

# Camp has big impact on kids, parents

## Learning was fun

First of all, thank you for all of the wonderful opportunities that you gave me here at ROC E6! All the teachers here at ROC E6 were really helpful. I've never heard of ethics before, so learning something new was fun. Also thank you for the help with the math. You are the best coach/teacher anyone could ever have! I've had a great summer here at ROC E6 and I can't wait till next summer!

**KAITLIN A. WOODS, 11**

## Camp impressed

I'd like to start by saying that this camp is far beyond what I had imagined it would be. I personally thought that ROC E6 was a day camp that offered some tutoring and concentrated more on sports to help the children stay active on a daily basis. Instead, I must say, I was often impressed when my children came home and spoke about what they had learned and what was brought to their attention with topics such as the "N" word, songs played on the radio, what kind of friends they kept in their company, and how comfortably they spoke with such slang replacing so many words in their vocabulary.

I am recommending this camp to everyone I know and hope to have my children par-

## About this package

These letters are about the ROC E6 summer camp. The camp, headed by East High math teacher Arkee Allen, focused on both sports and academics. Ending the use of the "N" word was also a focus of the camp.

icipate again next year and hopefully volunteer when they are old enough.

**JESSICA RODRIGUEZ**

Mother of Michael, Juan and Josiah

## In it for long haul

My grandsons Michael and Allen Jackson Jr. are going to be attending ROC E6 camp until they can't go any longer. Then they will become camp counselors and helpers, so you haven't seen the last of us yet. We are in for the long haul.

**YVETTE REAVES**

Grandmother of Michael and Allen Jackson Jr.

## Fought 'N' word

We went to a basketball court at the beach right before we went in the house (to get community members to sign a contract agreeing to abolish the "N" word). We got young adults that frequently use the word during their games to sign with no hesitation. From there we asked

a group of young teenagers in a parking lot, who along with their mother, read and signed. We didn't even need five minutes. It was a pleasure to campaign for something we truly believe in. The petition should have been larger. Thanks to you all for a wonderful summer and taking care of my boy.

**ANITA V. LASH**

Mother of Albert Elmendorf

## Kids have changed

I just want to say that my kids went into the camp with a little apprehension, but each day they would come home with positive things to say about the camp and the people they had met. My son was the most unmotivated, not willing to participate — almost lazy — until he started to go to camp. Now he comes home and is willing to pitch in and take part. My niece is more talkative and she now wants to continue playing sports. This was the best experience she and my son could have had.

**KRISTINA HAMLIN**

Mother of Malik Hamlin, aunt of Aaliyah Harling

## Academic focus

My grandson, Joshua C. Wilson, attended ROC E6 camp this summer. He had a great experience. My daughter, Traci C.

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Wilson, introduced us to this program and we were very happy with this choice.

At ROC E6, Josh was introduced to sports that he (and I) have only read about or seen on TV. Lacrosse is something I have never seen played in person.

What was most impressive to me was the fact that the kids had to read and do homework. There was always math homework, reading assignments and thought-provoking questions to break down and define. The children also went through statewide testing.

I applaud Arkee Allen and his associates for such a wonderful, inspiring and much-needed summer program.

**BETTY R. WILSON**

Grandmother of Joshua C. Wilson