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MEET THE CAMPERS!! 1ST DAY OF NYS SHERIFFS' INSTITUTE SUMMER CAMP

Upcoming Sheriffs' Showdown to Benefit Campers

Penn Yan, NY (July 1, 2019) – On today's date, July 1, 2019, the NYS Sheriffs' Institute kicked off its 2019 Sheriffs' Summer Camp on the shores of Keuka Lake in Penn Yan, NY. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for economically challenged children, ages 9 – 12, who might not otherwise be able to experience summer camp or a vacation, to enjoy a one-week camp at no cost to their families. The camp runs for six weeks from July 1st – August 10th. Approximately 850 kids from all 62 counties in NYS are fortunate to attend.

Throughout the camp, the kids enjoy demonstrations by law enforcement officers to include Mounted Patrol, SCUBA, and Canine. There are also visits from special operations units, including New York State Sheriff helicopters and motorcycle patrols. In addition, campers also experience traditional camp opportunities to include:

- Swimming
- Sailing
- Fishing
- Canoeing
- Kayaking,
- Hiking
- Football
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Archery
- Arts/Crafts
- Carpentry
- Cheerleading
- Biking
- Frisbee
- Yoga
- Photography
- Gymnastics
- Lacrosse
- Volleyball
- Science



Some of the best friendship bonding opportunities happen during the evening camp fires, game nights, skits/charades, and camp dance.



“The NYS Sheriffs’ Institute believes children who come from economically challenged environments or at high risk for crime can be positively influenced to seek a lifestyle of responsibility and accountability by attending our summer camp,” said NYS Sheriffs’ Institute Chairman Sheriff Ronald Spike. “The program, which comes at no cost to campers’ families, will forever be a positive change in campers’ lives.”

NYS Sheriffs’ Institute Chairman Sheriff Ronald Spike (Yates County), NYS Sheriffs’ Institute Executive Director Chris O’Brien, Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter, Livingston County Sheriff Thomas Dougherty welcomed campers and provided demonstrations for the kids to include a Mounted Patrol demo.

“We are fortunate to have this camp in our region that affords an opportunity for those less fortunate children across our state to simply be kids,” said Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter. “The feeling that you get watching these young people learn, play, and interact with one another is like no other. This is what childhood and young adulthood should encompass. It is extremely rewarding to be able to send some kids from our county to this phenomenal camp each year. Thank you to those who donated their time or treasure to make this happen. It’s all about the kids.”

Donations to the NYS Sheriffs’ Institute Summer Camp are greatly appreciated at the link below:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/rrzpc-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help&rcid=r01-156105000854-711f2ffd3fa24020&pc=ot_co_campmgmt_w

For more information on the NYS Sheriffs’ Institute:

<https://www.sheriffsinstitute.org/>

On July 20, 2019 at High Noon, we invite you to attend the **Sheriffs’ Showdown** at the Hemlock Fairgrounds, located in Hemlock, NY (Livingston County); a friendly mounted patrol competition to raise money for the NYS Sheriffs’ Institute Summer Camp.



“The Sheriffs’ Showdown is going to be a great event with great purpose,” stated Livingston County Sheriff Thomas Dougherty. “This unique event will bring elected Sheriffs from across New York State to show off their skills on horseback. The best part is, all of the money raised benefits the Sheriffs’ Summer Camp on Keuka Lake, providing disadvantaged children the opportunity of a week-long summer camp at no cost.”

More information on the Sheriffs’ Showdown will be forthcoming. See link below:
https://www.facebook.com/sheriffshowdown/?modal=admin_todo_tour

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