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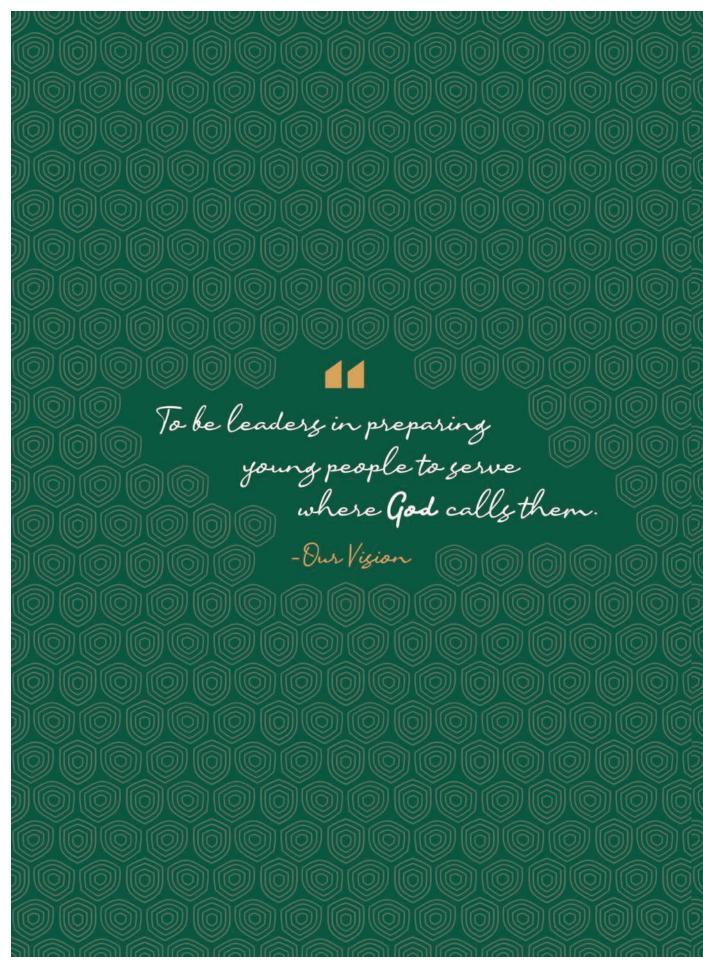


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The President's message The words of Mr. Warren.

The Featured Class of 2023.

A class as happy as responsible.





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Laurelbrook's most restless and mischievous class.

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The Freshmen year is a year of beginnings.

Elementary

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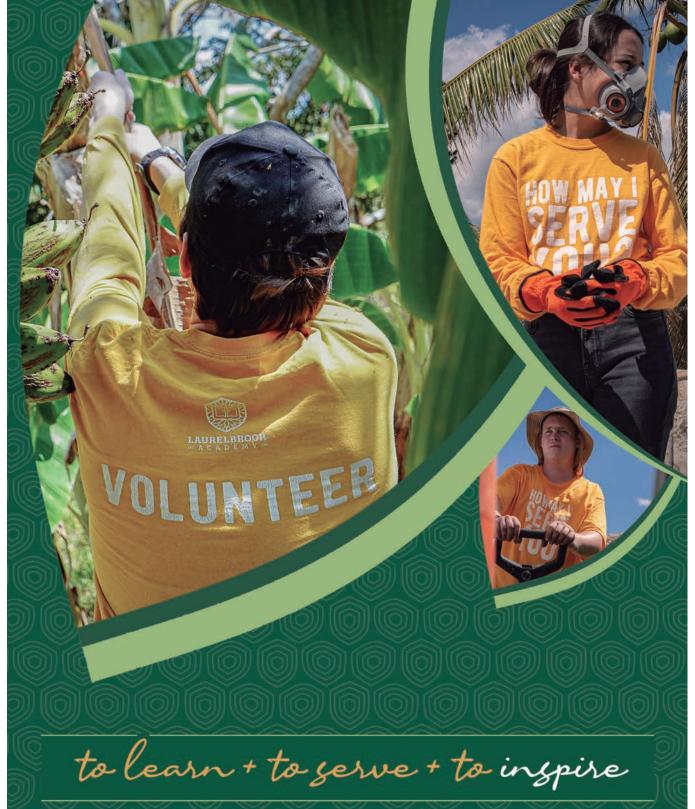
Vocational

We have recently been developing and improving the vocational.

