



VISION BUILDER ADVENTURES NEWSLETTER

UNLEASH CHALLENGE PROGRAM SUMMARY

We have been running nonstop in our Unleashed Challenge program:

Summer Session 2013 recap

- We went target shooting at Barefoot Archery. At the center we were instructed by Jesse Smith and The Bow Coaches.
- In the second week, we went to CMPD for a Gun Safety/Gang Awareness class. The class was given by Officers Armstrong and Hoffman.
- The kids who participated in the CMPD class later went to Laser Quest.
- In week three we went horseback riding at Latta Equestrian Center. Valerie's team of instructors were outstanding.
- In week four we went to Joe Gibbs Racing.
- Special thanks to Derek Crawford and Renaldo Wynn with Joe Gibbs Racing. The shop tour was incredible.
- Lastly, we had two other classes this session. (Goal setting & Excursion Review)

2013 Activities Remaining

•Whitewater Rafting • BMX racing • Civil war Re-enactment •Mountain Biking •Economics Commerce center • University day trip



Why Vision Builder Adventures Unleash Program?

Most of us live in a "proverbial" box. We confine ourselves within this box for many reasons. Reasons like our social, economical, and cultural backgrounds. Within this box, we develop associations, and we do certain activities. We develop our outlook on life (good or bad) with in this confinement.

Because of this box, our kids many times don't rise above their environment. Our 5 Week Excursion program will help them to begin to understand; who they are? What they can do? What they can be? The program is designed to help them understand it is okay to think outside the box.



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1st Excursion to Barefoot Archery, with Jesse Smith and The Bow Coaches.



2nd Excursion was to Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department with Officer Armstrong and Hoffman.

CLASSES

The topics of our classes this session were; Goal Setting, and Excursions under review.

The kids were thoroughly engaged in the classes.

In the goal setting class we talked about the importance of writing goals down. DREAM+ACTION+DATE= GOAL was the formula of the Day.

The Excursion review class helped the kids put together the purpose of each trip.

Barefoot Archery

Our first excursion was to Barefoot Archery. The range was challenging and a lot of fun. We worked out with Jessie Smith and the Bow Coaches. The kids had a great time. The instructor was great. She instructed the kids in the do's and don'ts of Archery.

Then she **UNLEASHED** the kids into some target shooting. The kids quickly learned that hitting the target was not as easy as it looked.

CMPD Class

Our second excursion was to the University City Division of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. The class instructors were Officer Jason Armstrong, and Gang Unit Officer Hoffman. Both officers were extremely patient. Officer Armstrong showed the kids the facility, and taught on Gun safety. The quote to remember was that, "guns are like a SNAKE, they are very dangerous for kids. DON'T TOUCH IT!!" Officer Hoffman taught on the danger of Gangs. Afterward, the kids were **UNLEASHED** into a question and answer session. The questions were numerous, but the officers were very informative.

Laser Quest

For the kids who participated in the CMPD class. They were rewarded with a laser tag excursion. The excursion was to Laser Quest, in Pineville NC. The facility was large and really nice. Tooney (a kid in the program) out tagged every one scoring 817points. He set a goal for 1000 points, and came really close to accomplishing that goal. After the session the kids had snacks and Pizza. The kids had a great time.

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Joe Gibbs Racing

Our last excursion was to Joe Gibbs Racing in Huntersville. At the complex we met with Derrick Crawford and Renaldo Wynn. Mr. Wynn spoke on his 15year NFL career. He also spoke to the kids on having a Game plan for your life. After his speech he Autographed pictures, and gave the kids NIV Game Plan Bibles. At the end of the class session we toured Joe Gibbs Racing. We visited during business hours so mechanics were still in the shop. Some of the Mechanics spoke to the kids on the importance of their jobs. The kids saw how they built a Nascar from start to finish. We also saw the 3 race teams under Joe Gibbs Racing and their Championship wins. Renaldo and Derek were extremely patience. Wow! What an awesome time.



5th Excursion to Joe Gibbs Racing with Derrick Crawford and Renaldo Wynn.

Latta Equestrian Center

Our most challenging excursion this session was to Latta Equestrian Center, in Huntersville NC. At the center we met with Valerie and her group of instructors. The instructors taught the kids the basics of horseback riding. After the instructions, the kids were **UNLEASHED** into horseback riding. Some of the kids were extremely fearful of riding at first, but afterward one of the kids said, "This was the best day ever." At the end of the horseback riding the kids did barn activities. They learned about the different breeds of horses and the equipment used to ride them. They also learned how to care for horses. (They fed the horses, and brushed down the horses.) We closed the session with a hay ride.



Horseback riding at Latta Equestrian center.

Lessons learned in this session (Goal Setting)

Living in America offers us the freedom of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In pursuing happiness we can go from poverty to wealth. Studies show 3% of people in the USA set goals, and they are among the wealthiest people in the nation!

Goals inspire hope in the future, and with hope there's possibility. Accomplishing goals can help you change your life for the better. It can help you get what you really want from life.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

– Frederick Douglass





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