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Counselor Joyce Fields helps Frank Tippet, 7, make a boat to hold a family photo. Boats were launched at dusk in memory of the children’s deceased loved ones.

Alison Morris (from left), Payton Crew, 12; and Devon Brennan, 12, take a brisk run through the woods at Camp Firefly.

Counselor Emily Madison demonstrates the proper form for shooting an arrow.

Payton Crew, 12, gets hooked into a safety harness with the help of counselor Ryan Louis.

Ella Crafton, 9, tries the high swing.

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