

# Greystone holds annual camp-out

Greystone students mixed business with pleasure on a recent weekend at Lost Maples State Park near Leakey for their first off-campus event of the academic year. Transporting students and supplies, meal planning and cooking, and even setting up tents posed seemingly extraordinary challenges to the students — some who have never experienced the great outdoors before.

“The annual campout is a Greystone tradition that enables the students to take on leadership responsibilities in familiar, as well as unfamiliar tasks,” Commander David Bailey, USN (Ret.), Greystone co-founder and executive director, said. “The purpose of having this event just a few weeks after they arrive is to help establish a tight bond among the Greystone team as well as to observe their outstanding qualities.”

Interspersed with fun in nature that Lost Maples offers with its hiking trails, water areas and meditative hilltop vistas, more serious activities like Character Development/Leadership training and working on nomination/ appointment paperwork kept students busy from sun-up to sun-down. Colonel William Crum, USAF (Ret.), Greystone chairman of the board, also introduced the students to the concept of the Murder Board, which is a realistic simulation of the actual interviews these students will face when they meet with their respective senatorial and congressional nomination board panels. Not only will students be asked the same type of questions and role play with Greystone board members and volunteers, the experience is intended to be more difficult than the actual interview.

“This year’s class of 28 students represents the largest Greystone group we’ve ever had,” Bailey said. “Being the largest class, students faced — and overcame — obstacles, like having to find and arrange for additional means of transportation.”

Bailey remembers carting the first group of five students in their family SUV. Now, in addition to the program’s 15-passenger Greystone van, a trailer, and one of Schreiner’s 15-passenger vans helped to transport the rest of the students.

Greystone has many similar adventurous events planned throughout this academic year in addition to the program’s continued assistance within the Kerrville community.

“I’m really proud of this team,” Bailey said. “They passed this ‘test’ with flying colors; but it’s always

entertaining to see the humor that seems to accompany each experience — like watching the team figure out what to do when they forgot a can opener and have five commercial-sized cans to open.”

Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University in Texas is a unique program that combines intense service academy preparation with a challenging university education for high school graduates committed to earning their appointments to one of the five Federal service academies. In the last seven years, 98 percent of all Greystone graduates were accepted into military officer programs and 90 percent of those graduates earned academy appointments. This success rate remains unmatched by any other academy preparatory program in the nation.

For more information, visit [www.greystoneprepschool.org](http://www.greystoneprepschool.org).



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**COLONEL WILLIAM CRUM** recently addressed this year’s Greystone Class of 2011 about the Murder Board, which is a technique to prepare students to gain practice and confidence when interviewing with senators and representatives.

## Lee

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about 400 points over the Texas state average.

“Orchestra enriches a child’s life, provides an emotional outlet, and teaches fine motor skills,” Pat said. “They learn presentation skills, how to bow and play with confidence and stand with confidence. They learn to share by playing in musical ensembles. There’s an emotion and sense of community that continues for some of them through the rest of their lives.”

One of those presentation skills is how to bow gracefully at the end of a performance. The Lees teach the students this verse: bow down saying to themselves, “Did I shine my shoes today?”, and stand

up straight again, thinking, “Yes, I shined my shoes today.”

The Lees teach students to play the violin, viola, cello and string bass, beginning with how to hold each instrument and the bow. One stance she calls the Statue of Liberty pose.

“By high school they are playing symphonic literature by great masters. We start with ‘Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star’ and hopefully by graduation they’re playing Beethoven symphonies,” Pat said. “There’s a lot of vocabulary, such as the woods the instruments are made of; horsehair, from Siberia, that the bows are made of; the history of string-making where one of the first is Antonio Stradivarius; the geometry of bow placement.”

They discuss the kinds of notes — half, quarter and eighth notes, with the Lees telling them, “We love to play fast, but it only

sounds good if it’s played right.”

Each student gets an instrument, no matter what their family’s income level, because this program is part of the KISD budget, she said.

The students learn to name the parts of their instruments, including the frog and the f-holes; how to hold them; and how to take care of them.

“By the third week, they put their bows to their instruments and make some noise,” Pat said.

Jessica said she’s one of three siblings, and two of them had double majors in music and one is a ballet dancer.

Jessica, 20, is the youngest, and previously taught music in a summer camp, mostly a cello choir. This is her first year to teach violin.

“I was surprised at the number of kids that signed up. We had no

trouble recruiting and always have an overflow list,” Jessica said. “Twenty in each class is about our maximum, so they can get individual attention.”

Jessica will direct a sixth-grade string group in a spring concert at the B.T. Wilson campus, and is the main teacher at Nimitz Elementary, while her mother is the main teacher at the middle and high school.

“We expect them to be able to read music, learn about rhythm and physical movements, and have a full understanding of what they need to work off of, by the end of the year,” Jessica said.

She said she attended ninth and 10th grade in KISD, then went off to college at age 16. She took string lessons in school in Kerrville and played in the band and sang in choirs.

## Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week

Overnight on Saturday, Sept. 12-13, unknown persons broke into a total of 11 vehicles in the Kerrville South area on Rancho Road, Contour, Sun Haven, Palo Verde and Brandis streets. The burglaries are believed to have occurred between midnight and 5:30 a.m.

A variety of items were taken from the vehicles including credit cards, CDs, money, tools, digital cameras, clothing, shoes, canned sodas, flashlight, shotgun shells, cordless drill, amplifier and sub-woofers, a car stereo, Apple 4G i-POD, and a skateboard.

Suspects possibly were driving a silver newer model compact four-door car with a sun roof and spoiler.

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