

2020 VIRTUAL THERAPEUTIC AND EDUCATIONAL CAMP SESSIONS REPORT

Virtual Therapeutic and Educational Camp Sessions were held August 10th – 21st, 2020.

68 of the 78 children registered for camp attended the sessions. This means **87%** of those registered for camp logged on for ZOOM CAMP! The 6-10 -year-olds attended two hours of camp per day during the week of August 10-14th, and the 11-17-year-old campers attended 3-4 sessions per day during the week of August 17th – 21st. Our traditional evening programs were held at 7:00pm each night during the week of August 17th – 21st. These included the Opening Ceremony, Movie Night, Wish Log Ceremony, Dance and Talent show.

Seventy-eight children received Camp Packages prior to the camp session. Camp Packages included the following items:

- Backpacks
- BOMBAS SOCKS
- Water Bottles
- S'more Snacks
- Blankets from the Linus Project
- Camp Dreamcatcher Shirts and Masks
- Toiletry Kits
- Art/Craft Projects for the week
- Special Gifts
- \$100 Grocery Gift Card
- Devices (Dell Laptops, iPhone 6's) if needed

The following Program Goals were achieved during the camp sessions:

- We provided **70 therapeutic and educational programs** (psychotherapy, music therapy, art therapy, yoga, mindfulness, team building, drumming, videography, wellness – HIV/AIDS, COVID-19, healthy nutrition and hygiene - writing workshops, story-time & discussions, guided imagery, guest speakers, puberty education and the Senior Art Project) during the camp sessions.
- We provided a **Career Readiness Program** during the “Leaders in Training” program for the 16 & 17-year-olds. The program was held for 1.5 hours each day and included the following sessions:
 - How to assess and apply emotional intelligence principles during the interview process
 - Learned about local service opportunities
 - Created professional resumes
 - The opportunity to network with professionals and college students in various career paths chosen by the campers (business, nursing, interior design, cosmetology, special education, animal science, culinary arts & baking, sports marketing, computers/IT).
 - Participated in mock job interviews
- We had FUN!!! We provided **45 recreational programs** during the two weeks of camp. These included arts & crafts, story-time, GAMES facilitated by the PayPal volunteers, (Scavenger hunts, “Minute to Win it”, Escape Rooms), BINGO, exercise, cabin time, “Jack Box” Games, and karate.
- The Health Center Volunteers provided confidential **Health Check-In's** each week for the parents/guardians of the campers to address any health-related concerns.

The camp sessions were a success thanks to our wonderful volunteers. **125** counselors, medical personnel, professionals and community members volunteered during the camp sessions, and provided **650** hours of service!

CAMP WEEK COLLABORATIONS:

901 Education

Antioch University

Black to Yoga

Catchafire

Drury Design Dynamics

Jefferson University

Mercy Career & Technical High School

No Name Art Project

PayPal, Inc.

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy

West Chester University

Over **\$60,000 of in-kind supplies** were donated for the camp sessions, and volunteers donated **\$11,400** of professional service during the camp weeks.

CAMPER EVALUATION RESULTS

What did you get out of virtual camp?

"I LOVED IT."

"Good. It was different."

"I like doing camp on the phone."

"To have fun with your friends."

"I LIKED IT."

"I wanted to go in person to camp, but I am happy I was able to attend virtually."

"Games."

"I liked it, but the first day we couldn't get in the pool. Very important to keep your hygiene."

"I got to meet counselors and see my friends."

"A fun time."

"I got to see everybody."

"Liked seeing everyone."

"Fun."

"Exciting."

What was your favorite part of camp this year?

"KARATE AND THE PARTIES."

"PayPal Games. My Favorite game was Mike and Ike game the most because we got to eat the Mike and Ikes. Also, the caterpillar game."

"BINGO & the Scavenger Hunt - Games with PayPal."

"When you had to do the scavenger hunt (games)."

"Karate."

"Fun activities, my favorite one was bingo."

"Karate."

"I liked it, scavenger hunt was my favorite."

"Bingo."

"Coloring/Art."

"Adventure."

"Staying Connected."

"Everything."

"Karate."

"Karate."

"I don't know."

"Karate."

Tell us what Camp Dreamcatcher means to you, or why is camp important to you?

"LOVE."

"Camp Dreamcatcher is special to me because we spend it with other campers and counselors."

"Meet new people and going fishing."

"We get to go in the pool and meet new people."

"Getting Together."

"Camp is important because I have fun and get along with everyone. Camp is about meeting other people and getting along with them."

"Yes it was important to have it. Because we could get some air."

"Camp is important to me because you learn a lot of things."

"Last year was my first time. I didn't bring much stuff with me. This year I had everything."

“Being Friends.”

“You can make new friends.”

“We can talk about our feelings.”

“To have fun with people and to be like a family.”

“Having great friends.”

We hope to see you soon again in person. Until that happens, would you like us to plan some more virtual camp sessions or parties? What are some ideas you have about how we can get together on Zoom?

100% of the campers said **YES** to getting together again on Zoom for support groups, games, movies, etc.

Additional Responses:

“Yes to more virtual camp sessions if we can’t be in person.”

“Yes, going to the park the pool and karaoke.”

“Yes, I will come to next week’s evening programs.”

“In real camp I get to be with people.”

“Yes, I would be up for it.”

“I want to go back to the old Camp.”

“Yes, up for it!”