Banquets & Parties

We believe that friendship is one of the most beautiful relationships.

Images of our work team; Laurelbrook force.







FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



"Laurelbrook students and staff, we have reached the conclusion of yet another school year. And perhaps for many it seemed like the most challenging year of your life."

However, you persevered! You persevered in the nursing home kitchen, you persevered on the farm days, you persevered with home suppers, and scores of prayer meetings and vespers. Yes, you persevered!

The value of perseverance was emphasized by Theodore Roosevelt in his speech, "The Citizenship in a Republic", delivered at Sorbonne, Paris, on April 23, 1910. The most widely quoted portion of the speech is known as "The Man in the Arena" and reads as follows: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds, who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions who spends

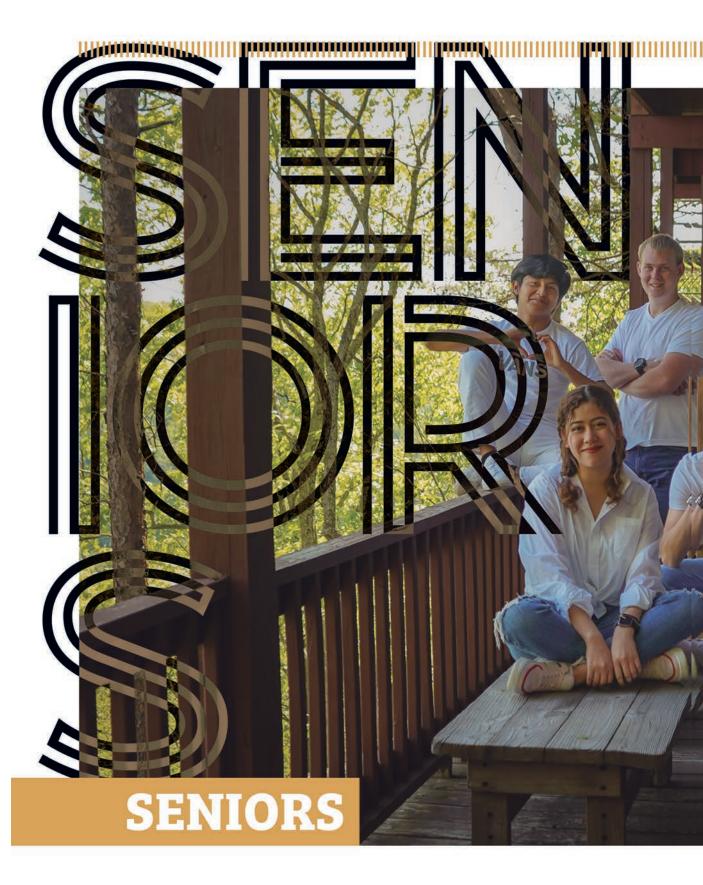
himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat..."

You and I live in the arena of the great controversy between good and evil, in an unceasing struggle "against spiritual hosts of wickedness" (Ephesians 6:12). Regardless of how talented and persistent we are, our best efforts in this battle will certainly fail if not strengthened and guided by God's almighty power.

What a privilege it has been to interact with each one of you this year in a multitude of circumstances. And finally, in the vernacular of my teenage students, "Keep pressing, you got this!".

God bless you all!

Warren Mc Daniels





CLASS OF 2023

The Senior class of 2023 has been one of the most special to have studied at Laurelbrook: intelligent, committed, talented, hard-working, and helpful young people. They are known for for God and others. Each one of them has shown to be a good friend, and they have excelled both academy, vocationally, and socially.















NADINE HEYN



RUBEN CANCHE

Hello there! My name is Isaac Alexandre Roy-Lavallee, and I am a proud student of the senior class of 2023! I was born and raised in Canada but moved to Laurelbrook when I was around ten years old. Here are a few fun facts about me: I skipped my junior year, I speak French fluently, and I've traveled to seven countries. If you have any questions, you can find me on Instagram (@theisaacroy).

