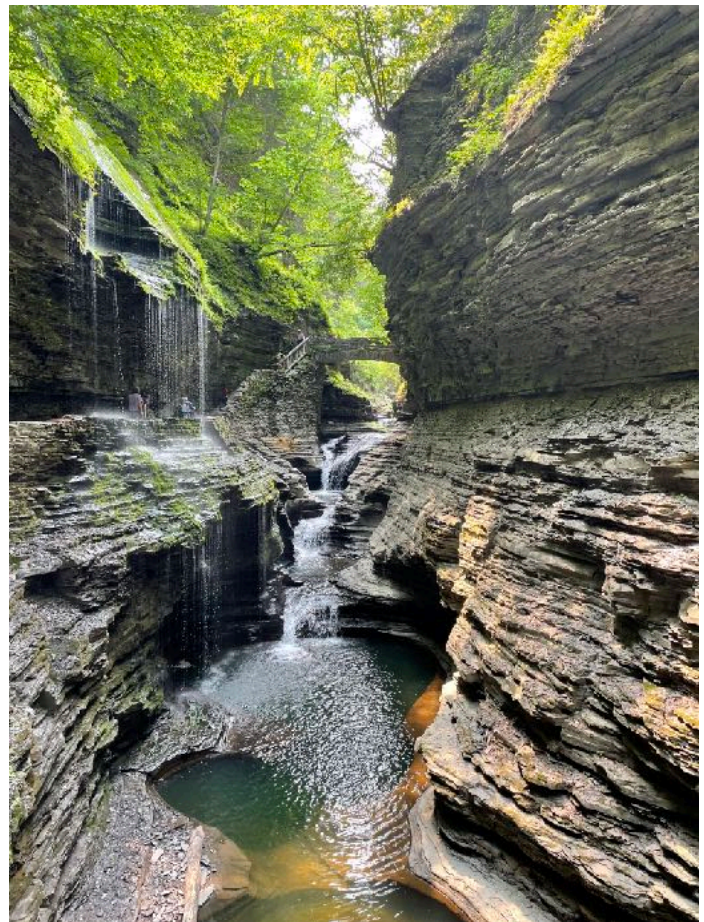
On Monday before camping we went to Watkins Glen. The biggest waterfall was so pretty, it was also huge! You could also walk behind the waterfalls, but not without getting wet. There was even an awesome smaller waterfall that had a heart shape in the rock below it.

A long time ago a big glacier came through Watkins Glen and made a huge valley right through the rock, making a gorge.

While on the hike we walked across bridges, stone paths, and walking tunnels.

We could feel the jagged rocks and the cold water from the waterfalls. We could smell the plants around us and Georgie said that the water smelled like fish poop. You could hear the birds chirping, the water running, everyone talking, and the wind blowing the trees.

We all had a great time at Watkins Glen!





On Tuesday while camping we went to the Science Center. They had so many fun things to do such as a spot where you could pet animals like snakes, turtles, and lizards (top left). Outdoors they had a playground and lots of areas where you could play with bubbles. Katie's favorite room was a room with a sand box with a light shining on top to show the different elevations (bottom picture). You could also make it rain in it. There was also an invisible harp that you could play and stairs that when you stepped on them they played different notes. They had so many amazing things that we were able to do there and we all had a great time. It was a very fun part of the trip. By Katie, Frankie, and Sarah



Thank you to all the parents who:

- made brownies or cornbread or granola or sourdough bread
- made all kinds of muffins
- had coffee when we most needed it
- washed up dishes dirtied by others
- helped get meals ready
- provided firewood
- stayed to break down camp and clean
- provided rides

You're the best!

Chili & S'mores By Clara and Inti

On Tuesday we had chili for dinner and s'mores for dessert. Georgie, Ama, Millie, Miss Kelsey, Mrs. Allison, and Mrs. Sara helped make the chili. Inti liked it so much that he asked for the recipe. In the chili there were three types of beans, bell peppers, onions, diced tomatoes, chili powder and in one of the crock pots there was ground beef. We nicknamed Georgie "Bean Boy" because of how many cans he opened!

After dinner we had s'mores over the campfire. We all got very sticky but they were delicious. The marshmallows were delicious and cute. Many people burned theirs. Inti's was perfect until he burned it. Overall it was a great meal.

