

MORNING WATCH

for the week of March 13, 2022

Mammas/Counselors,

Don't let your Babies/ Campers grow up to be Bullies!

As we make plans to start up camp again after COVID shut us down for a couple of years, we (especially I) am looking at the things we have done right in the previous 60 plus years of camping, such as I talked about in the former the “Encouraging one -another” Morning Watch. Today as the news blasted out about the Ukraine invasion by Putin, this “bullying” thought rang out into my head, but I also knew that it needed to be in this Morning Watch, as well, because Bullying is another thing that we have been very successful with controlling at camp through the years. Our campers are really kind to each other. They are always “pulling for the underdog”.

This showed up especially the year when we decided to have both the Jr Hi Camp and the Sr-Hi Camp the same week. Rev. Selvey, for the 2nd time in our camp adventure, disagreed with Boonie and me that this would work. (The first time was when Boonie and I told him that camp needed to be multi-racial.) Both times, though, he bent to our requests, and came to us later telling us “You were right.”

What happened with the different age groups being mixed was that the older kids immediately “looked out” for the younger ones and helped them along the way. (I do remember seeing an older camper putting a stop to an attempted bullying event on one occasion.)

I have always said that the world would be better off if every youngster got to attend camp at some point in his or her growing up. The “Encouraging” and the “Non-Bullying” credos are two good examples of “why”.