DREAMS:

...currently, I am interested in becoming an attorney.

HOBBIES:

I enjoy playing basketball, playing the guitar, writing songs, and playing chess.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: John 14:27 Hi, my name is Nadine Rose
Heyn, I was born and
raised in Wisconsin/Michigan. My mom has always
been there for me.

My family and I came to Laurelbrook in August 2019. I have been here ever since.

I plan on going to Andrews University to get a Business degree in accounting.

DREAMS:

I want to own a ranch to help troubled kids from the cities to give them a different perspective of life.

HOBBIES:

Ilove to bake, do crafts, read, and ride horses, among other things

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: 1 Corinthians 10:31 Hi, my name is Ruben Adan Canche and I am from Chiapas, Mexico. I have been at Laurelbrook Academy for 2 Years, and during my life I have lived in 8 different places. I love all types of sports and enjoy spending time with my friends and family.

Instagram (@ruadan_)

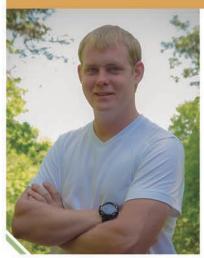
DREAMS:

I want to become a physical therapist, and serve God as a missionary. I would like to travel to different countries and embrace different cultures.

HOBBIES:

Playing volleyball, playing the guitar, writing songs and drawing.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Jeremiah 29:11



VINCENT HEYN



CINDY CARRERA



WILMER

I was born in Wisconsin and live there for 7 years. Later my family moved to Michigan where we lived for about 7 years, then we moved to Laurelbrook Academy where I went to school starting as a freshmen and will graduate as a 4 year senior.

DREAMS:

One of my dreams is that I can own my own lawn care and landscaping Business.

HOBBIES:

A couple of my hobbies are creatively recycling plastic and lawn care activities.

† FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11. I was born in Illinois and lived most of my life as a missionary kid in Bolivia and had the greatest childhood I'll ever have. Something else about me is that I love learning new things, music and my family. I have a YouTube channel called "Cindy Carrera", where I sing for the Lord.

DREAMS:

My dream is to get married and be a mom someday. Along with my music career, I would like to have a music school and as a ministry, give free music classes in orphanages.

HOBBIES:

I love anything crafty & also enjoy music and volleyball.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Colossian 3: 23-24 I am from Tennessee and one thing I like most about LBA is working in a nursing home kitchen as a supervisor and having Frederick as my roommate. I think the most useful thing for living here is being organized and having a good friendship with the staff and students.

DREAMS:

What I want to be is an airline transportation pilot. I would definitely like to do that as my career and I plan to study at Middle Tennessee State University.

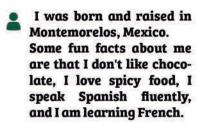
HOBBIES:

Photography, sports like soccer and volleyball, and playing instruments like the viola and a violin.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Psalms 34:7



KARELI SOBERANO



I play the flute, and my favorite subject is algebra:)

DREAMS:

I want to be a surgical nurse, and travel around the world helping people.

HOBBIES:

Listening to music, hiking, reading, and cooking.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE:

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

Romans 8:18



SREY POV KHUN

I am from Cambodia. I came to Laurelbrook in 2021 as a junior in highschool. I really enjoy the vocational program that the school offers to the students. I gained experience as CNA working in the Laurelbrook Nursing Home. Moreover, I really believe that by coming to study here, young people are prepared for the real world.

DREAMS:

I want to be a nurse and by God's grace, a good missionary nurse to help people in different countries.

HOBBIES:

I love singing, biking and hiking. I love to sit and relax and look at the sky at night.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE: Philippians 4:13



















Juniors

The Girls' Banquet was held at the Lodge

A happy class, as well as responsible. Introducing Juniors of 2023, a group of young men and women who are bravely preparing to be leaders at LBA.

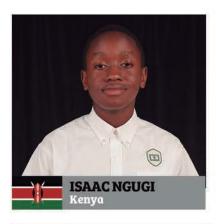






























SOPHOMORES

Cheering up the Boys'Banquet.

