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INAUGURAL NYS 'SHERIFFS SHOWDOWN'

Event Raised Money to Send Economically Challenged Children to Summer Camp

Hemlock, NY (July 20, 2019) – On today's date, July 20, 2019, Sheriffs from throughout New York State took part in a friendly mounted competition, the 'Sheriffs' Showdown,' at the Hemlock Fairgrounds located in Hemlock, NY. The Sheriffs strapped on their riding boots and showed off their riding skills. All proceeds benefit the New York State Sheriffs' Institute Summer Camp, held July 1st – August 10th on the shores of Keuka Lake.

What started out as a lighthearted challenge between Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter and Livingston County Sheriff Thomas J. Dougherty over a cup of coffee, grew into a state-wide competition to benefit a great cause.



"When this spirited challenge between Sheriff Dougherty and I began to evolve, we put our minds together and thought what a wonderful idea it would be to involve all sheriffs from throughout New York State, all the while raising money for kids in need," said Sheriff Todd K. Baxter. "The idea caught on like wildfire and because of it, children throughout our state, who might not otherwise be able to experience a summer camp or



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vacation, can now enjoy a week at one of the most beautiful camps in the region, located on Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes. This brings my heart so much joy to be able to watch these kids laugh, play and learn, as it should be over summer vacation. Thank you to all those who supported this idea in the name of our kids.”

The New York State Sheriffs’ Institute Summer Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for children ages 9-12, at no cost to their families. Approximately 850 kids from all 62 counties in New York State are fortunate to attend, thanks to the community’s generosity.

*“The Sheriffs’ Showdown was a fun event for all, with great purpose,” said Livingston County Sheriff **Thomas J. Dougherty**. “This unique event brought elected Sheriffs from across New York State together to show off their skills on horseback. The best part is, all of the money raised benefits the Sheriffs’ Summer Camp. Everybody wins!”*

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
- Archery
- Arts/Crafts
- Carpentry
- Cheerleading
- Biking
- Frisbee
- Yoga
- Photography
- Gymnastics
- Lacrosse
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Science

*“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.”*

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



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