

## South Hoke students spend overnight at Camp Rockfish

A group of 4th grade boys and girls from South Hoke recently took an overnight trip to Camp Rockfish. They began their outing with a nature hike led by camp director Bob Pryor, then crossed the "monkey bridge" and ate lunch in the 12-foot high tree house.

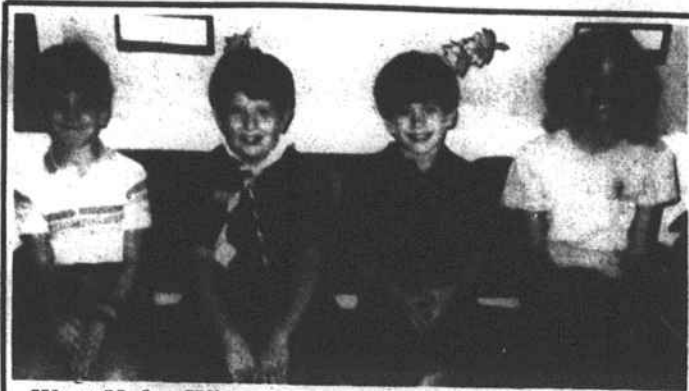
In the afternoon the students and adults enjoyed volleyball, canoeing, rafting and baking cookies.

Rhenda Cameron, Howard Hust, Ginny and Art Hayes, and Liz White joined the group for a cook-out that evening.

The students later sang songs with Miriam McNeill, ending with scary Halloween songs and the surprise entrance of a "ghost!"

Adults helping with this camping experience were Hank Richards, Steve McNeill, Lee Hust, Liz White, Miriam McNeill and Frances Davis.

If the world's rain forests and other natural areas continue to be destroyed at the current rate, experts say one plant species will vanish every day by the end of the century.



### West Hoke Winners

The sponsors for the North Carolina Symphony also sponsored a poster contest. Each contestant was to submit a poster depicting the Symphony. The first place winner was Tobl Baker \$5 (left); second place, Mark Crews \$3 (left center); third place, was a tie between Andy Brown (right center) and Susan Wilburn with each winning \$2 (right). All of these students are from Mrs. Flanagan's fourth grade class.

## McLauchlin 2nd graders welcome 'Bad Sam' author

On Tuesday, November 12, second graders at J.W. McLauchlin Elementary School welcomed a special guest and stories he shared with them, Raz Autry.

Autry, former Hoke County Schools Superintendent, related stories to the students and his book written for children, *Bad Sam*. Each class member received a book of his or her choice donated by the Raeford Woman's Club to promote the overall Reading is Fundamental program.

Several students also submitted entries in the school-wide poster contest on the theme, "The Joy of Reading."

Winners will be announced at a later date.

The national winner is awarded a \$500 Savings Bond and given a trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring.

The reading is high at J.W. McLauchlin as students on all the grade levels will be given the opportunity the week after Thanksgiving to purchase books of their choice at the annual Book Fair.

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