

SURPRISE VALLEY YOUTH CAMP GROCERY LIST

Cereal

- 1-Trix
- 1-Raisin Bran

Pop-Case of 12

- 1-Diet Orange
- 1-Diet Grape

- 1-Apple Sauce (46 Oz)
- 1-Dawn Dish Detergent
- 1-Pancake Syrup (24oz)
- 1-Paper Towels
- 1-Large Can Cut Green beans
- 1-Large Can Whole Kernel Corn
- 1-Large Bag Plain potato Chips
- 1-Peanut Butter (16.3oz)

Styrofoam Items

- 1-Package 8oz Cups
- 1-Package 12oz Cups
- 1-Package Dinner Plates
- 1-Package Dessert Plates
- 1-Package Cereal and Salad Bowls

Surprise Valley Youth Camp Dates For 2011

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First Junior Week June 19-25, 2011
Second Junior Week June 26-July 02
Director for both weeks Dewey Miller

Senior Week July 10-16, 2011
Third Junior Week July 17-23, 2011
Director for both weeks: George Erwin

For a registration form see Roger!

Camp rates For 2011

This year it will cost \$60 for those who pre-register and \$70 for those who register on opening day.

Prayer List: **Cancer:** Kenneth Dunn; Al-len Mooney; Rhonda Bogus; Rick Campbell; Emily Hamilton; Debbie Boggs; Johnnie Blaylock & Barbara Hill. **Health Problems:** Virgil & Emma Steele; Donald Rife; Eugene Holdren; Patricia Rotenbury; Steve and Pam Poorman's-daughter; Glenna Dempsey; Marlin Harles; Hazel Farr & JR Farr; Roy & N. Compton; Jean Walden; Sonya Radford; Shirley Coburn; Kara Christian; Gary Durham; Arnold Dempsey; Ken McWilliams. **Strokes:** Richard Clement; Amanda Lance. **Other:** All hospice patients; Debbie Jones family; Diane Haleston eye problem; Billy Myers-Depression; Zack Holland-profound brain damage; Rex "Jimmy" Backus heart and lung problem; Tony & Robin Hodges-personal problems; Mini Mills-Broken elbow and knee. Sue Anderson-therapy; Don Hill-cancer; Vanessa Yeager-Vehicle accident and she is in ICU at Charleston General Hospital; Tammy Hodges-cancer; Sandy Pennington-recovering from gall-bladder surgery and Kidney problems; Calvin O'Donnell- in the PCH-pneumonia; Lewis Blaylock- cancer; Gene Booth and Wanda Rowe-Health problems; Dosie Branscome-Heart problems; Abby Myers; William Anderson-on life support; Zella England-Alzheimer's. Brooke Steele-has an extra heart valve and will have heart surgery at Duke in 2 1/2 weeks; Mike Shrewsbury-head injury; Raymond Myers-breathing problem. **Nursing home:** Peggy Barie is in the Loving Hands Adult Care. **Military:** Zachary McConnell



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Coburn
05/14

Pam
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05/11

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Bible Study: 6:PM
Wednesday: 6:PM

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TV Programs on Sunday
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Way 7:30 am
INSP Channel

The Gospel of Christ
10:am CW Channel
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**CONSISTENCY:
GOOD AND BAD**
By Dennis Curd

The idea of being consistent has several possible meanings. We might think of it from the point of doing a particular task, such as a work skill or a sporting skill. In these areas consistency is the heart of success. The more often we can perform some function correctly the better we will be at it. On the other hand, being consistently unsuccessful is a tremendous detriment. At work or in sports, someone who is good or even great only some of the time may not be the one you want to count on when success is demanded. In those cases consistency is generally better than excellence.

God expects a great deal from all of us. Whether or not He is reasonable concerning His demands has been the source of much dispute though the ages. Some see God as too demanding. This is particularly true when God expects us to be faithful, pure, honest, etc., not for just a moment, but all of the time.

Yet, God recognizes our weaknesses and He realizes we cannot be at peak performance all the time. God never had demanded anyone at any time to be perfect. He has, however, demanded people to be consistently good. The Bible describes this concept in various ways. One of the most common ways is in the idea of patience.

James writes this: "Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth night: (James 5:7f). The example of the husbandman, or vinedresser, is very descriptive. While many of us are not personally familiar with the life of a farmer, we are familiar enough to know it is not an easy task. The work is not one of immediate success, but one of steady effort and patience. It is one that trusts in powers greater than self, all the while working extremely hard to be ready to receive the blessings. Patient planting, weeding, pruning, while waiting for the rain and the sunshine, is the very essence of the consistency that God desires in our lives.

Is consistency what we are known for? Or are we consistently inconsistent? Do our spouses, our children, our neighbors and friends, or our fellow Christians, know what it is we stand for? Can they count on us to be consistently committed to high standards and Biblical ideals? Can they expect us to begin and finish our lives' tasks with dependability and conviction? Or do they see our weakness and inconsis-

tency? Our impact on the lives of others will depend a great deal on how persistent we are in living the way God would have us to live.



A Mother's Love Determines How

A mother's love determines how
We love ourselves and others.
There is no sky we'll ever see
Not lit by that first love.

Stripped of love, the universe
Would drive us mad with pain;
But we are born into a world
That greets our cries with joy.

How much I owe you for the kiss
That told me who I was!
The greatest gift--a love of life--
Lay laughing in your eyes.

Because of you my world still has
The soft grace of your smile;
And every wind of fortune bears
The scent of your caress.
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Before I Was Myself, You Made Me, Me

Before I was myself you made me, me
With love and patience, discipline and
tears, Then bit by bit stepped back to
set me free,

Allowing me to sail upon my sea,
Though well within the headlands of
your fears. Before I was myself you
made me, me

With dreams enough of what I was to
be And hopes that would be sculpted
by the years, Then bit by bit stepped
back to set me free,

Relinquishing your powers gradually
To let me shape myself among my
peers. Before I was myself you made
me, me,

And being good and wise, you grace-
fully As dancers when the last sweet
cadence nears Bit by bit stepped back
to set me free.

For love inspires learning naturally:
The mind assents to what the heart re-
veres. And so it was through love you
made me, me

By slowly stepping back to set me free.
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Your Mother Is Always With You... Author: Unknown

Your mother is always with you...
She's the whisper of the leaves
as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of bleach
in your freshly laundered socks.
She's the cool hand on your brow
when you're not well.

Your mother lives inside your laughter.
She's crystallized in every tear drop.
She's the place you came from,
your first home...

She's the map you follow
with every step that you take.
She's your first love
and your first heart break...
and nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time, Not space...
Not even death...
will ever separate you
from your mother...
You carry her inside of you...

Mother's Day Author: Carol Matthews

A Mother loves right from the start.
She holds her baby close to her heart.
The bond that grows will never falter.
Her love is so strong it will never alter.

A Mother gives never ending Love.
She never feels that she has given
enough. For you she will always do her
best. Constantly working, there's no
time to rest.

A Mother is there when things go
wrong. A hug and a kiss to help us
along. Always there when we need her
near. Gently wipes our eyes when we
shed a tear.

So on this day shower your Mother
with Love. Gifts and presents are nice
but that is not enough.

Give your Mother
a day to have some
peace of mind. Be
gentle, be good, be
helpful, be kind.

Happy Mothers
Day.

