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Hello, Everyone! September is already here and the Autumn leaves are starting to turn! We are finalizing the details for the retreat for the Feast of Tabernacles which will be in Eastern Washington (not Idaho as originally planned) (October 7-14)! If you will be attending this Fall and haven't already let us know, please do so ASAP so we can plan accordingly (rooms, meals, etc.). We need to give final confirmation to the camp by September 30th. God is with us and He is leading this ministry.

In addition to having speakers live and via Zoom, one exciting thing we have planned for Tabernacles is to show the videos from Elder VanDenburgh's New Discoveries from Old Manuscripts (1-9) each day. Brent Meikle will then follow with a series on how these messages are still relevant and apply to us today (in 2025). We will also have John Dahl, Keith Bond, Abel Comacho, Kimber Hoffman and Ted Schultz sharing thought-provoking messages (both in person with some via Zoom).

The following is a very timely quote from Mrs. White for you to thoughtfully consider. "Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth, there will be, among the people of the Lord, such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children. At that time many will separate themselves from those churches **in which the love of this world has supplanted love for God and His Word.** Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept those great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time, to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming. The enemy of souls desires to **hinder this work**; and before the time for such a movement shall come, **he will endeavor to prevent it, by introducing a counterfeit.** In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power, he will make it appear that God's special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. ---" {FLB 326.2}

We NEED to continue to share God's true message even though Satan is trying to deceive people with a counterfeit. We need to share it with love and honesty, and boldly. There are many who want what we have, those that want to know what we know, those that long for the hope that we have. We need to be like Christ, have faith in our Father and share no matter what. Not loud and judgmentally, not accusatory, but with love and prayer. This ministry's

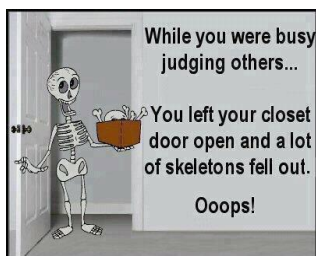
mission is just that: to share all of the wonderful knowledge we have regarding our Father and His Son. Help us share these messages!

A person whose mind is quiet and satisfied in God is in the pathway to health. E.G. White

A Christian reveals true humility by showing the gentleness of Christ, by being always ready to help others, by speaking kind words and performing unselfish acts, which elevate and ennoble the most sacred message that has come to our world. E.G. White

**NOT JUDGING BUT DOING
MT. OF BLESSING, E.G. WHITE**

“Judge not, that ye be not judged.” Matthew 7:1.



The effort to earn salvation by one's own works inevitably leads men to pile up human exactions as a barrier against sin. For, seeing that they fail to keep the law, they will devise

rules and regulations of their own to force themselves to obey. All this turns the mind away from God to self. His love dies out of the heart, and with it perishes love for his fellow men. A system of human invention, with its multitudinous exactions, will lead its advocates to judge all who come short of the prescribed human standard. The atmosphere of selfish and narrow criticism stifles the noble and generous emotions, and causes men to become self-centered judges and petty spies.

The Pharisees were of this class. They came forth from their religious services, not humbled with a sense of their own weakness, not grateful for the great privileges that God had given them. They came forth filled with spiritual pride, and their theme was, "Myself, my feelings, my knowledge, my ways." Their own attainments became the standard by which they judged others. Putting on the robes of self-dignity, they mounted the judgment seat to criticize and condemn.

The people partook largely of the same spirit, intruding upon the province of conscience and judging [124] one another in matters that lay between the soul and God. It was in reference to this spirit and practice that Jesus said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." That is, do not set yourself up as a standard. Do not make your opinions, your views of duty, your interpretations of Scripture, a criterion for others and in your heart condemn them if they do not come up to your ideal. Do not criticize others, conjecturing as to their motives and passing judgment upon them. "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts." 1 Corinthians 4:5. We cannot read the heart. Ourselves faulty, we are not qualified to sit in judgment upon others. Finite men can judge only from outward appearance. To Him alone who knows the secret springs of action, and who deals tenderly and compassionately, is it given to decide the case of every soul.

"Thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." Romans 2:1. Thus those who condemn or criticize others, proclaim themselves guilty, for they do the same things. In condemning others, they are passing sentence upon themselves, and God declares that this sentence is just. He accepts their own verdict against themselves.

"Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye?" Matthew 7:3.

Even the sentence, "Thou that judgest doest the same things," does not reach the magnitude of his sin who presumes to criticize and condemn his brother. Jesus said, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"

His words describe one who is swift to discern a defect in others. When he thinks he has detected a flaw in the character or the life he is exceedingly zealous in trying to point it out; but Jesus declares that the very trait of character developed in doing this un-Christlike work, is, in comparison with the fault criticized, as a beam in proportion to a mote. It is

one's own lack of the spirit of forbearance and love that leads him to make a world of an atom. Those who have never experienced the contrition of an entire surrender to Christ do not in their life make manifest the softening influence of the Saviour's love. They misrepresent the gentle, courteous spirit of the gospel and wound precious souls, for whom Christ died. According to the figure that our Saviour uses, he who indulges a censorious spirit is guilty of greater sin than is the one he accuses, for he not only commits the same sin, but adds to it conceit and censoriousness.