The Sophomores of 2023: Laurelbrook's liveliest class! They entertained their classmates and the staff with their antics.

































At the Girls Banquet that took place at the Lodge.

FRESHMEN + ERP

The Freshman year is a year of beginnings. This is their first year away from home on their own, learning how to make good decisions about friendships and God.











Our dear teachers, Mr. Beto & Ms. Tabitha

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The primary focus and theme for each of us at the Elementary School is to develop the character of Christ through the power of prayer.

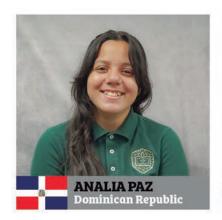




As a school, we collectively decided we would incorporate into our field trips the teachings of the character of Christ and how we can achieve this daily.

Upon return from the trips the students presented in the church what they learned and what surprised them the most.

As we continue to grow, develop, learn, pray and study the character of Christ and the importance to have His character, we are planning additional day and overnight field trips. These trips will include, caving, camping, medical missionary training, and wild edibles training, to name a few. Keep us in prayer as we continue to grow in the character of Christ and share with others the love of Christ and the message of His soon return.





























Ms. Won teaches Algebra for Sophomores

ACADEMICS

All students will develop a missionary spirit: Concerned for the needs of others above their own, and lead others with humility, justice and mercy.

Our mission is to prepare young people to serve where God calls them. We do this by providing an environment that inspires students and staff to be fully engaged in a well-balanced, Bible-based educational experience that enables them to share and model Christ through: Academic excellence, vocational training, and missionary experience. This preparation enables our students to use what they learn to solve real life problems.

Expected School-wide Learning Outcomes:

CHARACTER

COMPETENCE

CREATIVITY

COMMUNITY

CALLING

CHRIST-CENTERED











SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE



«The student displays willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate the Fruits of the Spirit in his life. The student faces challenges and difficulties with perseverance.»

We had a beautiful consecration Sabbath led by Pastor Serban and the special music offering by our Laurelbrook choir. After a Week Of Prayer led by Pr. Herbert Orellana, our young students Farrell, Michael and Jason decided to dedicate their lives to Jesus.

Laurelbrook will equip you and help you reach the front lines before you graduate. Share your faith in community churches. Travel abroad to Honduras or Dominican Republic on one of our affordable annual mission trips. Perform with the choir, bell choir, or string ensemble in churches across the region. Laurelbrook will prepare you to share your faith and the message of a soon coming Savior.



TBOYS DORM





The dorm is a special place for each of the students. It is our home at Laurelbrook, our place to rest, to study, but also to have fun among brothers.

This year, in which there were many changes, the dorm continued to be the space where we met, we enjoyed talks and advice.

-DWAYNE (Dean)





GIRLS DORMO













It does not matter the nationality, the language, the color, when we arrive at the dorm, we are all at home. We take care of each space, we respect the space of the other, and we value our own. The bedroom is our safe place where we can meet each other and others, where we learn values and put them into practice. We share God and worship Him with friends. This is where we begin to be family.

—CARO (Dean)









EMERGENCY RESPONSE

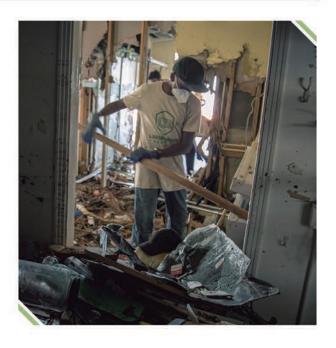


Our young team in Fort Myers provides an exemplary response at ground zero. Tiredness sets in, but everyone can see the drive our students possess.

«The hurricane that hit Florida ranks among the five worst hurricanes in US history. Fifty miles from the epicenter, the aftermath of Hurricane Ian's violence is already evident.»

After the devastation caused by Hurricane lan in Florida, a team of students and staff from LBA, trained to respond to disasters. traveled to the affected areas and joined the Emergency ResponseTeam,

The Distribution Points, as in all disaster responses in the UnitedStates, are coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and in this case they got support from the LBA team.











