

Oh, give me a break!

Wintry temps chill two Spring Breaks
Students travel to warmer locations →

My Spring Break mostly consisted of a military lifestyle. On Monday morning at 9 AM almost all of the MCJROTC cadets met at the National Guard Armory to go up to Fort Dodge in Des Moines. While up there, we lived and trained like military personnel. We lived in barracks, ate in a mess hall, and got to train with equipment provided by the National Guard. We repelled down a 42 foot tower. We also got to use M16 style airsoft weapons as we simulated clearing houses, as well as participate in a confidence/obstacle course. On our last day, we went to the Gold Star Museum and looked at all the exhibits which included items from and about the wars: WWII, Vietnam, Korea and others.

~ Ian Brown



At Camp Dodge MCJROTC line up with their airsoft weapons before simulating the clearing of houses Photo by Stephen Schroeder



Unloading thoughts about the two Spring Breaks

"I had a lot of fun at the Dells!"
~ Ariana Kruse

"My dad was sleeping and I had my mom buy a pie that I'd spray whip cream on before smashing it onto his face; it's a tradition for my family to prank each other."

"I am looking forward to another spring break from school."
~ Emma Poyner

~ Izayah Wood

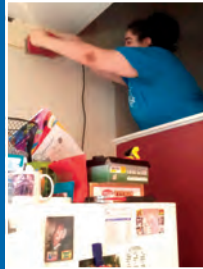
"It was a wonderful spring break, I worked and babysat."

~ Traydaia Shorter

"I wish it lasted longer." ~ Alexis Harpe



Splishin' 'n' splashin,' juniors Lilliana Cardona and Ariana Hill float in the ocean as they soak up the Florida sun. "It was my first time, and oh, yes, I would definitely go back," said Cardona. Hill, who visits Florida frequently said, "When I go to Florida, I look forward to exploring the islands, especially Egmont Key because it's pretty." Photo by Terran Bogan



Springing into action,

students load up their break time with church conventions like Junior Ayriel Hill where 2600 youth members gather in Springfield, Illinois for a unification, redecorating a sister's house as does junior Asia Lieven, going on a shopping spree with the drama and music groups, and loading up the charter bus to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana to see the production of Les Miserable. Contributed photos



TWO Spring Breaks!

A 179 Students answered a random survey in the cafeteria and in random classrooms.

- Sleeping:** 57
- Eating Easter Candy:** 21
- Playing video games:** 17
- Spending time with family:** 39
- Spring Break #2: (Sleeping)** 39
- Church:** 15
- Easter Egg Hunting:** 9
- Working:** 19
- Boyfriend/Girlfriend:** 20



"Why would the weather became bipolar like that? I packed two outfits for my whole trip. I had no winter gear as I was outside in the rain with a dress."

~ Alayah Walku

"I went to Indianapolis and saw Les Misérables on Broadway which was a great time."

~ Ellie Tappero

"This spring break I went to Orlando, Florida and went on a boat ride as well as held a mini alligator. I also went down to Universal Studios and ate at Hard Rock Cafe."

~ Lindsey Broders