Christ is the only true standard of character, and he who sets himself up as a standard for others is putting himself in the place of Christ. And since the Father "hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22), whoever presumes to judge the motives of others is again usurping the prerogative of the Son of God. These would-be judges and critics are placing themselves on the side of antichrist, "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:4.

The sin that leads to the most unhappy results is the cold, critical, unforgiving spirit that characterizes Pharisaism. When the religious experience is devoid of love, Jesus is not there; the sunshine of His presence is not there. No busy activity or Christless zeal can supply the lack. There may be a wonderful keenness of perception to discover the defects of others; but to everyone who indulges this spirit, Jesus says, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." He who is guilty of wrong is the first to suspect wrong. By condemning another he is trying to conceal or excuse the evil of his own heart. It was through sin that men gained the knowledge of evil; no sooner had the first pair sinned than they began to accuse each other; and this is what human nature will inevitably do when uncontrolled by the grace of Christ.

When men indulge this accusing spirit, they are not satisfied with pointing out what they suppose to be a defect in their brother. If milder means fail of making him do what they think ought to be done, they will resort to compulsion. Just as far as lies in their power



they will force men to comply with their ideas of what is right. This is what the Jews did in the days of Christ and what the church has done ever since whenever she

has lost the grace of Christ. Finding herself destitute of the power of love, she has reached out for the strong arm of the state to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees. Here is the secret of all religious laws that have ever been enacted, and the secret of all persecution from the days of Abel to our own time.

Christ does not drive but draws men unto Him. The only compulsion which He employs is the constraint of love. When the church begins to seek for the support of secular power, it is evident that she is devoid of the power of Christ—the constraint of divine love.

But the difficulty lies with the individual members of the church, and it is here that the cure must be wrought. Jesus bids the accuser first cast the beam out of his own eye, renounce his censorious spirit, confess and forsake his own sin, before trying to correct others. For "a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." Luke 6:43. This accusing spirit which you indulge is evil fruit, and shows that the tree is evil. It is useless for you to build yourselves up in self-righteousness. What you need is a change of heart. You must have this experience before you are fitted to correct others; for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matthew 12:34.

When a crisis comes in the life of any soul, and you attempt to give counsel or admonition, your words will have only the weight of influence for good that your own example and spirit have gained for you. You must *be* good before you can *do* good. You cannot exert an influence that will transform others

until your own heart has been humbled and refined and made tender by the grace of Christ. When this change has been wrought in you, it will be as natural for you to live to bless others as it is for the rosebush to yield its fragrant bloom or the vine its purple clusters.

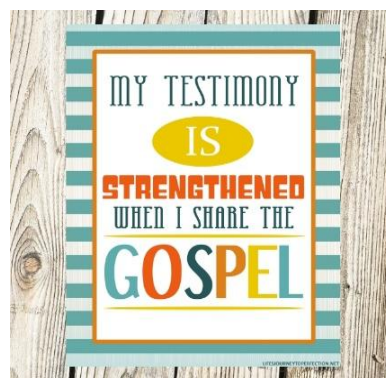
If Christ is in you “the hope of glory,” you will have no disposition to watch others, to expose their errors. Instead of seeking to accuse and condemn, it will be your object to help, to bless, and to save. In dealing with those who are in error, you will heed the injunction, Consider “thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” Galatians 6:1. You will call to mind the many times you have erred and how hard it was to find the right way when you had once left it. You will not push your brother into greater darkness, but with a heart full of pity will tell him of his danger.

He who looks often upon the cross of Calvary, remembering that his sins placed the Saviour there, will never try to estimate the degree of his guilt in comparison with that of others. He will not climb upon the judgment seat to bring accusation against another. There can be no spirit of criticism or self-exaltation on the part of those who walk in the shadow of Calvary's cross.

Not until you feel that you could sacrifice your own self-dignity, and even lay down your life in order to save an erring brother, have you cast the beam out of your own eye so that you are prepared to help your brother. Then you can approach him and touch his heart. No one has ever been reclaimed from a wrong position by censure and reproach; but many have thus been driven from Christ and led to seal their hearts against conviction. A tender spirit, a gentle, winning deportment, may save the erring and hide a multitude of sins. The revelation of Christ in your own character will have a transforming power upon all with whom you come in contact. Let Christ be daily made manifest in you, and He will reveal through you the creative energy of His word—a gentle, persuasive, yet mighty influence to re-create other souls in the beauty of the Lord our God.

