



CAMP WIN-A-FRIEND Newsletter



Louisiana Trooper Foundation

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SUMMER 2006



Camp Win-A-Friend 2006 was held at the Louisiana State Police Headquarters facility in Baton Rouge this summer because last year's 25 acre campsite located in Holden, Louisiana, required some repairs and cleanup due to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It was a unique opportunity for the disadvantaged boys and girls selected to attend the camp. Campers spent four days and three nights at the very facility where their camp counselors and mentors, the men and women of the Louisiana State Police, were housed and trained to become Louisiana State Troopers! The Louisiana Trooper Foundation sponsored all five of the camping sessions, thus every child attended camp free of charge.



The campers enjoyed camp activities such as the always-popular pinewood derby car races, horseshoes, BB gun competition, tug of war, boardwalk, volleyball, baseball, swimming, flag etiquette, and leapfrog.

Demonstrations: The children received some "on-the-job" training as they watched and sometimes participated in demonstrations from Louisiana State Police Sections as well as other offices within the Department of Public Safety Services. Demonstrations were conducted by the LSP SWAT Team, Bomb/Explosives Unit, K-9 Unit, Crime Laboratory, Operational Development and Public Information Office, Fleet Services, Joint Emergency Services Training Center (JESTC), Air Support Section, Highway Safety Section, and the Fire Marshal's Office. The campers were shown how each of these sections serve and protect the public every day.

Special Guests/Speakers: State Police Superintendent, Colonel Henry Whitehorn; State Police Chief of Staff, Lt. Colonel Stanley Griffin; State Police Deputy Superintendent of Patrol, Lt. Colonel John LeBlanc; State Police Troop A Commander, Captain Brian Wynne; Camp Chaplain, Dr. David Womack; Guest Speakers: Chief Jeff LeDuff, Baton Rouge Police Department; Coach Roger Cadot, Southern University Men's Baseball; and Motivational Speaker, Mr. Ashanti Witherspoon. During the only session for girls, the campers enjoyed a "beauty night" presentation by Ms. Stacey Richard-Martin, former 2002-2003 Mrs. Louisiana-America, and a scrapbook workshop, hosted by Colette Mitchell and Tina Kaufman.

Community Service Project: A special thanks to the Administration of St. Joseph's Academy and Catholic High School for allowing students an opportunity to earn community service hours at Camp Win-A-Friend. The students who participated provided a valuable service assisting the troopers and the children.

A special thanks to our friends, community partners, and the many individuals who contributed to the success of Camp Win-A-Friend 2006: AAS T-Shirt Company, Acadian Signs, AmeriSuites, State Farm Agent Anna M. Jones, Associated Grocers, B&F Custom Homes, Baton Rouge Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Catholic High School, C.H. Fenstermaker & Associates, Dawson Farms, Durr Heavy Construction, EBR EMS, EBR BREC Independence Park, First American Title Insurance Co., Gulf Island Fabrication, Hancock Bank, Istrouma Council Boy Scout Pack #91, Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, Stine Lumber Company, and St. Joseph's Academy.

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