



Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp

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Dear Principals, Assistant Principals, Counselors, and Teachers,

We are excited to be preparing for another year of the Alternative Classroom Experience at Joseph Pfeifer Kiwanis Camp. The program is sponsored by the Little Rock and Pulaski County School Districts, the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Little Rock, and several private foundations. Included in this packet are master copies of the parent and school forms that you can copy to begin the recruitment process. Some of these forms are also available for download from the camp's website, <http://www.pfeifercamp.com>.

We are now accepting applications for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. As you know, slots fill on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay if you wish for your students to participate. To enroll a student, we must have a Statement of Need form completed by the teacher and a Registration Form completed by the parent.

Also included with this letter is a packet of information that can be copied and distributed to your teachers to get them started on identifying those students they feel would benefit from the program. If you have any questions, please call the camp at 501-821-3714.

About Pfeifer Camp

The Pfeifer Camp Alternative Classroom Experience is a "help" program for students who are not reaching their full potential in your classroom. We say these students are "at-risk," and we try to help them before they get involved with drugs, become pregnant, or drop out of school. You and the teachers are the key to identifying those students who will thrive from our program. As educators ourselves, we know how involved you get with your students. Although no one can predict with certainty which children may eventually get pregnant, drop out of school, do drugs, or commit suicide, the classroom teacher or other school personnel often see early warning signs, sometimes as early as kindergarten or 1st grade.

The children of Pfeifer Camp come in all colors and from all backgrounds. Living together as a big "family," students learn how to respect oneself and others, how to work together, and how to behave responsibly. Students leave the program knowing that Pfeifer Camp is a safe and special place that can be considered as their "second home."

Self-esteem, motivation, and grades all go up at Pfeifer Camp – not miraculously but through a lot of hard work and late hours. Students must perform, and unlike regular classroom teachers, we have some unique and significant tools to help students properly perform academically and behaviorally. For example, we have no big, yellow school bus to whisk children away from schoolwork. Also, we have lots of fun and wonderful things to do at camp – if you get your work done!!! Another advantage is that parents must attend the parent workshops at the camp or risk having their child dismissed from the program.

We only have five classroom weeks to work with your student(s) (only three weeks for 3rd grade), so please choose the one(s) who will benefit the most. The prime candidate for Pfeifer Camp may be the student whose parents are getting divorced, the one with low self-esteem, or the one who does not deal with his anger very well.

Thanks again and we look forward to another wonderful year of working with your students.

Sincerely,

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