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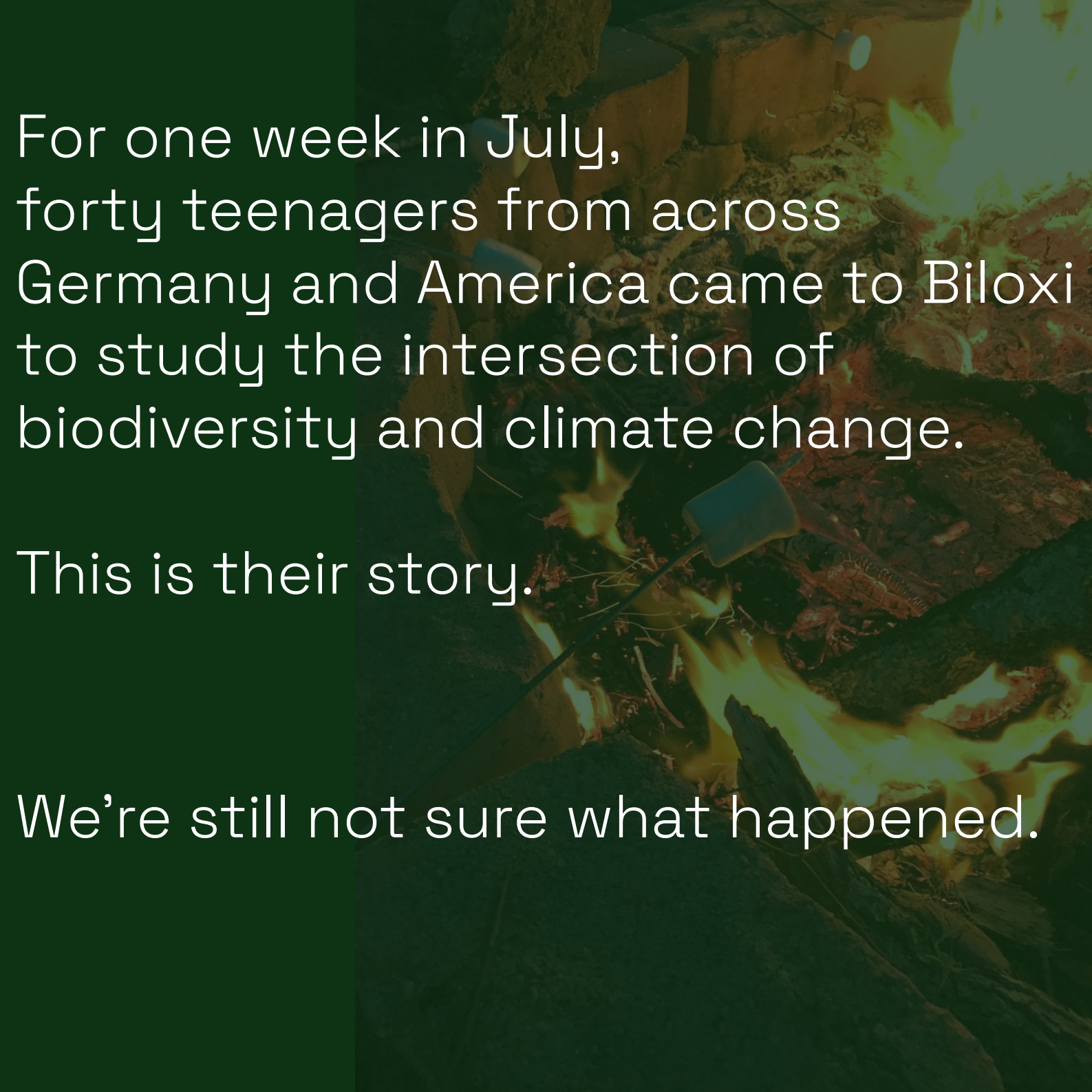
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A close-up photograph of a campfire. Bright orange and yellow flames are visible, with several marshmallows on sticks being roasted over the fire. The background is dark, suggesting a night setting. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

For one week in July,  
forty teenagers from across  
Germany and America came to Biloxi  
to study the intersection of  
biodiversity and climate change.

This is their story.

We're still not sure what happened.

During the short but eventful stay at the pocacito **summer** camp, I had a mission.



Although the main focus of the week-long **activities** was to raise awareness about global warming and its consequences, I had a little side quest to perform.



My **goal** was to see a raccoon.



To some, this is an irreverent sighting, but to me, it was a **dream**.



