

A Big Thank you from All God's Children Camp

2019 was an amazing summer for All God's Children Camp. This year we sent 78 children to camp at 2 different sites. Through Harmony (our self esteem building and conflict resolution class), bible study and arts and crafts, they were able to hear and talk about how Jesus is FOR them. They began to understand that they truly are somebody. They began to understand what it means to be fearfully and wonderfully made by a Creator who wants nothing more but to be in relationship with them. Through outdoor activities such as rock wall climbing, boating, archery, swimming, low ropes and much more, they began to lean on and trust each other and build each other up.

We are so thankful for the 69 mentors who gave up a week of their summer to volunteer their time to hang out with some kids who need it most. I want to thank each and every one of you for being the hands and feet of Christ for our beautiful children. You started out as a mentor but you became someone who they laughed with, cried with, confided in; you became someone they could trust. You became their friend.

To those who donated monetarily and adopted cabins, we were ready to welcome and receive the campers with everything they needed for the week. Through our churches and individual donations, all the needs and supplies were met for every camper.

Thank you to Camp Chanco on the James and Occohannock on the Bay. We thank you for hosting us this summer and for your wonderful hospitality. You all welcomed the campers with open arms. Your staff was amazing in leading all the camp activities, teaching them camp songs and just showing them what camp life is all about.

Thank you to our United Methodist Men for providing transportation for our campers who went to Camp Chanco on the James. Without you all the children would not have been able to attend camp. You all provided safe travels and good conversation for our campers to and from camp. You were the first to greet them and the last to share their stories.

Thank you to all the staff of All God's Children Camp: our weekly on site coordinators, bible study leaders, arts and crafts leaders, chaplains and our awesome folks from Harmony. You were amazing. You allowed the campers to just be children. Because of you they were able to leave their daily struggles behind for the week and just be children who played gaga ball, sang songs, made crafts, listened to the word of God, was reminded that they are somebody, made s'mores and came up with skits.

Thanks to all of you who prayed for camp: for All God's Children staff, Camp staff, mentors and our campers.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents and guardians who allowed their children to come to camp. Thank you for allowing us to love your children. I hope they enjoyed camp as much as all of us and I'm looking forward to seeing them again next year.

Without each and everyone of you there would be no camp. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Much love and peace,

Lori Smith
Director