The Auditorium full of our graduates.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND



The Alumni association is currently raising money for a scholarship endowment that will allow more students to attend Laurelbrook.

This year, the Alumni event was extraordinary not only because of the number of graduates who visited us, but also because of the joy of the meeting.

In addition to enjoying beautiful musical performances by the Laurelbrook Academy and Elementary School choirs, duets and ensembles, on Sabbath we had a joint Bible study, beautiful preaching and, in the afternoon, the blessing of the songs sung by the Emmanuel Quartet.

Jeremy Shull '96, Alumni President, recalled in his speech the importance of the association and the reasons for raising funds, which continues to provide scholarships so that more students can pursue their studies.

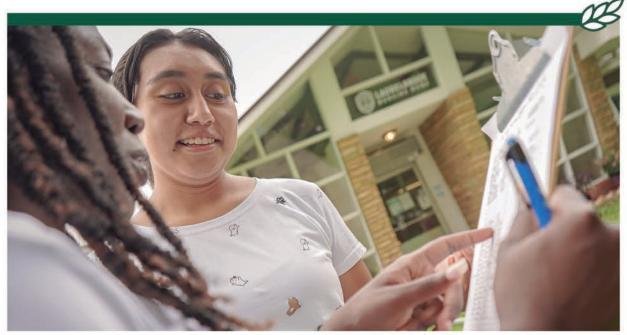












Ms. Charmaine talks with Esli about the Nursing Home paperwork.

VOCATIONAL

The vocational program underwent some important developments this year. It now includes a more educational structure in order to diligently assess students' knowledge, skills, and work ethic.

Our mission to train and equip students with skills, experience, and a solid work ethic underairds our vocational training. With four hours daily on weekdays, the students are assigned to areas such as Agriculture, Food Services, Maintenance, Construction, Housekeeping, Grounds Management, Office Procedures, CNA, and others. On Fridays, they are trained in specialized areas that include Media Production, Music, Firefighting, Small Engines & Auto Mechanics, Literature Evangelism, and Carpentry. To top it off, we have added two outdoor programs: Rock Climbing and Park Ranger. Laurelbrook has an abundance of land with woods, rocky walls and cliffs, hills and mountains, creeks and falls, trails, and much more.