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS, FLOODS, FIRES, EARTHQUAKES, VIOLENCE!

Yes, these things are happening now, even daily! Each one seems worse than the prior and they seem to be occurring more frequently. We can see this but we do not need to stress nor worry. We have the knowledge of His soon coming, and this knowledge we need to share! He promised He would and He will! These things in the world prove His return is closer than ever. So, what should we do? **PREACH!** Spread the word! Share the YouTube videos you enjoy. Share the testimonies you hear, including your own! If someone shuts you down, just politely nod...and say a prayer, shake the dust off your feet, and move on. He is with you. Ask Him to put people in your path. This may be intimidating for some, **BUT** if you ask Him...you needn't be afraid when someone walks into your path. Be joyful and know how pleased your Father is you asked to be His hands and then **DID!**



Bible Explorations wants testimonies. We are here to encourage and help people walk in the right path. Don't be discouraged; if you get down, remember Jesus before the cross. In the garden He sweat great drops of blood through his skin (medical diagnosis: hematomatosis) from the weight of the world's sins, our sins (and from this past Sabbath's sermon, these were actually "clots" of blood! That's a lot!). If He can endure all that He did for us...is it too hard to share His message with those around you? Friends, Family or Enemies! Love them all. Be humble, kind and soft spoken. Don't point fingers. Don't judge. Just let them see the change in your life. Let them see your happiness and they will surely want it, too!! Pray for one another...love one another...we will soon be neighbors in heaven! What joy that **will** be!!



FROM THE PEN OF ELLEN G. WHITE

Ellen White & Elder VanDenburgh

The prophet saw “four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.” Another angel, ascending from the east, cried to them, saying, “Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” This points out the work we now have to do, which is to cry to God for the angels to hold the four winds until missionaries shall be sent to all parts of the world, and shall have proclaimed the warning against disobeying the law of Jehovah. Review and Herald Extra, Dec. 11, 1888.



I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels and bid them hold, until the

servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads. Early Writings, p. 38.

My dear brethren and sisters, let the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually and let them crowd out worldly thoughts and cares. When you lie down and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of man. The sealing time is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure. Early Writings, p. 58

With all the “record” weather scenes in the news daily, the increasing violence in the world, the immorality that is being shown everywhere on television and in the streets, with so many people saying “It is okay, don’t worry, it is normal, God will not judge you, He is all love,” we must remember He is love, and has mercy, but with that love and mercy are His judgments. God means what He says:

Isaiah 26:21 - For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Ezekiel 25:17 - And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

Nahum 1:2-6 - God [is] jealous, and the LORD revengeth the LORD revengeth, and [is] furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth [wrath] for his enemies.

This day is soon to come:

Rev 19:2 - For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

PP 429.2 - Like the men before the Flood, the Canaanites lived only to blaspheme Heaven and defile the earth. And both love and justice demanded

the prompt execution of these rebels against God and foes to man.

Don't be discouraged by the words above. Let God be your Guide every day. He knows you and me and holds us precious to Himself.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Luke 21:36 - Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Desire of Ages, Ellen White: "The Elder Brother of our race is by the eternal throne. He looks upon every soul who is turning his face toward Him as the Saviour. He knows by experience what are the weaknesses of humanity, what are our wants, and where lies the strength of our temptations; for He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He is watching over you, trembling child of God. Are you tempted? He will deliver. Are you weak? He will strengthen. Are you ignorant? He will enlighten. Are you wounded? He will heal. The Lord "tellethe the number of the stars;" and yet "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." Ps. 147:4, 3. "Come unto Me," is His invitation. Whatever your anxieties and trials, spread out your case before the Lord. Your spirit will be braced for endurance. The way will be opened for you to disentangle yourself from embarrassment and difficulty. The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger will you become in His strength. The heavier your burdens, the more blessed the rest in casting them upon the Burden Bearer. The rest that Christ offers depends upon conditions, but these conditions are plainly specified. They are those with which all can comply. He tells us just how His rest is to be found. "Take My yoke upon you," Jesus says. The yoke is an instrument of service. Cattle are yoked for labor, and the yoke is essential that they may labor effectually. By this illustration Christ teaches us that we are called to service as long as life shall last. We are to take upon us His yoke, that we may be co-workers with Him.

The yoke that binds to service is the law of God. The great law of love revealed in Eden, proclaimed upon Sinai, and in the new covenant written in the heart, is that which binds the human worker to the will of God. If we were left to follow our own inclinations, to go just where our will would lead us, we should fall into Satan's ranks and become possessors of his attributes. Therefore God confines us to His will, which is high, and noble, and elevating. He desires that we shall patiently and wisely take up the duties of service. The yoke of service Christ Himself has borne in humanity. He said, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Ps. 40:8. "I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." John 6:38. Love for God, zeal for His glory, and love for fallen humanity, brought Jesus to earth to suffer and to die. This was the controlling power of His life. This principle He bids us adopt."

