

VFW National Home for Children

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Roller Coasters prove no match for National Home Children

Eaton Rapids, Mich. – High-speed steel monsters, loud rickety wooden behemoths, and gravity-defying sickness inducing traps towered before the children of the VFW National Home for Children, daring them to test their limits. On June 22, children and staff attempted to tackle the challenge that is Cedar Point.

At 7 am the thrill seekers piled into a charter bus and made their way to the Sandusky VFW Post #2529. A delicious breakfast of eggs, hash browns, sausage, and bacon, prepared by members of the Sandusky Post, greeted the children. The Sandusky Post also took time out of their day to head to the park and refuel the children with a cookout.

Full of energetic kids, the charter bus made its way to Cedar Point. Upon arriving, the children were filled with awe as they took in the sights of the amusement park. Various rides populated the park, daring the children to hop aboard and test their ability to withstand huge drops, terrifying speeds, and loops that defied gravity.

The children were more than up to the challenge. Armed with only their courage, the young thrill enthusiasts tackled the towering rides head on. The children zipped, zoomed, and twisted their way throughout the day.

For those needing a break from the roller coasters, food, games, and slower rides were available throughout the park. Most of the children never veered away from the thrill of the soaring coasters though.

Besides having fun and enjoying each other's company, the children learned some valuable skills from this experience. Waiting-in-line patiently, fair play, and taking turns were just some of the important social skills practiced and further developed by the attendees.

The National Home thanks Sandusky Post #2529 for their efforts in making this trip possible. Not only did they prepare breakfast and lunch for the children, but also paid for the charter bus and gave each child \$25.00 for spending at the park. Special thanks also to the Michigan Cooties for paying for the Cedar Point admission tickets as well as giving each child \$5.00 for spending. The dedication and hard work put forth by these members made this special and memorable trip possible.

Since 1925 the VFW National Home for Children has provided Help, Hope and Honor for the children and families of our nation's military and veterans. For more information please call (517) 663-1521, toll-free at (800) 424-8360 or visit www.vfnationalhome.org

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