

# Field TRIPS

WHILE ON A 3-DAY FIELD TRIP TO CHATTANOOGA, WE STAYED IN A VERY NICE LODGE AT CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK. WHILE THERE MADE OUR OWN FOOD IN GROUPS. IN CHATTANOOGA WE TOOK A HIKE IN THE CIVIL WAR SECTION OF CHATTANOOGA'S NATIONAL CEMETERY AND IN THE WOODS NEAR BATTLEFIELDS. LATER WE WENT TO THE GUNTER'S HOUSE TO SEE HOW CANONS WORK. IT WAS VERY EDUCATIONAL AND HELPED US PLAN FOR OUR EXHIBITION NIGHT.

BEFORE WE WENT TO CHATTANOOGA, WE WENT TO DEEP CREEK IN THE GSMNP AND SEARCHED FOR MACRO-INVERTABRAES WITH THE CLASSROOMS IN THE PARKS RANGERS. MICROSCOPES HELPED US SEE THE MACRO-INVERTABRATES BETTER SO WE COULD IDENTIFY THEM. WE FOUND CRAWFISH, MAY FLIES, AND OTHER SORTS OF MACRO-INVERTABRATES. WE LEARNED HOW HEALTHY THE STREAM WAS BECAUSE OF WHAT CAN LIVE IN THE WATER. IT'S A VERY HEALTHY CREEK!

WE ALSO WENT TO ASHEVILLE, NC TO SEE A VERY OLD BUT VERY GOOD PLAY: ROMEO AND JULIET! IT WAS WRITTEN BY William Shakespeare.

THEN THE CLINGMANS DOME TRIP CAME AROUND. WE HIKE UP AND UP FOR A LONG TIME BUT MADE IT! THE HIKE UP WAS FUN BUT EXHAUSTING. BY WALKING A FEW FEET WE ACTUALLY CROSSED OVER INTO TENNESSEE!

IN LATE SPRING THE SWAIN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER OFFICE HOSTED A CONSERVATION DAY FOR ONLY 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS. WE LEARNED ABOUT ANIMALS, FIRE DANGERS AND OTHER INTERSTING SUBJECTS. THERE WERE

LIVE ANIMALS FROM THE BALSAM PRESERVE AND WE WERE EVEN ALLOWED TO HOLD AN ELK ANTLER THAT WAS SAWED OFF ONE IN THE GSMNP THAT WAS ACTING TOO AGGRESSIVE. AFTER PLAYING WITH WATER AND SAND IN A LARGE BOX, WE MADE FLOODS WITH EROSION PLUS WE WERE GIVEN A TREE TO PLANT AT HOME.

IN LATE APRIL WE WENT BOWLING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FORCE AND MOTION. IT WAS A VERY FUN! WE GOT STRIKES AND SOME TURKEYS. THE MOST EMBARRASING MOMENT IN BOWLING FOR OUR CLASS WAS DOING A GRANNY BALL ALTHOUGH IT WAS VERY FUNNY.

WE LOVE OUR FIELD TRIPS!!