

FIND YOUR SPARK CAMP HOPE 2024

This summer marked the 8th year of Camp HOPE America, an overnight camp for children impacted by abuse. Our HOPE counselor, Questyn Hinton, opened the campfire with a spirited song. Her energy rallied and inspired the audience of nearly 80 children, 17 counselors, and 12 support staff.



Camp 2024: age 17



Camp 2017: age 10

Watching her, I couldn't help but remember her as a young camper during our first week of overnight camp in 2017. Questyn has been with us from the beginning! We have witnessed her transformation from a quiet 5th grader to a confident rising senior, showcasing a powerful voice and dynamic leadership skills.



Camp 2019, with mom and brother

Questyn and I have developed a strong bond over the past eight years. When I asked her what made Camp Hope special, she shared with me the profound impact of our curriculum. The daily truth statements, discovered through learning about the experiences of others who have been through hard things and found their power, were instrumental in her journey.

For Questyn, the truth statement resonating with her was "My Voice Has Power," which she recalled from 2021. She shared with me that those words meant so much to her as she has spent many years silent about her past and unsure how to use her voice as a leader and difference maker. Over time, her voice and confidence grew. She showed her incredible power and passion at the campfire and throughout the week as a counselor and mentor to younger campers.

This November, Questyn will be the opening speaker at the North Carolina Family Justice Center Conference. Talk about having a POWERFUL VOICE. We are thrilled to continue our journey with her and eagerly await the positive changes she will bring to the world!

Catherine "Freebird" Johnson, Director, Guilford County FJC



Camp 2023: age 16

BY THE NUMBERS: YEAR 8 AT CAMP

- **77 campers** ages 7-15 attended- largest week of overnight to date!
- **17 young adult volunteer** camp counselors, including 2 former Camp HOPE participants
- **12 FJC partners** attending representing Children's Law Center, Cone Health, DHHS, Family Service of the Piedmont, Greensboro Police Department, High Point Police Department, Kellin Foundation, and Safe Alliance of Mecklenburg County
- **3,059 volunteer hours** contributed
- **\$84,000+** in grants and donations from the community to support breaking generational cycles of abuse!
- **COUNTLESS moments of hope and healing**



HEARD AT "CAMPFIRE

Camp HOPE is life altering in the wildest way, allowing campers to heal wounds, learn from each other and grow. I loved watching campers find their spark this week! - HOPE Counselor

*Thank you for this week! My son has never been so talkative! **He had a great time**, and made a lot of friends. - Camp HOPE Parent*

*Camp Hope is my favorite place. I get to have fun with my friends and counselors and **be the real me**. They understand me here, and that feels so good! - Camp HOPE Youth*

GIVE HOPE

The friendships, memories, and fun don't end with the final campfires, as FJC Youth Program participants experience hope and healing throughout the year. Together, we foster ongoing community among our participants, their families, and our volunteer youth and professional mentors. Through intentional experiences, youth build confidence, learn healthy relationship skills, set future goals, and are reminded that they aren't alone.

We rely on community donations, so this program is free for children and families.

- **\$1000** funds an entire year of mentoring and support for one child, including Camp HOPE 2025
- **\$350** funds 6 weeks of horseback riding and leadership development
- **\$100** sponsors holiday gifts for a child in need of new clothes this Christmas
- **\$50** provides healthy snacks during a mentoring program

To learn more or donate online visit: www.guilfordcountync.gov/fjc



DONATIONS TO CAMP HOPE IN MEMORY OF SGT. NIX

We are so appreciative of our community's continued support of the Family Justice Center in honor of our hero, Sgt. Dale Nix. He believed fully in connecting kids to camp where they experience hope, healing, and the power of community. In addition, friends and family of Sgt. Nix assisted with camp in several ways from camper check-in to nursing support during the week.

BE THE LIGHT

FJC PARTNERS SUPPORT CAMP HOPE

Our 2024 Support Staff team has over 50 years of collective Guilford County Camp HOPE experience. Each August, they lean into silly camp name alter egos and pour their time, talent, and energy into supporting children and families in the sunshine and campfires of Camp HOPE. Here, a few partners share their reflections on camp, kids, and finding hope.



Serving as a Camp Hope Support Counselor for the last two years has absolutely changed my life. Being part of the Camp Hope Family has ignited a fire in me to not have any excuses for anything in this life! Watching the campers conquer their fears, support each other, and process through their traumas has truly been inspiring for me. I wish all children in our community could experience Camp Hope.

Pam "Sha Pam" Bright, rSupervisor, Guilford County DHHS- Social Servcies

"As a career prosecutor, I carry around a lot of secondhand trauma as I have to deal with the worst of human behavior. Camp HOPE was a source of rejuvenation for me. Knowing you poured your time, attention, heart, and sweat into making sure these kids had the best experience they could is an honor and privilege I will cherish the rest of my life. It has me counting down the days to next year."

Scott "Renegade" Drorbaugh, ADA, Guilford County District Attorney's Office



"I knew this was going to be a full circle moment for me as I usually see children in the beginning stages of their trauma. Being able to see them in a fun, relaxed, and safe environment that is solely focused on the kids and their well-being is very rewarding. These are regular kids who have experienced unimaginable hardships. Camp HOPE offers positive role models and engaging activities that allow both children and adults to connect. Nurse Nightingale can't wait for next year!"

Natalie "Nightingale" Watt, Nurse Practitioner, Cone Health CAMC

MY LIGHT SPARKS HEALING



Collaborative art project created by campers using creativity to combine colors and spark with fired alcohol ink to make something beautiful.

The FJC Youth program, including Camp HOPE, would not be possible without the generosity of our community. A week of classic overnight camp costs \$750 per child, and high adventure camp costs \$950 per teen. All participants attend at no cost to their families. More than 3,000 annual volunteer hours ensure the program's success.

Thank you to the people and groups below who contributed hands-on support to the magic of camp this summer. Our impact is multiplied through generosity and partnership, and families truly feel the wraparound support.

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