Summer camp brings kids from pressure to nature

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Jumping into a pond under a waterfall, collecting garbage while hiking, and making dinner with ingredients from nature can provide “a real holiday” for children participating in a local summer camp in Dapeng New Area, Shenzhen. The camp was founded by Americans, Michael McGillicuddy and Andrew Aker, and a Chinese partner identified as Jessie.

Throughout this scorching summer holiday, the three partners ran three weeklong camps for around 60 children. One kid even joined all three camps.

Jesse is an owner of an inn at the foot of Maluan Mountain in Dapeng. She defines her inn as a family-friendly B&B that also interacted with the children he coached during the summer camps. “It’s amazing to see the children he coached during the summer camps. “It’s amazing to see the transformation in these children from the first day they arrive and the day they leave,” he said.

Aker, another American entrepreneur and educator who has lived in China for 16 years, said that the camps are about more than just playing with the children.

“During the camp, the children were able to get away from their studies, pressure from peers, parents and schools and simply embrace nature, learn to be independent, and gain outdoor skills and work with others,” said McGillicuddy.

“They were assigned tasks that were designed to be finished in groups by using communication and problem-solving skills. For instance, the kids were asked to make their own dinner with food provided. The coaches also taught them how to compost the leftovers from the dinner and asked them to collect garbage while hiking in the mountains to be environmentally friendly. “The original purpose of the camp was to give children a happy and meaningful summer holiday where they learn how to interact with others as well as how to be independent,” said Jessie.

“My favorite memory was watching the children go under the Maluan Mountain waterfall again and again,” said McGillicuddy. He encouraged the children to be brave and go under the waterfall. “A girl was really scared at first to go, but she went, hesitantly at first and then on her own four times,” McGillicuddy said he was proud of his students.

This was the first summer that the three partners organized camps together. When the holiday ends, the team plans to organize weekend outdoor activities for their schoolchildren on a regular basis.

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18-year-old mom throws baby from fifth floor

Police are investigating after an 18-year-old woman gave birth to a baby and then threw her child from the fifth floor of a building in Longhua District in Nanshan District, sznews.com reported.

The woman went into labor during working hours and stayed at home until 4 a.m., when her child died, sznews.com reported. When questioned upon returning to work, she claimed that she was having her period.

Following the preliminary investigation, the woman has been charged with murder.

It was reported that the woman’s husband was away in the city and just turned 18. She came to Shenzhen to work not long ago. Her parents have been working in Shenzhen for many years, but they seldom talk to each other. Neither she nor her parents knew that she was pregnant, and she doesn’t know who the baby’s father is.

In another case, a newborn was thrown from the sixth floor of a building in Longhua District in August 2014. The baby’s mother was only 19 years old. She thought the sickness caused by her pregnancy was tetanus. When the baby was born, her mind went blank and she threw the baby out the window.

At a glance

CPI up in July

The city’s CPI rose 0.4 percent in a year in July, and increased 1.3 percent over the same period last year. Vegetable prices were a driving force of CPI growth, increasing by 13.5 percent over June, due to the stormy weather. Increases were also recorded in egg prices, up 1.2 percent, and beef prices, up 6.3 percent for the traditional peak travel season.

Heat lingers

 Residents were advised to take precautions against heatstroke as the city again encounters scorching heat this week. Temperatures in the city reach as high as 35 degrees Celsius with showers and thunderstorms.

Wanted

A WOMAN was sentenced to nine months in jail for attacking officers at Shatoujiao Checkpoint last year and damaging two X-Ray monitors and other machines at the checkpoint. The woman became enraged after she was stopped for carrying commodities with a value exceeding the amount allowed by law.

75% filthy water in Nanshan treated

About 75 percent of blackened and stinky rivers in Nanshan District have been treated, and the water quality has been improved significantly.

The task of water governance is expected to be completed ahead of schedule, according to the local authorities, the Southern Metropolis Daily reported.

Nanshan District has attached great importance to the treatment of blackened and stinky rivers. It is estimated that the amount of money invested to reach or cease operation last month, and some were involved in fraud cases. As of the end of July, there were 256 P2P websites operating normally in Shenzhen, while the number of abnormal websites in the city had reached 391 over the previous few years.

Data also showed that the trading volume of loaning websites in Shenzhen totaled 33.5 billion yuan (US$5 billion) last month, representing a month-on-month decline of 7.5 percent. The average interest rate of these websites’ loans was 10.05 percent, higher than the nationwide average. The average loan term was 6.69 months, shorter than the nationwide average.

Six new P2P loaning websites were launched last month across the country, and three of them are based in Shenzhen. Experts believe that the online loaning business in Shenzhen will continue to grow despite tighter supervision on the industry, according to the report.

10 abnormal P2P loaning websites found last month

TEN abnormal P2P loaning websites were found last month in Shenzhen, the Southern Metropolis Daily reported.

Statistics released by P2PEYE.com showed that 2 to 5 P2P loaning websites became out of reach or ceased operation last month, and some were involved in fraud cases. As of the end of July, there were 256 P2P websites operating normally in Shenzhen, while the number of abnormal websites in the city had reached 391 over the previous few years.

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