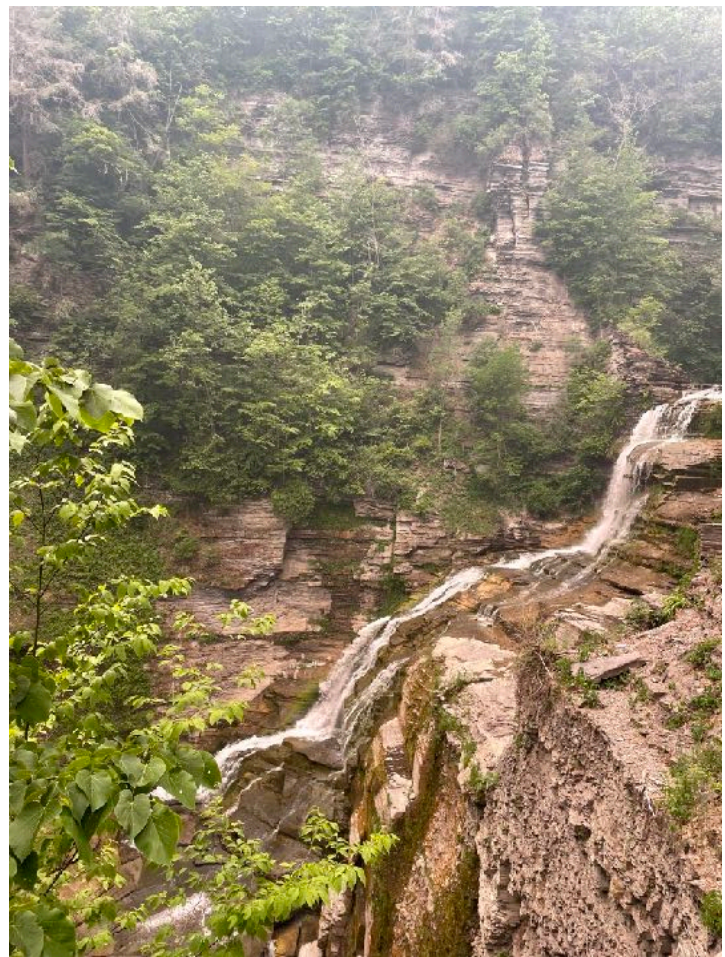




The Gorge Hike

By: Ria and Millie

On Wednesday we went to the Gorge Hike at Robert Treman Park. We went to the bathroom and there was an old elevator and we accidentally left Nolan there. We started hiking and two minutes later Nolan came back and he couldn't find anyone since he was left skipping rocks in the creek. He later caught up to us. There were waterfalls that were really cool and pretty. Halfway through, Omi dropped her water bottle into the gorge and no one got it. A while later, we turned back around because the smoke in the air was too hard to breathe. Even though it was hard to breathe with the smoke, the waterfalls were still so pretty. The gorge was so big and stunning. We all really enjoyed this hike and would all go back another time!



We went to many fun places in Ithaca but due to a fire in Canada there was a lot of smoke where we were. The air was not good for people to breathe in. Lots of the people had trouble breathing and some people's eyes stung. There was so much smoke the sun and moon looked red. Most of our group started to leave after our hike in the Gorge Trail so the teachers decided to cut the trip early. The weather app warned about how bad the air quality was and the news also said that NYC had the worst air quality in the world for a short period of time, in that time it looked very orange. We went back to the campsite and packed up our stuff then we drove home. We were all really sad to go home early.

By Elena and Sachin



We had a fun day at school on Thursday. We had grilled cheese and tomato soup for lunch since we had all that food left over from camp.

After we left the campground in Ithaca we drove to Harriet Tubman's grave. At her grave, we saw some very lovely flowers and a wreath on her gravestone. This was really cool because we got to learn some more about her as well. For example, we learned about how she was an escaped slave and much more.

After that, we left for Seneca Falls. In the car, some of us fell asleep because of how tired we were after the trip. Once we got to Seneca Falls we found a place to park and went into the Women's Rights Museum. In there we saw some copper statues of important people during the time of the Women's Rights Convention. Then upstairs we saw hundreds of pictures and quotes on the walls. Also up there we saw things that girls were forced to do during gym class like not participating or cheerleading.

After that, we drove down to Tom What's. Tom What's is a 1950s-style restaurant. I mean that by that's their design. In there I got chicken fingers, a milkshake, and a large Mountain Dew. Furthermore, there was also a 50s JukeBox, it looked very cool and everyone wanted to touch it. Finally, we had a great time, ate some good food, and were still safe from the smoke.

By Johnny



Bryce and I were both in cabins. We didn't really set up camp, but we did move stuff from our cars into the cabins. I was in cabin nine and I brought in a glass chess set that I got at Corning. I also brought in some pillows and blankets. Ella was nice and helped carry in the never-empty suitcase of clothes. Sachin was my roommate and he got the top bunk while I got the bottom bunk.

Bryce got the top bunk of his cabin which was cabin two. Both cabins had a fridge. Bryce put a lot of sodas and gatorades in his fridge. My fridge was filled with tons of fruit my mom put in and some cookies Sachin put in. There was a problem with my door where it couldn't lock, but it was hard to open no matter what. My mom could somehow open the door super easily on the first try, but I was never able to. Bryce had no problems with his door.

By Finn and Bryce

