

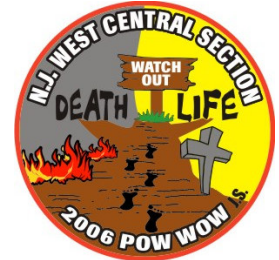


## Wet Central Section 2006 Pow wow



Yes, it was another rainy Pow wow, but you might say, is there another kind of Pow wow. I can't remember when!

This year's Pow wow theme was **"Watch Out"**, and the event was called "The Amazing Race".



The Pow wow started out with some sunshine and it was a very hot, humid and muggy day. Sorry but this is not the weather report? Anyway Outposts started to arrive from every direction, north, south, east and west. We had a new outpost from Camden, NJ who arrived with a few boys and men who had never experienced camping before. We even had another first, our "Assistant Presbyter, Pastor Mike Cavallaro. Rumor has it that Pastor Cavallaro was up every two hours checking his tent for leaks with a flashlight during the rainstorm, or maybe it was a lightning bug that was stuck in his tent. But someone heard him say from inside his tent, I'm all right. No leaks here!

Saturday started out with a light rain, and The Amazing Race was amazing, Rangers were covering the campground from every corner. The events were challenging especially the Fire Craft event, only two groups were able to get a fire going. What's their secret? Ranger Kids had their challenges too, especially at the "Marble Search", I am not sure if it was harder for the boys to find them as it was for Commander Kevin to recount them afterwards.

At the Council Fire all of the events were hilarious, especially the dut, dut, dut skit, it had us all rolling on the ground. How about the Commanders watermelon contest, it was very close from one end to the other. Some even tried eating it with their hands behind their back. I think they were all a little red faced with freckles or were they seeds.



Then came the council fire pageant, it was also great, with a mighty message for young and old. By the way, who was that girl with the purple hair?



This years Pageant production "Watch Out" was produced David Kaye. With only a weeks noticed, David was able to put together one of the best pageants ever. Nice Job Dave.



The best was saved for last, Pastor Billy Rhoads delivered a powerful message; he spoke on how Abraham was to slay his son, and how God sent a Lamb to take his place. Also how God sent his only son to earth in human form to be slain, except this time, there was no replacement. The night ended with men praying for the boys and the boys praying for the men. What a sight to see!

I almost forgot about our worship and praise leader "Wes" - wasn't he great, and how about his FCF microphone stand. I believe he took a short cut in lashing or they now use black tape in place of string to lash.



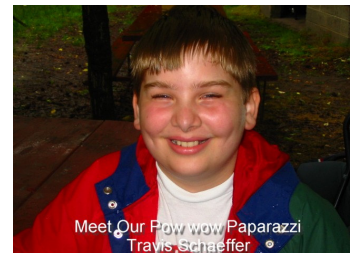
Then came Sunday, and yes it was a sunny day, the rain was gone. The day started with the smell of bacon and eggs in the air. Afterwards Sunday school classes were held at each campsite. During the Sunday morning assembly, Pastor Mike Cavallaro gave an encouraging word to all. And speaking of words, our National Ranger of the year Christopher Slimm, stepped-up to the microphone and addressed the group. He also encouraged the boys, and reminded them to do their best at all things, keep at it, and to trust in the Lord with all their heart.

Sunday morning, Pastor Billy gave another powerful message. He told us a story about a man who had no name, lived at the edge of town and ran around naked. Pastor Billy called him Freddy. Freddy met Jesus and from that day on, his life was changed. Pastor Billy said that he believes Freddy went around town telling every body about Jesus. Pastor Billy also said that we as Christians should do the same.

Finally, came what every one was waiting for "Trophies"; they covered the whole top of the picnic table; someone said that, this was the most trophies ever giving out at a Pow wow. But who's counting.

Did anyone notice the paparazzi following you around snapping pictures on Saturday? I believe it was Travis Schaeffer; he must have followed everyone around and snapped over a hundred pictures. You can view some of them in the Pow wow photo album.

**Nice Job Travis!**



I almost forgot the hotrod golf cart, did you checkout those wheels, high-rise suspension and fancy windshield. I guess Cmdr. Slimm didn't want his hair to get messed up by the wind. What's next, an air conditioned tent? O' yea, that was already installed in an FCF tent last year at the Training Academy. I guess Flintstone, I mean Cmdr. Ruggieri will have to start reading Par 4, do it yourself Hot Rod Magazine for the Golf Cart enthusiast to catch up to Slimm's machine.

Anyway, everyone had a great time at the Pow wow, especially those who experienced camping in the wilderness for the very first time.

See you next year or hopefully, at the District Pow wow in September 2006.

*Remember Folks, it's not about us! It's about HIM!*