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WHO WE ARE



The National Grange was founded as a fraternal organization for farm families in 1867 – opening its doors to men and women equally from the start.

From rural free delivery of mail to the direct election of U.S. Senators by the people, Grangers have influenced so many aspects of American life and culture.

Today we continue to advocate for rural Americans and those interested in all areas of agriculture – including those who just

like to eat – and our local Granges provide millions of dollars and hours of service to their neighbors annually.

Each Grange operates as a grassroots unit, taking on projects most appropriate for their communities and advocating based on their members' beliefs.

Learn more at www.nationalgrange.org.

A group of people, mostly young adults, are standing on a grassy field, watching an event. In the foreground, a person is splashing through a large pile of mud, with their arms raised in a celebratory gesture. The background shows a building and a street lamp.

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Getting on the Bus: A First-Time Attendee's Story.

By Bonniejean Alford

Nine years old.

The little girl couldn't wait for the bus to pull away from her mother and sisters. She was excited to experience something new and surprised she somehow was even allowed to go. She was so used to hearing the word "no" for any request.

Her home life wasn't exactly perfect, coming from divorce and extreme poverty. But somehow, a way was found for her to attend summer camp that year – as well as the next one.

On the bus, ready to pull away, she looked around at all the kids. Some seemed to know each other. Others, like her, sat alone in a seat looking out the window. The girl wondered if they were hoping someone would sit next to them. She remained hopeful that one of the kids still saying goodbye to their parents would choose to sit next to her. However, there appeared more than enough seats for everyone to have one all to themselves.

As the bus departed, the little girl remained alone in her seat, looking out to see that her own family had already gone home. She was not sad though. She was used to being alone, for she had very few friends thanks to constant moving and new beginnings. This new beginning promised to be like all the others.

After the seemingly forever trip into the mountains, it was the moment to begin the time away. One week, all for her.

It was daunting, all the possibilities. Excitement and fear simultaneously energized her beating heart. Questions flooded her mind as she walked with other kids to her assigned cabin. There she shared the meager space with five other girls. Cots, a screen door, and open-air windows were to be home for the next seven days.

The most exciting moment of camp was signing up to participate in theatre and writing. While there, no one questioned her desire or ability. It was all about encouragement and growth and trying something new.

In her regular life, beyond the lack of support from her own mother, she faced great amounts of bullying from the other kids at school. Here, there was none of that – it simply wouldn't have been tolerated. Just fun and exploring new opportunities. You didn't have to be friends with everyone, but counselors took a no tolerance stance on bullying. Kids would be sent home should it have happened. So, it didn't happen.

The little girl took risks that she couldn't imagine before camp.

Diving off the high dive. Hiking through the woods. Playing with a camera. Writing a mini-play and then performing it with new friends. She even experienced her very first crush – on one of the counselors, no less.

All around it was an experience that changed a life. It was in these memories that she found the extrovert within the introvert. She was taught that it was okay to be different, to be herself.

This does not mean that the lessons became easy to live out in daily life. Rather, they were internalized as a foundation that continued to build over decades. The memories from that first year remain as a driving force for her, as an adult, to follow her dreams and find new passions to try.

Because, as camp participation teaches, life is full of possibilities – live, love, and experience all it has to offer.

