

TEXAS STATE SUNBEAM HOUSTEPARTY – JULY 15-16, 2022

The Texas State Sunbeams met Friday afternoon, 5:00 p.m., at Jacksonville College, Collins Hall. Three districts were represented by 4 churches: 9 Sunbeams, 7 Counselors, 6 Galileans and 3 guests totaling 25 in attendance. The Texas State Sunbeams raised \$2,089.31 for their project, the BMAA Candra Barnett Work Fund.

Sunbeams enjoyed the theme of “Camp Sunbeam, Guided by God.” The theme verse was Psalm 32:8, “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee...”

Sis. Ava Pool of Antioch, Liberty District, provided the “campers” with a hotdog dinner at 5:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m. Cayden Koonce welcomed the Sunbeams to the meeting as a Jag Jaguar puppet.

(The meeting area was decorated with a camping backdrop. Each group had a church Banner prepared to resemble the banners set up around the Tabernacle identifying each family.

President Annabelle opened the meeting with our Sunbeam Motto, Colors, and Emblem. Historian, Kornelius Moy, led the Sunbeam Song and offered an opening prayer. Sis. Koonce introduced our Sunbeam officers present: President Annabelle Aslin, Vice-President Jeffrey Hennessy, Secretary Max Hall and Reporter/Historian Kornelius Moy.

Each Sunbeam camper was presented with a backpack printed with a Sunbeam Camper logo. The sunbeams searched the lobby to locate the mascots for each team, hidden around the room (Beaver and Raccoon). Sis Dera Moy introduced each animal, describing the God-given characteristics of each and their habitat. The teams chose names for their mascots and placed them in carriers.

The “campers” were then dismissed to enjoy craft activities that included Bible verse themed mini-devotions:

1. Backpack Name Tags – Psalm 32:8 “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee.”
2. Pet Rock – Psalm 31:3 “...Thou art my rock, lead me and guide me.”
3. Camp Sunbeam Sign – Luke 1:79 – “(God will) give light to them ... in darkness..., to guide our feet.”
4. Critter Habitat – Psalm 58:11 “...the Lord shall guide thee continually, ... and thou shalt be like a watered garden...”
5. Color Sheets – Jeremiah 3:4 “...my Father, thou art the guide of my youth.”

Sunbeams enjoyed snacks of cookies and juice provided by Sis. Ava Pool.

Sis Koonce led the campers on a “hide” around Jacksonville College, introducing the buildings and landmarks. Their destination was the 3-Cross display in front of the Chapel. There, the children discussed the cross and its meaning. Kaleb Moy led the group in a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus’ death and salvation. Kornelius Moy led the group in “This Little Light of Mine”, as the children used their flashlight to visualize the song. Sis. Koonce gave a short devotion on “God is our Guide.” The Sunbeams “hiked” back to the dorm.

The Sunbeams enjoyed “Hermie” videos and made mini-smores, as the counselors met to plan the new year. The evening was closed in prayer.

On Saturday morning, campers woke to enjoy a great breakfast buffet of Chick-fil-a sandwiches, donuts and kolaches provided by Bro. Darry Low and Sis. Mimi Ayers of Camille Acres, Liberty District.

Sunbeam campers began the morning program by singing "This is the Day". Sis Koonce distributed tambourines to the children to accompany themselves as they sang "Halleluh, Hallelujah".

An offering was taken for our project (\$49.57). Sis Ava Pool presented activities for the Sunbeams to enjoy as they learned more about Sis Candra's ministry with the Roma children. Sis. Ava had a lovely backdrop that represented the life of Roma children. She taught them a game and a song sung by Roma children. Each child received a passport as they pretended to visit Romania and the Ukraine. She presented each Sunbeam with a souvenir from the Ukraine.

President Annabelle opened our 2022 Business meeting. Minutes and Treasurer Reports were approved. The Counselor recommendations were as follows:

1. The annual Texas State House Party to be held on July 14-15, 2023 at Jacksonville College with a \$15 registration fee.
2. To offer the slate of Officers for the 2022/2023 year as follows:

President	Holden Wallace	Antioch, Liberty District
Adult	Tami Blackburn	Antioch, Liberty District
Vice-President	Elizabeth Thomas	Rosewood, Liberty District
Adult	Christie McDermitt	Rosewood, Liberty District
Song Leader	Wes Hall	Buena Vista, Mt. Olive Dist.
Adult	Shayna Hall	Buena Vista, Mt. Olive Dist.
Project Promoter	Lila Hennessy	Antioch, Liberty District
Adult	Ava Pool	Antioch, Liberty District
Reporter/Historian	Rebekah Low	Camille Acres, Liberty Dist.
Adult	Rebekah Ayers	Camille Acres, Liberty Dist.
Web Master	Alicia Johnson	1 st Maydell, Cherokee Dist.
Advisory Council:	Ending 2024:	Shayna Hall
		Rebekah Ayers

3. To extend the window of accepting this year's project until August 31st in order to reach our \$2,000 goal.
4. Project – Bro. Larry Wood, Ukraine, (working in Romania to provide lodging for Ukrainian refugees) with a goal of \$2023.

The recommendations were approved. Annabelle closed the Business meeting.

Sis. Koonce installed the officers, giving them a bookmark with their duties printed on them. Sis Koonce led in a dedication prayer.

At this time, each church had an opportunity to introduce each Sunbeam in their group, sharing their picture and caption of how God is their Guide, and present them with a certificate acknowledging an area of service this year. Each Sunbeam group displayed the flag they had made.

The first offering towards our new project was collected, \$20.

Campers enjoyed a morning snack.

Sis. Koonce presented a lesson on "God is our Guide" using the Biblical account of God leading the children out of Egypt into and through the wilderness using a cloud and a pillar of fire. God gave the Israelites specific instructions of how to build the Tabernacle and its furnishings. The video "The Tabernacle" was used as an introduction. She used models of the Tabernacle and its furnishings to help the Sunbeams visualize and understand their usage. She also used models of a Shofar, Biblical Oil Lamp, a Scroll and a Mite to help the children understand how they were used during this time. She closed by having the children repeat the theme verse, Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee...". God can lead us as he did the children of Israel. God cares for everyone and wants them to

learn and be successful. We should ask the Lord to guide us and thank him for his guidance and care.

The Sunbeams circled-up for closing prayer led by Sis. Koonce

Pizza Lunch was provided.

After lunch, we had the privilege of visiting the BMA Seminary in Jacksonville. Bro Greg W. Parsons presented a wonderful lecture on Biblical Scrolls and the Seminary's own Blaylock Sefer Torah (109 feet long, written before the Revolutionary War in the 1700's). Each child was allowed to view the Sefer Torah and ask questions. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Balance brought forward \$ 0.00

Receipts:

Project: Antioch	\$ 402.00
Bauman Road	75.00
Buena Vista	21.51
Camille Acres	310.00
Alicia Johnson	50.00
Liberty District	483.94
House party Offering	69.57
Counselor Donations	217.29
Registration	<u>480.00</u>
	\$2,209.31

Dispersements:

Project: Candra Barnett BMAA Work Fund	\$2,089.31
Jacksonville College Love Offering	<u>120.00</u>
Closing Balance	\$ 0.00