

## **THE PHARAOH, THE HAIL and GOD'S EYES: TIDBITS FROM THE FALL CONFIRMATION RETREAT. . . and MORE**

Is there a better place to learn about God, build teamwork, and enjoy the fall weather than at a state park by the ocean? Well, it all happened Oct. 5-6 at Cape Henlopen State Park as our confirmation youth and seven (yes- 7!) adults gathered to learn and grow together.

In modest real life reenactment, our youth and adults learned about the evils of slavery exhibited by the Egyptian Pharaoh more than 3,000 years ago. (Half of us, while tied up in pairs, had to serve as slaves once we arrived at the camp. The masters enjoyed this moment!) About God's desire and power to free the Israelites (and all people). About the many plagues God used to free the slaves. (We experienced walking at length on freezing ice, role played living for a while in darkness, and scared a few with imitation frogs and real live clusters of bugs!) We learned about the escape through the Red Sea, and God's revenge upon the Egyptian army. (Ooh, the surprise of those 100 plus water balloons hailed upon those who role played as the Egyptian masters.) The learning was fun and memorable. Keegan - great Pharaoh, and Colin - not a bad job as Moses!

Add a late night game of manhunt, a couple of enjoyable trips to the beach and jumps in the ocean, more food than an army could eat, a great crafts activity - as we made "God's Eyes" to remind us that God is always watching, caring .... and now you have a glimpse at a fall confirmation retreat.

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