



News from Camp Win-A-Friend 2005

Hosted by: Louisiana State Police

Sponsored by: Louisiana Trooper Foundation

Camp Win-A-Friend 2005 was a tremendous success! The Louisiana Trooper Foundation, along with the men and women of the Louisiana State Police, held Camp Win-A-Friend 2005 again in Holden, Louisiana. Five sessions of camp were conducted. One camp had to be cancelled due to the potential threat of Hurricane Dennis. There were 239 disadvantaged and/or at-risk children between the ages of 11 and 13 that attended the camping program free of charge. The Louisiana Trooper Foundation paid all costs associated with the camp.



As the campers arrived, they were welcomed by the Troopers, then split into tribes and introduced to their Trooper counselors. At left, Col. Henry Whitehorn, Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, kicked off the Camp Win-A-Friend program with a speech discussing his own experience as a young boy at camp. At right, Campers are welcomed by Camp Chaplain David.



Campers enjoyed daily activities, such as: canoeing, horseshoes, swimming, BB gun shooting, tug of war, board walk, and leap frog.



One of the highlights of the camp was the pinewood derby race! It was sometimes hard to tell who was more enthusiastic about the race - the kids or the counselors!



Different sections of the Louisiana State Police put on demonstrations for the campers to learn what troopers do. (From left to right: Swat Team, Bomb Robot, Explosives K-9, and Air Support)



Special guest speakers at camp were: Chief Jeff LeDuff of the Baton Rouge Police Dept. spoke to the campers about focusing on what they wanted to be when they grew up; LSU Ladies Basketball Head Coach, Pokey Chatman, and Assistant Coach, Christie Sides spoke to the campers about being ready and prepared for life; and Motivational Speaker Ashanti Witherspoon spoke to the campers about choosing the right path in life.



A very special thanks to the EMTs at East Jefferson General Hospital for being at camp every day to help with any injuries, big or small. Their continued support of Camp Win-A-Friend is greatly appreciated!

If you wish to make a donation to the Louisiana Trooper Foundation in support of Camp Win-A-Friend or other youth-oriented and community related programs sponsored by the Foundation, please send a check payable to Louisiana Trooper Foundation, P.O. Box 65076, Baton Rouge, LA 70896. If you need further information, please call Suzanne Ponder, Executive Director of the Louisiana Trooper Foundation, at (225) 346-help (4357).

A very special thanks to our community partners for their support of this years camp:

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.....And to the many individuals who have contributed to the success of Camp Win-A-Friend!!!