Remember: He is coming soon! Let's continue to study and learn what He desires for us as His children. Let's continue to get our lives in order so that we may each be ready when that Great Day comes and we see Him in the clouds! What a wonderful day that will be!

WHO OWNS OUR WEALTH?

"God has made the proclamation of the gospel dependent upon the labors and the gifts of His people. Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the Lord's work. Of the means entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion,—the tenth. He leaves all free to say whether or not they will give more than this. But when the heart is stirred by the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a vow is made to give a certain amount, the one who vows has no longer any right to the consecrated portion. Promises of this kind made to men would be looked upon as binding; are those not more binding that are made to God? Are promises tried in the court of conscience less binding than written agreements of men? {AA 74.2}



When divine light is shining into the heart with unusual clearness and power, habitual selfishness

relaxes its grasp and there is a disposition to give to the cause of God. But none need think that they will be allowed to fulfill the promises then made, without a protest on the part of Satan. He is not pleased to see the Redeemer's kingdom on earth built up. He suggests that the pledge made was too much, that it may cripple them in their efforts to acquire property or gratify the desires of their families. {AA 74.3}

It is God who blesses men with property, and He does this that they may be able to give toward the advancement of His cause. He sends the sunshine and the rain. He causes vegetation to flourish. He gives health and the ability to acquire means. All our blessings come from His bountiful hand. In turn, He would have men and women show their gratitude by returning Him a portion in tithes and offerings—in thank offerings, in freewill offerings, in trespass offerings. Should means flow into the treasury in accordance with this divinely appointed plan,—a tenth of all the increase, and liberal offerings,—there would be an abundance for the advancement of the Lord's work. {AA 75.1}

But the hearts of men become hardened through selfishness, and, like Ananias and Sapphira, they are tempted to withhold part of the price, while pretending to fulfill God's requirements. Many spend money lavishly in self-gratification. Men and women consult their pleasure and gratify their taste, while they bring to God, almost unwillingly, a stinted offering. They forget that God will one day demand a strict account of how His goods have been used, and that He will no more accept the pittance they hand into the treasury than He accepted the offering of Ananias and Sapphira." {AA 75.2}



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Don't hide nor hoard, but help in His work, so much the more as ye see the day approaching. — “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

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FEAST OF TABERNACLES

will run October 7 through 14, 2025. Trumpets was September 23, 2025 & Day of Atonement will be October 2, 2025. We will keep you updated on what is happening and where! Join us on our Facebook Group: Bible Explorations – BETV!



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

The 2026 Calendar will be out soon! Watch the website and Facebook!

Bible Explorations welcomes all to a joyous experience of learning with us during

The Feast of Tabernacles

October 7 through 14, 2025

"Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice. 16. Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty. 17. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee." Deut. 16:15-17

Tuesday ~ October 7 (First Sabbath of Tab.)

08:00 ~ 9:00 ~ Ted Schultz

"Who Knows, Who Cares?"

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ Keith Bond

"144,000"

10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"New Light, Really?"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Wednesday ~ October 8

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ John Dahl

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"The Elijah Message"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Thursday ~ October 9

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ Kimber Hoffman

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10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"Pentecost and Onward?"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Friday ~ October 10

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ Kimber Hoffman

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10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"What Was Nailed to the Cross?"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Sabbath ~ October 11

08:00 ~ 9:00 ~ Abel Camacho

"Leprosy"

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ Keith Bond

"First Angel's Message"

10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"The Third Witness"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Sunday ~ October 12

08:00 ~ 9:00 ~ Keith Bond

"Second Angel's Message"

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ John Dahl

"Gog and Magog"

10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"The Apostle Paul v Satan's Holidays"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Monday ~ October 13

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ Abel Camacho

"Ezekiel 1"

10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"Ephesians 2-How To Keep the Feasts"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Tuesday ~ October 14 (Last Sabbath of Tab.)

08:00 ~ 9:00 ~ Keith Bond

"Third Angel's Message and Conclusion"

09:00 ~ 10:00 ~ Abel Camacho

"The Promises of Tabernacles"

10:00 ~ 11:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"The 144,000 Faithful Soldiers in the Final Crisis"

11:00 ~ 12:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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*****AFTERNOON*****

3:00 ~ 4:00 ~ Elder VanDenburgh (DVD)

"The Feasts Parallel Last Day Events"

4:00 ~ 5:00 ~ Brent Meikle

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Afternoons will be for discussions, singing, hiking, etc. We will have lunch at 1 p.m. each day.

We will all pack and clean up rooms and area Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning and leave camp Wednesday morning.



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