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CAMP AWAKENING

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35TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMER IN REVIEW

Each summer, campers, parents & staff are asked to provide feedback, complete evaluations, and share their thoughts on Camp Awakening's programs.

We asked the same questions before camp and after camp and learned, that after a session at Camp Awakening:

- Campers develop confidence. 92% tried something new within the first week of returning home and 89% introduce themselves to new people.
- 85% of campers believe they have enough skills to participate in all the sports & activities they want.
- 90% of campers believe that being active makes them happier
- Parents noticed a "significant improvement" in their child's self-esteem, independence and motivation!

CAMP IS AWESOME BECAUSE...



"It lets me be myself"

"The staff are amazing and always ready to help. Also all of the activities are always adjusted to fit every camper's needs"

"I always feel welcome and the staff are always super upbeat and encouraging"



"The lasting friendships, adventures and freedom"

"The counsellors are great, they always make me feel at home and comfortable"

"I like the atmosphere here, I love the people... and also the FOOD"



CAMP AWAKENING OFFERS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS THAT GIVE YOUTH WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN INDEPENDENCE, MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, DEVELOP CONFIDENCE, AND ACCOMPLISH THINGS THAT THEY NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

AT CAMP I LEARNED...

“How to stern a canoe!”

“How to do many different things in art. And also to always come back for bug spray!”

“How to partially roll a kayak. And that I am STRONG”

“To be patient. I improved my perseverance and I got one step closer to jumping off tower. I also learned that you don't have to meet every goal as long as you try your best.”



PARENTS, WHAT WERE THE MOST POSITIVE ASPECTS OF CAMP THIS YEAR?

“Sierra had another wonderful year at camp. Camp pushes her to try things she thinks she “can't do” and often shows her that she can do things she doubts”

“How the camp staff made him feel welcomed. How to have a positive look at whatever life has to give.”



“Inclusiveness, equality, feeling like she really belonged...what a great feeling I had when Sarah was telling me how she felt while at camp Awakening. The fun stories I heard and silliness was that was had.”

“Camp Awakening is like Meredith's summer home. She dreams about it all winter long. It has become so essential to her development (both physical and in terms of life skills) that we plan our entire summer around it. The most important thing is that it makes her happy!”



“His significant increase in his independence and decrease in his anxiety.”





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PLEASE GIVE...

GIVING TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 28TH, 2017

After Black Friday and Cyber Monday comes Giving Tuesday, a global movement to encourage everyone to give and volunteer for their favourite charities.

Check out Camp Awakening's social media and website on Tuesday, November 28th for updates and ways to get involved on this "opening day of the giving season."



S'MORE NEWS...

We had an amazing turn-out and glorious weather for the 35th Anniversary Reunion at Kilcoo Camp in September. Thank you volunteers & Kilcoo staff for all your hard work coordinating such an awesome day at camp. Special mention to alumni camper Nicola for travelling all the way from Germany!



Welcome new Assistant Director Kendra! Kendra joined the Awakening office team in mid-November. She has a passion for inclusive recreation and has been attending overnight summer camps since she was 4 years old!



Our inaugural disc golf tournament was held in early October. While our friends at Track 3 won the coveted DiscAbility Cup this time, we look forward to a rematch on Sunday, September 30, 2018!

Additional camp news and information about upcoming events can be found on our website and social media channels:

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YES, I want to encourage a child with a physical disability to discover the wonders of nature, make new friends and try something new at Camp Awakening next summer.

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- \$500
 \$200
 \$100
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