

# TALISMAN TIMES

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## TALISMAN ACADEMICS

The academic school year is one of the best parts of Talisman. Last year I made all A's here and it wasn't too hard.

In the morning right after breakfast I go to Social Skills. This is the major reason my parents sent me here. That class is with Aaron McGinley; he is a fun teacher who likes to teach his lessons in some fun way whenever possible.

The next class, which starts at 8:45 and ends at 9:40, is Tina David's room for English. She also teaches Video Production class. In English we do a lot

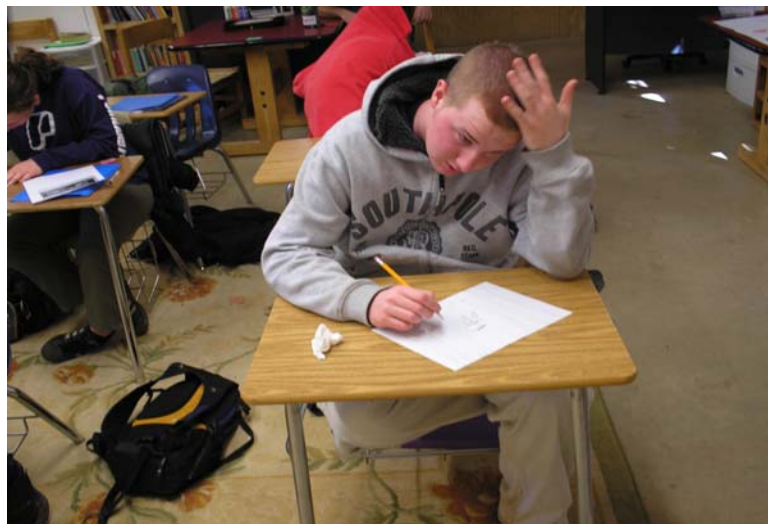
of reading, some word puzzles, and every Friday we play a game for candy which for the level 1's, is the only way to get candy at Talisman. Her class starts at 9:45 and ends at 10:40.

Then we go to our Science class which we at Talisman get a full credit for in one semester. We go to Anna Sanchez for our science which we have for one period, break for lunch at 11:40 and then come back at 12:50 for the second period. In the second period we have with her for science she likes to do some kind of lab.

Our next period we go to Erin Centers for screen Writing. Erin ( Mr. E ) also does science for the other groups. In that class we learn how to write movies. Some of the time we get to watch "Battle Star Galactica" or some kind of other movie in that class. His class starts at 1:50 and ends at 2:45.

Finally, we go to our last class, math with Ms. Anna again. She lets us go at our own pace so we don't have to be rushed.

By: Rick R.



## LIFE WITH THE VETERANS

A day in the life of the Veterans is never dull or boring. The group consists of Andy, Amelia, Cass, Taylor, Nick W., Sam, Nick T., and our two new members Wynn and Jacob. We are known for many things, but basically we are melting pot. Andy is an Alabama fan and our oldest Veteran. Cass is our wilderness expert and knows the ropes when it comes to

camping. Sam is a powerhouse and can handle any boulder that is in our way. Nick T. is our 411 and you can ask him any question and he can give you the right answer. Nick W. is our crash test dummy and is always ready for action. Amelia is our personal trainer as well our own joker. Wynn is the gentle giant and can see the path in front of

us. Myself, I am the voice that speaks out as well as gives good advice when needed. So far Jacob has shown his bold nature when it comes to facing any challenge all the way from water drinking contest with Matt to his finishing his homework with ease. In conclusion, life with the Veterans is very fun.

By: Taylor S.



## MIX THE CAT

Mix the cat has different colors and belongs to George. He likes to play with people by sitting on their laps and stretch on people's legs. He sleeps on his belly every night. When he wakes up in the morning he starts to purr in a soft voice and then we pet her. She loves to lick with her tongue. She has pretty eyes that are blue, like the pretty clouds in the afternoon sky. She some-

times plays in the down time cabin.

When we are watching a movie and eating popcorn on the red sofa in the down-time cabin, she likes to come in our cabin. When getting ready for bed and putting on our pajamas and brushing our teeth the staff put Mix outside where she belongs, and she can go see George, her owner.

By Regan R.

## TALISMAN SPORTS

Talisman has many different sports to play. These include soccer, basketball, and physical education assessments. One of the most popular sports would be soccer. Everyone seems to have a really fun time on the field and gets to play as much as they want. Most of the time we plan to play against the other groups. Sometimes we just mix the groups together. One of the most popular times we play is after lunch, to get all the energy out before

class.

Another favorite is basketball. After dinner we will have all three groups play together in the gym. Sometimes the groups will play against each other, or we will pick team captains and mix up the teams. Also, the groups have there physical education days in the gym playing basketball. It is really fun when all the counselors play too, because they are really good.

This year we got a lot of snow at Southeast Journeys. The fun activities included sledding and snow ball fights. Everyone had a blast in the snow, and sitting around the fire pit up by Ms. Anna's room that Mr. Matt made. Hot chocolate was a hit, since it was very cold.

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**"Everyone has a lot of positive energy here at Southeast Journeys".**

Everyone has a lot of positive energy here at Southeast Journeys and sports are just a great way to bring everyone together.

By Amelia C.



### CO-ED COBRAS ON THE RIVER

The river was great and we got to see birds, armadillos, alligators and bugs. The small oranges Bailey picked tasted like sour candy. We saw all kinds of things, like stars, animals, and beauty. We got to go to Burger King because we had a good trip, and it was fun. The river trip was great! The paddling was quiet and was a smooth stroke. Setting the tarp was hard, but it got easier with practice. Bailey's cooking was delicious and he made Frito pie, Mac and cheese, and all kinds of delicious

stuff. The book that we read was a great survival story called *Brain's Winter*, and it was about Brain and the wilderness.

By Robbie V.

"The academic school year is one of the best parts of Talisman".

### FRIENDSHIPS

There are a lot of people here that are good friends. At Southeast Journeys people become friends and sometimes a friendship can end up as a lifelong friendship. When people are lonely, there are always other people to talk to. I have been in several friendships here and people here are very friendly. I make friends by having positive conversations and I always want to let that person talk.

For the new people at Southeast Journeys, here's some advice: "you always need someone to talk to and be with and play with. It might be hard to make friends but you can make friends, just be your self".

By Andy C.



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