Following Habersham to Princeton

Our guide while touring Princeton explained that General Washington fired a cannon through these front doors.

He explained that the blast decapitated a portrait of King George, foreshadowing the eventual victory and independence for the patriots. The focal point of the Revolution Intensive II was a tour of Princeton University. Habersham attended Princeton, then known as the College of New Jersey.
**Adventure Store to VA**

At 6 A.M. Monday morning on November 4 we began our adventure. Everyone was excited as the van pulled out of the parking lot.

We headed north on 441 leaving Georgia behind as the sun began to rise. Making our way around Asheville, we turned towards Johnson City, TN. Once we crossed the line we pulled over at a beautiful overlook that featured a path going up the mountain. We made it to the top and took some pictures. While we were there we also explored the woods and rolled large rocks down the escarpment. The elevation at the overlook was 2,535’ or 772 meters.

We climbed a good bit more in elevation before arriving at our campsite for the night. Crabtree Falls was a beautiful campground right next to the river that led to the waterfall. We sat up our three tents, got a fire going, and had some delicious street tacos.

Once we were done eating it was very dark. We were surprised when we realized it was only 6:30! Most of us turned in early and got into our warm sleeping bags. I stayed up for a while by the fire until I heard a soft, steady stream of snores rumbling from all the tents.

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**PRINCETON**

We visited Princeton on November 6, 2019. This just happened to be the 150th anniversary of the first intercollegiate football game. On that day Princeton played Rutgers in a game that resembled soccer more than our current game of American football. It was interesting to note that even though the anniversary had been celebrated on ESPN, our guide seemed to be completely unaware of the fact.

There were a few superstitions and legends that our guide did share with us though. He pointed out that freshmen enter through the main gate, but do not exit through the gate again until they graduate. He also shared that Einstein had frequently given guest lectures in one of the halls, and that if you go there late at night you can still hear his voice.
Shenandoah National Park to Washington DC

Although it was a very cold Tuesday morning, it was clear and beautiful. Our fingers did hurt a little bit as we broke camp. We enjoyed some coffee and breakfast before leaving the campground. We turned right and headed north on the Blue Ridge Parkway eventually entering Shenandoah National Park. There are many overlooks and outcrops along the Skyline Drive that goes through the center of the park and we stopped at nearly every one of them.

We made it to the visitors center where we got to learn some of the history of the park. The park is also rich in biodiversity of plants and animals. Driving through Shenandoah National Park on Skyline Drive during peak leaf season is something everyone should do at least once (a year).

Leaving the park we headed northeast to make our appointment at the Capitol Building. Entering Washington D.C. and seeing the monuments, museums, and streams of people running, biking, and scootering was inspiring. We parked at the USDA building where we met Taylor who works for Secretary Sonny Perdue. He gave us our instructions and sent us on our way.

We walked down the mall, reluctantly passing all the ice cream trucks, and made it to the Russell Senator Office Building. We went upstairs to Senator David Perdue’s office where we were met by Nathan, an intern who served as our guide. We went downstairs and got on a train that took us over to the Capitol.

Seeing all of the statues, paintings, and plaques sparked great interest and curiosity. We were told stories about Abraham Lincoln’s private stairs, John Quincy Adams’ whisper spot, and many others.

In the rotunda we gazed at the massive paintings, the sculptures, and the intricate Apotheosis. It was as if we had traveled back in time to Rome or Greece, but this was our history, our story. And, unlike Rome and Greece, we are still writing it, speaking it, and living it.
• WHICH PART(S) OF THIS TRIP (OR THE NEWSLETTER) WERE THE MOST INTERESTING TO YOU?
• WHAT MADE THEM INTERESTING FOR YOU
• WHICH PLACES WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO BACK TO, OR GO TO FOR THE FIRST TIME?

TRAVEL MATH
• THERE WERE 6 FUEL STOPS. THE COST PER GALLON EACH STOP WAS $2.69, $2.40, $2.22, $2.59, $2.33, AND $2.37. WHAT WAS THE AVERAGE COST PER GALLON?
• REVIEW THE ITINERARY...CAN YOU SET UP A UNIT ANALYSIS EQUATION TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BUDGET WAS FOR FUEL?
• WHAT OTHER INFORMATION DO YOU NEED?

PROCESSING AND REFLECTION

ALL THE LEAVES CHANGING COLORS IN SHENANDOAH NP ARE A SIGN THAT THE TREES ARE STARTING TO SHUT DOWN AND GO INTO A TORPOR STATE DUE TO LESS DIRECT SUNLIGHT, SHORTER DAYS, AND LOWER TEMPS. PHOTOSYNTHESIS STOPS AND THE CHLOROPHYLL BREAKS DOWN REVEALING YELLOWS, ORANGES, AND REDS.

• IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT IS PHOTOSYNTHESIS?
• WHAT IS THE CHEMICAL EQUATION FOR PHOTOSYNTHESIS?
• IF CHLOROPHYLL CAUSES THE TREES’ LEAVES TO APPEAR GREEN, WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE OTHER PIGMENTS THAT CAUSE YELLOW, ORANGE, AND RED?
• IF GREEN IS THE BEST COLOR FOR CARRYING OUT PHOTOSYNTHESIS, WHAT COLOR LIGHT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT? WHICH COLOR IS LEAST IMPORTANT?

 WHICH WORKS OF ART STOOD OUT TO YOU THE MOST? (IF YOU DON’T REMEMBER ALL OF THEM, LOOK IT UP) WAS IT THE PAINTINGS, THE SCULPTURES, THE APOTHEOSIS?
• RESEARCH THE WORK OF ART.
• RECREATE IT WITH YOUR OWN TWIST.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE STOPS. A RESTAURANT, MOTEL, CAMPGROUND, HISTORIC SITE, NATURAL SITE, TRAVEL FACILITATOR, ETC. WRITE A CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW THAT INCLUDES YOUR EXPERIENCE, OPINION, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS.

WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YORKTOWN? LOOKING BACK AT THE FIRST INTENSIVE, WHAT FACTORS LED TO YORKTOWN? HOW DO YOU THINK THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED AMERICANS FELT? FOR WHAT WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SACRIFIC EVERYTHING TO BE PART OF A REVOLUTION? WHAT IS SCARY ABOUT STEPPING OUT AND BECOMING INDEPENDENT? IN WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE ARE YOU READY FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE? WHAT WOULD IT COST?