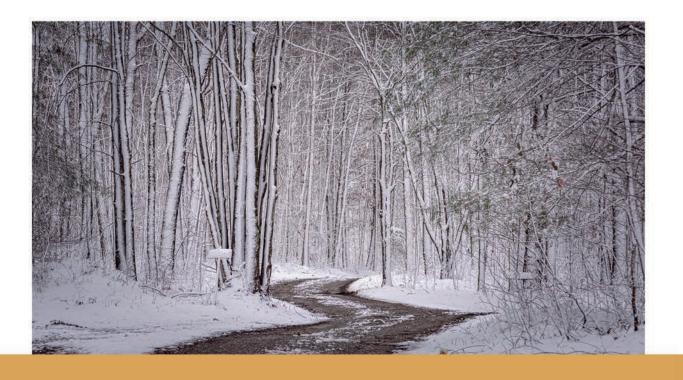








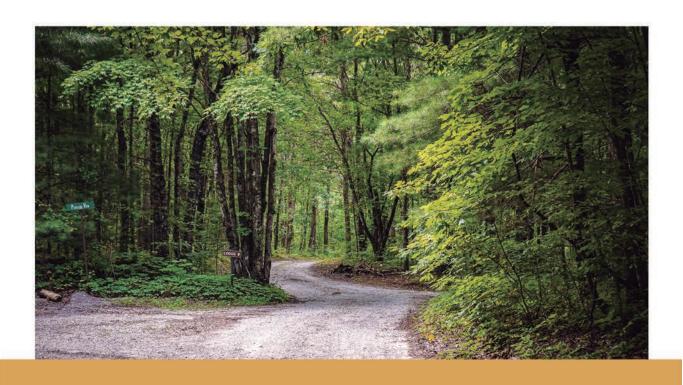




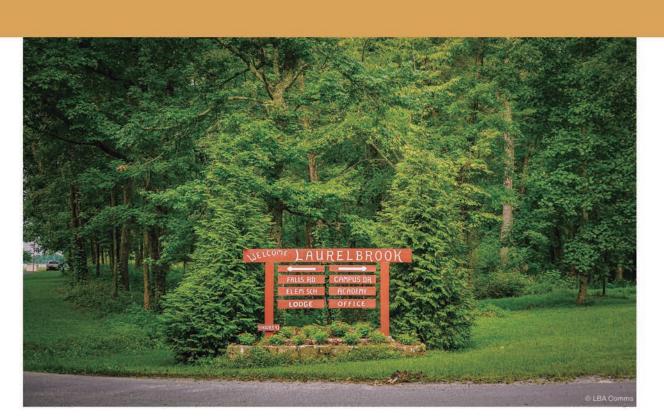
It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both, summer and winter.

-Psalm 89:11





The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.



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Ana harvests in the new greenhouse

Our unwavering focus is to train young people and produce healthy nutritious organic veggies and root crops for our academy kitchen, commissary, and Nursing Home.



The Laurelbrook Academy farm is one of the key pillars of the institution for training and imparting young people with practical farming knowledge and skills.

Our current operation is small with a total of four acres for cultivation, one fully-heated greenhouse, and a prop house for a nursery. We were blessed this with two more greenhouses from ASI. We also got our new tractor, which is capable of using all the working farm implements that we have. We are working on a strategic plan to grow more outdoor crops in the coming summer and onwards.











Firefighting

TJ Chislum, Fire Dept. / Laurelbrook Station Chief

The Junior Firefighter Program at Laurelbrook Academy trains students to become first responders in emergencies.





We help these young minds understand the real world applications to becoming a firefighter. Teamwork, community outreach, and service are emphasized. Basic firefighting training with hands-on applications such as simulated car fires, search & rescue, and the proper use of tools, fire extinguishers, and prevention awareness gives each young person a real look at what is required to be a first responder.

Upon completion of this program, not only will each student have become certified in CPR but will also have the skill set, knowledge, and understanding every firefighter should have to begin a career. The goal is to instill a stronger sense of pride within the community.





















OUTDOOR

The Outdoor Program takes place on a privileged campus

Hidden away in our forests are trickling waterfalls, secluded hiking trails, breathtaking clifftop vistas, and flourishing gardens.

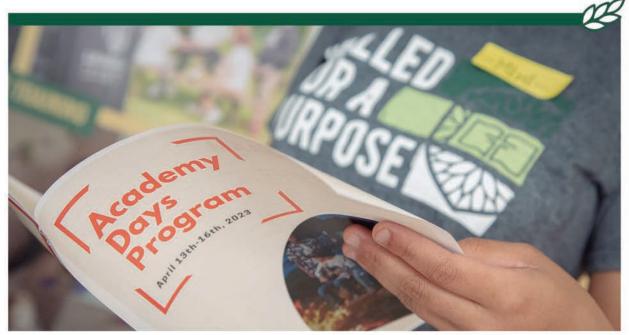




Hang a hammock and kick back for a while.Take a swim in the lake. Hike (or bike) on our many trails. With almost 2,000 acres of forest and mountain, LBA has plenty to offer for recreation and outdoor activities.

Rock Climbing:

During the year the students start learning the basic rock-climbing skills on outdoor and indoor courses. There were many things to learn, from tying a proper figure-8 knot and learning to trust the rope and their partner, to improving their finger strength and using proper technique to climb better without wearing out.



An event with a program full of activities.

ACADEMY DAYS

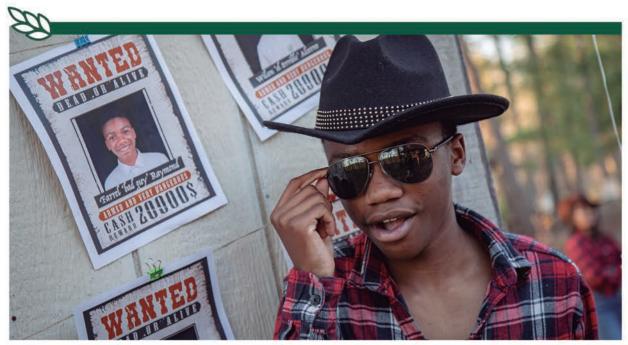


This year we started a new tradition of holding "Academy Days", where we hosted a special weekend for fifteen 8th graders.

