



The Blizzard Bee

TUESDAY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF VBS-2016

JUNE 21, 2016



Resort Schedule

DAILY

8:45 Welcome Center Opens
 9:00 Opening Resort Activities
 9:30 Lodge Time
 10:00 Snack Time
 11:40 Closing Resort Activities
 12:00 Guests Depart

MONDAY

Official VBS T-shirts handed out

TUESDAY

Wear your VBS T-shirt today
 Guest pictures taken

THURSDAY

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MONDAY-THURSDAY

Recreation time at Arctic Slope

TUESDAY-THURSDAY

Craft Summit open to guests

FRIDAY

Water Play Day at Arctic Slope
 Closing Ceremony & Arctic Blast
 Party in the Welcome Center
 beginning promptly at 6:30 PM.
 Don't miss the big finish to
 VBS 2016!

Lodges show off winter wonderland

Guests asked to bring in toiletries and canned goods

Officially it's the second day of summer but you wouldn't know it if you were to explore the luxurious and chilly interiors of our premium Lodges at Glacier Bay Resort.

Two examples are shown in the images at right. At top is a good look inside the Penguin Party Lodge, home to the 4-5 Year Old B group of guests. Lodge manager Victoria Blankenship and assistant lodge manager Sarah Deibner, seen standing, have it so cold inside the guests sit on giant ice cubes that never seem to melt!

Not to be outdone, the nearby Mountain View Ice Rink lodge, managed by Kari Ramos, has managed to keep a constant flurry of snowflakes falling that miraculously never reach the ground and also never melt.

Here's a tip: If you get a chance to tour the lodges, be sure to wear sun glasses. You'll need them to reduce the glare from all that white snow and ice.

Meanwhile, we're encouraging all guests to bring in their spare toiletries, canned goods and boxed non-perishable food to put in our snow jeep in Glacier Bay Village. At the end of the week, we'll pass along your generosity to folks who could use some special comforting and help.

Photos by Bernard Powell



God has the power to Comfort!



“He comforts us
 in all our troubles
 so that we can
 comfort others”

2 Corinthians 1:4



God speaks to Elijah.

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Glacier Bay history has royal tradition

Wondering why a resort at the foot of an ancient glacier is led by a royal princess named Anna? It's a good question and the answer has everything to do with how Glacier Bay Resort began 134 years ago in the Great White North.

It was in 1882 when Lars and Mildred Jensen, both astronomers, left their home to search for an ideal place to observe a great comet that was passing by Earth that year.

Their trek led them to Glacier Bay, a miraculous place with both tropical sunshine and snowy blizzards. The air at night was cool and dry and perfect for stargazing, but there were no hotels to be found anywhere.

The only place to stay was a small cabin where a man named Mountain Mike Pricerock lived. Mountain Mike loved God and was happy to share all he had. He took in the Jensen's and cared for them like they were family.

Word quickly spread around the world about this generous man, and soon Mountain Mike had more guests than he could handle. But he loved the people and knew God would provide. Soon the one small cabin was replaced by many lodges, and Glacier Bay Resort was born.

Very early on, one of the most frequent guests to Glacier Bay was a royal family from the nation of Aarondell. They visited every year for many years and became very close to Mountain Mike and his family.

When it came time for Mountain Mike to retire, he invited this royal family to move to Glacier Bay and take responsibility for the resort, making sure every guest would learn about God. "No one leaves here without a smile," were his parting words to them.

Today, Princess Anna continues that royal tradition at Glacier Bay Resort.



Photo by Bernard Powell

Here at Glacier Bay Resort and Convention Center we pride ourselves on our stellar customer service and being able to handle those little problems that come up and need careful attention.

So when something doesn't go quite as planned — even if it happens behind the scenes and our guests never notice — we still think it's important to publicly recognize those of our staff who go above and beyond to ensure you have a pleasant stay.

Two examples from Monday's opening day of the VBS 2016 conference come to mind.

First, we send a shout out to First Mate **Doug Grandey**, who ably filled in for **Paul Reece** in the role of **Capt. Antinneeal** during Monday's opening session. It turns out Paul was having problems navigating the high seas as he was returning from a cruise out of Port Canaveral. Long story short: Resort Director **Kris Pakulak** can now claim she has managed a VBS that was affected by a Trident nuclear submarine.

Only on Florida's Space Coast!

Our second shout out goes to Glacier Bay Resort nurse **Susanne Hanson**, who attended to guest **Grace King** on Monday morning. Grace is a guest of the Holy Himalaya's Lodge, home to a class of 1st and 2nd graders, and accidentally got poked by a small staple that was on the floor. She deserves a Glacier Bay Bravery Award for being a good patient as everything was taken care of by Nurse Susanne. Also helping in the role of "Chief Comforter" was **Becky Durrance** from the concierge desk.

The Buzz is here to share your stories about VBS, so send us your news tips. Text them to 321-698-0591 or email them to vbs2016@aol.com. We need full names and ages, please. It's all due by 2 p.m. each day.

The Daily Puzzle

One of these Cliff's is not like the others. Can you spot the difference?

