

April 22, 2009

From: A Mom

Re: Expression of Pfeifer Camp

To whom this may concern:

This letter's purpose is to enlighten or paint a picture of the outcome I have by my children having the opportunity to experience life at Pfeifer Camp.

First brief background of myself:

I am a divorced single mom of 3 sons. I will not say it has been a breeze; certainly, not a handicap. I have learned much from being their mom. One important thing I live by is to never give up on anything I put my mind to. Or my all time favorite cliché, only Quitters quit." Keeping that in mind, I do have very high expectations for my children as well. One that takes precedent: Try your best at everything and the rest will fall into place. None-the-less, it has been a test!

When I first learned of Pfeifer Camp and before I spoke with "Mother" Teresa- I was not biased, however, just had little information to go on. If ever there was a time something negative was said I would simply check the source it comes from. Be that as it may, I was glad I spoke with her. Initially I was drawn in – wanting to learn more. As time grew, I attended several meetings. The parent meetings are a great tool for single and married coupled families to approach traditional issues in a more effective manner. Also icebreakers such as "Cool Wind Blows", facilitated by Dr. Sanford Tollette helped me (as I am sure others) to visually understand it does take a village to raise a child and that we have more in common than we know.

I am very appreciative of the support of the staff. Everyone is zealous in demonstrating their care for the children. The morale between the Director, Counselors, and staff as a whole seem to go beyond the norm. And is very much needed in order to create the type of atmosphere that will bring forth a generation of Leaders.

As far as my children-I noticed change immediately when they returned home. Not to minimize any efforts on my part toward instilling values. But it makes a world of a difference when children can't see Momma at night (not only to them)! But my concern for their future helped me to stay determined and willing to sacrifice in times like this. They have become more independent, confident and not afraid to take initiative. I am positive what they have learned at Pfeifer Camp will aid and follow them throughout life. Not saying they may not make wrong choices- but they will definitely be able to reflect on their experiences. I am truly thankful for Pfeifer Camp addressing concerns I had and also being the best Role Models!!!

Respectfully,