We organized activities that let them get to know the academic and vocational programs, our spiritual activities, the campus and the plans for the new school year.

The experience was positive for students and their parents who visited us. Besides the games in the forest, the boat rides, and the special services on Friday and Sabbath, they got to know the different areas where vocational activities take place. We are working hard as a team to assure that LBA continues to provide students with the opportunity to meet God and serve others in the new school year.





Farrel: one of the 'most Wanted'

BANQUETS & PARTIES



Friendships add spice to life, so we want to celebrate it!

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." Proverbs 17:17

We have been created as social beings, and just as it is important to grow up in a family, it is important to have friends.

Friends are our essential support network when we are away from home.

The activities planned for the students seek to give space so that they can create friendships that will continue for a lifetime. These are the moments moments when friendships become something special through shared interests and experiences. Then no matter how far those people are from you, we will always have something that unites us.









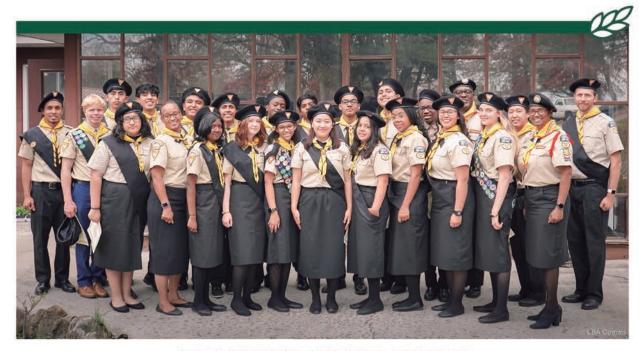












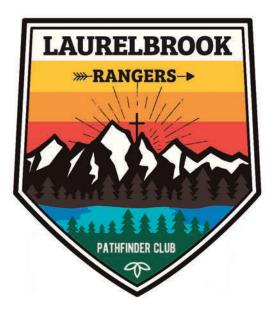
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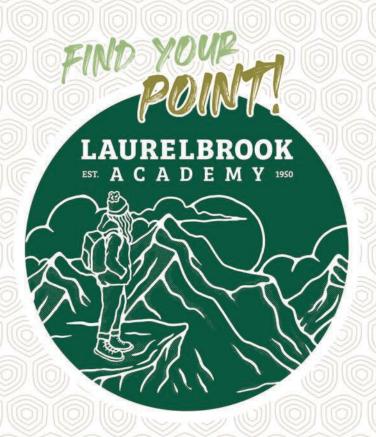


Besides Academics and the Vocational Program, our goal for students is to allow them to know Jesus better, to have a closer relationship with Him, and to share their faith with others.

The Laurelbrook Rangers Pathfinder Club is where students can learn more about God and His love through studying the Bible and His book of Nature. We have dedicated staff members willing to take these students under their wings and be counselors, instructors, and guides in everything the Pathfinders need spiritually, physically, or mentally.

Here we have the opportunity to instruct and guide students who are eager to learn. They participate in our campouts, like the Southern Union Camporee, and do their bookwork in their respective classes (Explorer, Voyager, Guide, TLT). Some of our kids represented us in the Bible Experience Program, memorizing the book of John.













































































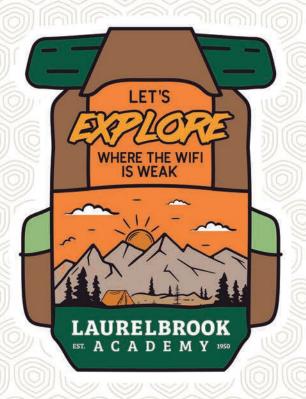




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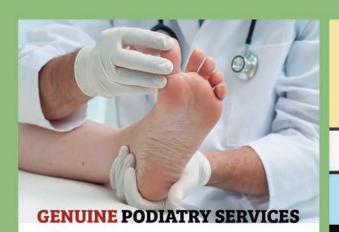


