



My Experience at Camp HOPE for Kids

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This speech was given by Kellie at a "Thank You" Luncheon at Camp HOPE in Schwenksville, Pa., on July 21, 2011. Summer Matters' relationship with Camp HOPE provides a setting for students to participate in recreational activities and a context for generalizing social and life skills from the classroom. Kellie has participated in many Summer Matters programs. She attended ESY at The Vanguard School, the Vanguard Transition Center Summer Experience, Summer L.I.F.E. and retreat/respice programs.

Hello, everybody! My name is Kellie O'Loughlin. I am here today to talk to you about my experiences at Camp HOPE.

When I come here on Tuesdays and Thursdays, I get to do a lot of fun activities with fellow students and camp staff.

When I first came here, I met some nice people. They inspire me to stay positive and be nice to others.

When I am here, I get the opportunity to play basketball with other people my age. I really enjoy climbing the rock wall and playing volleyball.



My favorite part of Camp HOPE so far is climbing the rock wall because it relaxes me and forces me to work hard to reach my goal which is to make it to the top!

At Camp HOPE, I am able to feel comfortable and relaxed while meeting new people my own age. It also allows me to work on being responsible and independent. It helps me to practice my team work skills.

For example, along with other students, I took out trash and cleaned out the tennis court in preparation for the upcoming Sports Camp. It taught me the importance of working together to accomplish a common goal.

Camp HOPE is a wonderful place to be! I recommend Camp HOPE to all who want to learn and experience new and different things. I hope everyone enjoys Camp HOPE as much as I do.

Thank you.