Throughout my stay, it was necessary to **experiment** with what things attracted the night-life creature.

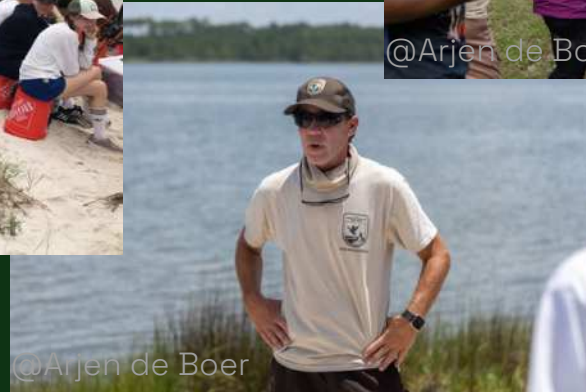


I tried **waking up extra early** to see them in the trash can, but it didn't work out...

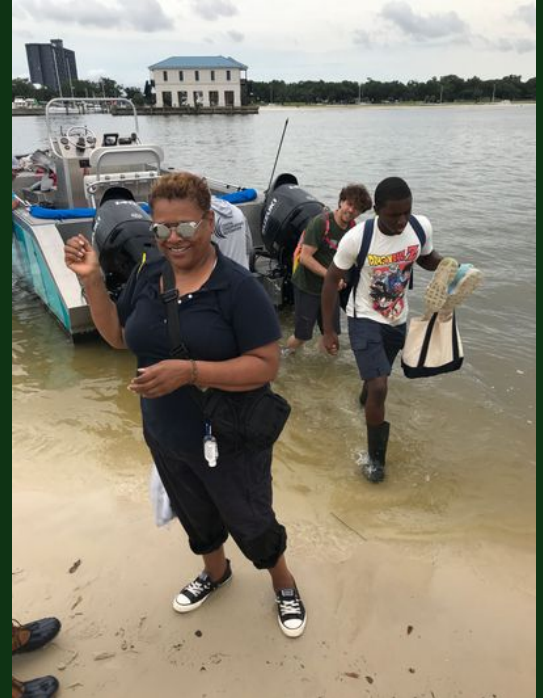




I tried leaving red velvet fudge for them, but that resulted in a squirrel **coming to visit** me.



Furthermore, I was about to lose all hope since it was the last day, but a miracle was made after the **night swim**.



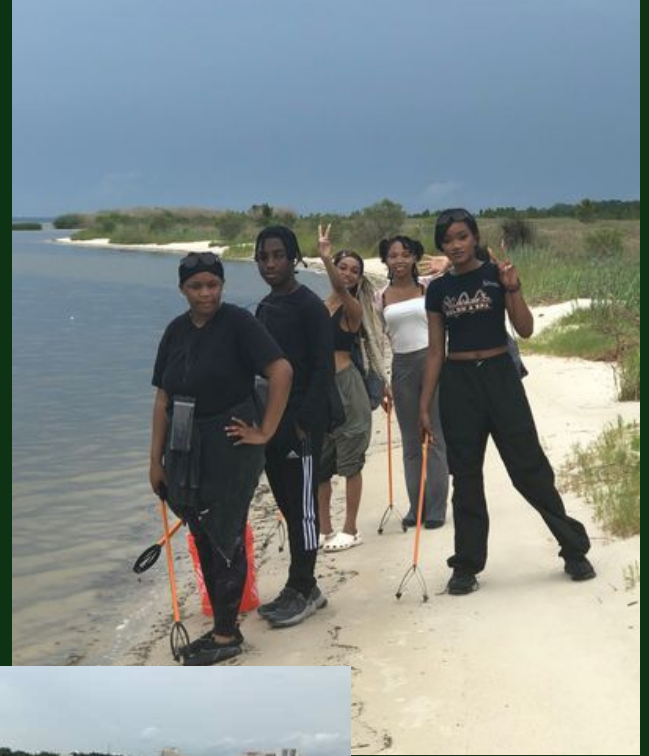
It was my last night at camp, and I was **walking back to the cabin**, when I heard a faint sound coming from nearby.



I looked around hoping it was **not a bat** when I saw the cutest, fattest, and sneakiest raccoon on an outdoor table that had a singular doughnut on top of it.



That single-handedly was the best thing I could ask for on my last day (although the vegan ice cream came pretty close), and I am sure I will **hold this memory** fondly for the rest of my life.



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