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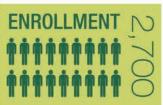
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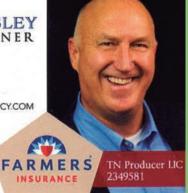
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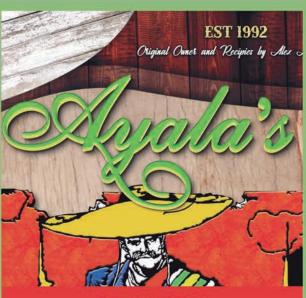
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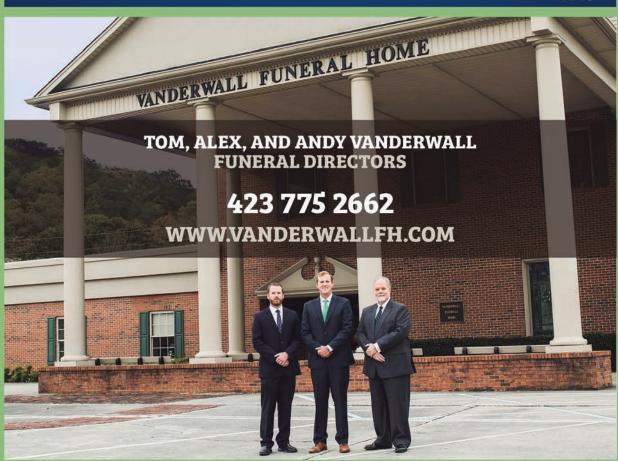


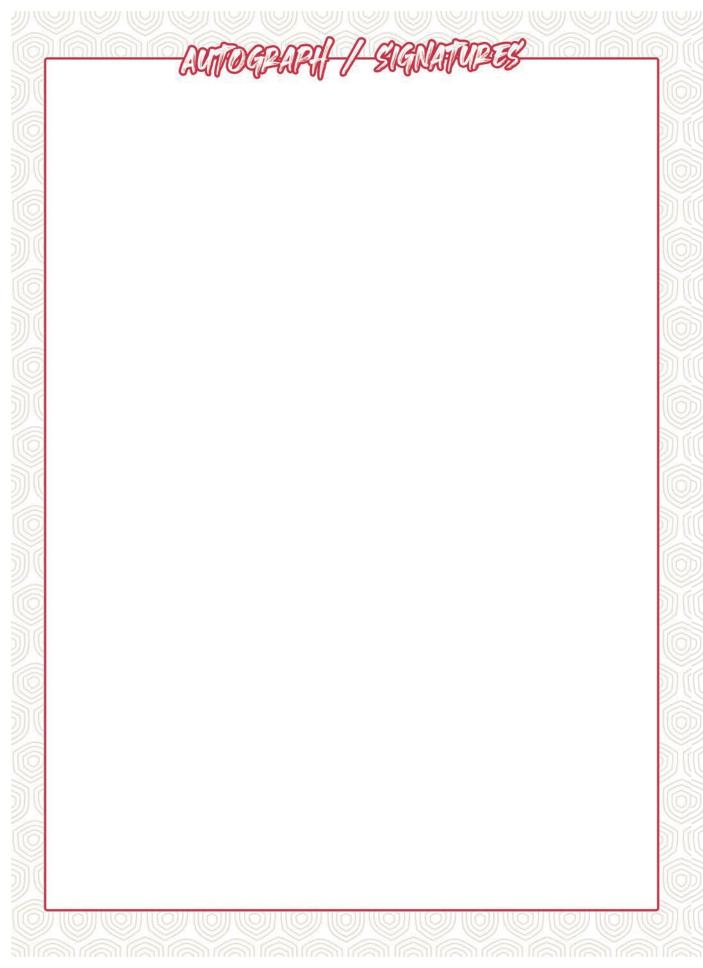
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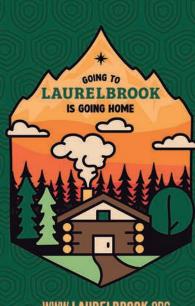
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