

ACT

AMPUTEES COMING TOGETHER

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ACT Sixth Summer Camp a Winner!!!

Each year when I sit down to write this letter, I am thankful for the wonderful experience we all had and for the people who made it possible. And when I think that camp can't get any better, I find I am wrong. This has got to be the best year yet! We keep getting better.

There are so many memorable things to write about. For one, we tied our record for the number of campers at 22. We had campers and volunteers from Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Washington DC, Texas, Virginia and North Carolina. Camper ages ranged from 7 – 14. Enthusiasm went from a bit skeptical to wildly excited. In the end, everyone had a great time, and people did things they had never done before. Take Artie, Raven, Phillip and LaToya waterskiing. They can now do it all kinds of ways: sitting and standing and tubing. Robert paddled a kayak, Derek is the man on the waterski disc, Abbey is a fish. On the ropes course: Ryan climbed the rope ladder, James did it all blindfolded, Megan did it at the speed of light, Gabe did it with a buddy, LaQuandra waited all day to get up the nerve and then she did it too, and Delecia finally did the high rope swing. Eric had a great time on the river. Hunter, JJ and Daniel are all "kosher" and showed us that in many ways. Tiffany WILL waterski next year and really is an early riser with a smile on her face. Tommie quietly did it all and did it all well. Jarrod will be remembered for his love of pizza. Carr sleeps best in the great outdoors. Thomas wonders where the rabbit went.

The magician was magical again. Besides making rabbits and birds disappear he did amazing things with rings, and crayons and water. We had time each evening to talk with new friends and play games. The sun got up too early, but there was lots to do each day, including eating a "Cracker Barrel" style breakfast prepared by our wonderful chef, Charlie. The volunteers were outstanding and I know that campers will be keeping in touch with many of them.

Bob and I are glad to have met each one of you and thank you for coming to camp and being such great campers. We hope you will thank the ACT group that makes this all possible. They would love to hear about your camp experiences. You can write them at:

Amputees Coming Together, PO Box 31437, Knoxville, TN 37930-1437

Keep in touch.

See you next year!

P.S. I have: a pillow in a burgundy pillowcase, a pillow in a light green pillow case, a pillow in a white case, a stump sock with a pin hole, a United Airlines bag, a one-time use camera with Fuji film, a Grey UT t-shirt, another grey t-shirt