

## Letters and quotes from school groups Fall 2004

This Fall season was one best Fall OE Seasons we have had having a total of 6 new schools and a total of 20 over the course of spring and fall of 2004. Being short staffed and over booked doesn't make for a great combination, but due to some incredibly hard work by our fall staff, and volunteers from the board and down here in High Point we were able to cover all activities, driving, kitchen and dish duty but most of all provide a safe and fun environment for all the schools, students, teachers and the parents that came.

We only lost one school due to the hurricane season and they were not able to re-book due to our busy schedule. All in all the Outdoor Adventure Education budget came out \$27,000 IN THE BLACK. I really can give the credit to outstanding teamwork of my 5, sometimes 6 staff and the volunteers who helped.

Money isn't the only sign of a successful season ( although it sure helps) but some of the students from the schools took time out to let the staff know how much fun they had at Cheerio this fall. In addition, we also received letters from some teachers , and I would like to read some key lines that stood out for one reason or another.

\*Dear Jason, Thank you for taking me Spelunking, I highly enjoyed getting all mucky and crawling through tight spaces, I REALLY DID! The time I went Spelunking was the time I will always remember, thank you

\*Dear Martin Thank you so much for making all that delicious food for us, our grade went to Camp Thunderbird las year and your food is 100x better. Look forward to seeing you next summer

\*Dear Kristen, thank you so much for adding camp cheerio to my dictionary: (Spelled out phonetically, and 1. fun 2. exciting 3. Daring. I loved struggling to get up the mountain and found an arrowhead and a snake. Now I want to come for the summer

\*Dear Rerun, I had a really good time at Camp Cheerio. Thanks for dealing with me and all the sugar in my body!! The story in the cave was really creepy but I like being creeped out. The life saver activity was really cool. Are you sure the John Roberts story is true?

\*Dear Ginny, thanks for helping and my group so much. On the zip line (even thought you dropped your walkie talkie in the water, "zipping....zip on. SPLASH!) we still had a great time. I think I will go to Cheerio Next summer.

\*Dear Rerun thank you for getting me another soda when my bag ripped and my soda fell out. I hope to go to Camp cheerio next summer you made my camp Cheerio experience a Great one.

\*Dear Stumpy, We all would probably have had a crummy time if you and the whole staff weren't there . We had a great time.

I was said when we had to leave

\*Dear Jamie, thank you so much for helping me with archery all of your tips really helped me improve, finally letting me stay xtra time, because that really helped too!

\*Dear camp Cheerio Counselors: Camp cheerio was more fun than Camp Thunderbird and you had much better food

\*I really liked going to Camp cheerio and had a blast the mashed potatoes and the Challenge were my favorite cause I made it all they way up the climbing wall. I was begging to come down but you helped me to keep going. My biggest question coming out of cheerio is, "When can I came back?)"

\*Dear camp cheerio, after this trip I learned that camp is a great place to go; especially camp cheerio. And because of you Jenni, I figured out that I was a pretty good climber.

\*Dear staff Stumpy was so fun and I love your food and tell Martyn he is a good chef. I want to come back to Cheerio in the summer

\*Dear Brian I loved going into a real cave and seeing Stalagmites/stalagtights. I felt safe when you were at the back of the line with me.

\*Everything I did at Camp Cheerio was a first, so thank you for making the first time I did these activities EXTREMELY fun.

\*I have to say the food there was really great, I think better than my mom's foodJ It tasted like home cooking and many other camps I have gone to didn't even come close. Canoeing was my favorite because I got to spend time with a new student and she became one of my best friends

\*I really like the attitude you guys had because over the summer I went to camp in California and my counselors were really mean and I was worried that you would be that way too, Thanks for an awesome time

\*Thank you for a great time, I enjoyed everything, the food was good too and the cabins were really nice and fun to be in.

\*CCD- What a wonderful 3 days. We loved the sun and your smiles. Please share with your staff how much we appreciated their enthusiasm . Gloria Walton

\*DA Thanks for the most successful Camp Cheerio Trip Ever, I think the kids enjoyed themselves more this time than any other of the previous 10 times I have been a part of this trip. Also couldn't have survived without Martyn's and the three ladies' cooking. Thanks for a wonderful and memorable start to the year for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders David Glass

\*Thanks to you and your staff for an absolutely awesome time at camp. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers came back raving about what an awesome time they had. My teachers tell me that you and your staff put a special caring touch on all you do, thanks for taking such good care of us. Carla Whitwell Mid School Direct CFA

\*Ginger Wessell CFA You should have been at our middle school faculty meeting yesterday--we were singing Camp Cheerio's praises!! You all are

really great--please tell your staff how much we appreciate everything that you all did--the CAKES were FABULOUS!!

It is very enlightening to receive these letter to see what stood out in their minds of what was fun, exciting or their favorite activity or their favorite staff.

We are truly blessed as a service/people oriented organization that we can provide a fun and safe environment where kids and adults can grow in spirit, mind and body, and able to get up the next morning and do it again with a genuine smile.

Thanks