

DIVE IN!

2019 Texas State Sunbeam House Party

The Texas Sunbeams met at Jacksonville College, June 28-29, 2019, with 44 in attendance from 6 churches in 3 districts. The Sunbeams raised \$994.57 for Water for Christ. The theme was Dive In! with Colossians 3:16 as theme verse: "Let the word of God dwell in you richly."

Meeting in the SUB (Sunbeam Underwater Basin), the "diver" Officers and "sea creature" Sunbeams learned to "Dive In" to God's Word. Sister Melissa Henry led the children in diver training and safety lessons. Training sessions included (1) Why learn to dive. (2 Tim. 3:14-17), (2) Don't swim alone. (Acts 8:26-39), (3) Bring your life jacket. (Matt. 4:1-11) (4) Dive in! (Acts 2:42-47), (5) Tell others what you found (Deut. 6:4-9) and Keep swimming. (Acts 6:1-7). The Sunbeams received a sea creature at the end of each session to remind them of their lesson. She also taught them water safety hand signs/gestures to signal whether they were ok or needed help.

Bro. Cumber from Jacksonville College welcomed the Sunbeams and presented them with College lanyards. Sister Jean Galyean, of the Jag store, presented each Sunbeam with a sea creature and a bracelet in a sand pail when they visited the store.

Song leaders Kainan Moy and Daelan Mathis led us in many "sea" songs including Deep, Deep, Deep; Peter, James & John in the Sailboat; I've Got Peace Like a River.

Treasurers Ellyssa Pool & Aiden Seahorn collected our offerings in sand pails. Historian Kaleb Moy took many pictures to put in our scrap book.

Abby & Eli Norris helped Sister Shawn McVay-Norris direct the Sunbeams in learning about the Water for Christ ministries. She brought a model of a water drilling rig that digs water wells. We viewed a video of the Water for Christ ministries. Missionaries use drinking water to present Jesus' "living water".

Sunbeam groups displayed their water well banks and sea creature crafts. Many drew their favorite "Sea" Bible story. Each church group introduced their Sunbeams and presented them with personalized certificates. Some presented "talent" and others drew pictures and told how they could "Dive In to God's Word".

Game time "made a big splash" with the Sunbeams! They "swam" thru an "underwater cave", dug for seashells in sand, threw rings at a dolphin and octopus' arms, used lobsters to put sea creatures in sand buckets and threw beanbags into fish nets.

Vice President Cayden Koonce, acting in lieu of President Kody Hall, led our business meeting. We elected new officers and chose to continue the Water for Christ project another year with a \$1500 goal.

Our State WMA President, Sister Cindy Allen, brought snacks and installed our new officers:

President Ellyssa Pool, Adult Ava Pool

First Vice President Cayden Koonce, Adult Elvera Koonce

*Co-Second Vice Presidents Annabelle Aslin &
Jeffrey Hennessy, Adult, Ava Pool
Co-Song Leaders Daelan Mathis & Kornelius Moy,
Adult Dera Moy
Co-Project Promoters Eli Norris & Max Hall,
Adults Shawn McVay-Norris & Shayna Hall
Historian Kaleb, Adult Dera Moy
Adult Secretary Shawn McVay-Norris,
Assistant Shayna Hall
Treasurer Kainan Moy, Adult Shera Clair
Webmaster Alicia Johnson
Advisory Council 2020: Shera Clair, Shayna Hall,
Shawn McVay-Norris
2021: Melissa Henry, Dera Moy*

Special recognition was given to the Galileans and GMAs that chaperoned the Sunbeams during game time and the counselor's meeting. Several presented skits from Totally Hooked and a puppet show, Fishing for Kids. A special thank you was extended to: Sister Shera Clair who prepared our meals. (The JBC kitchen was in repair). Sister Dera Moy for photo Diving In name tags and snacks, and Sister Shayna Hall for preparing craft time for the Sunbeams. Bro. Danny Koonce transported and built the exciting Underwater Cave maze. Most of all we thanked our Lord for his blessings on the House Party.

Sister Vera Koonce presented each Sunbeam, Galilean & GMA with a sand dollar to use as a witnessing tool.

The sand dollar is white like our sinless Savior, Jesus. Each side has a flower-like design. (Poinsettia for Christmas (Jesus' birth) & Lily for Easter (Jesus' death). The 4 holes remind us of Jesus' puncture wounds from nails and a slit to remind us of the spear piercing. Inside the shell are a few dove shaped pieces that remind us of the Holy Spirit that lives within each believer.

The 2019 Texas State Sunbeam House Party was closed with the Sunbeams praying the Model Prayer.

2020 Sunbeam State House Party:

June 26-27, 2020

Tentative Location:

Jacksonville College

Project: Water for Christ.

Goal: \$1,500

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