

SCOTT-FREE CAMPERS UNITE

To Share Their Unforgettable Experiences

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This summer, 22 children found a friend in Scott-Free, which provided them the opportunity to attend camp, challenge themselves and explore the possibilities of where their own abilities might take them in this world. The Scott-Free Scholarship is need based, and recipients receive full or partial scholarships that enable them to explore and discover talents and abilities they were unaware they possessed.

With the help of the Scott-Free Foundation, 14-year-old twin brothers Carter and Wyatt were able to attend the Green Mountain Music Festival in Vermont for the month of July. The twins began playing the violin at age four and their time spent at the festival confirmed that they have the discipline required to go the long haul. "It was so much fun being with others our own age that shared a common interest and passion for music. We worked really hard together, and enjoyed sharing downtime after practice. Each of us grew in confidence, musicianship, and leadership," says Carter.

Some campers were humbled by their camp experience. Attending the Duke University Women's Basketball Camp motivated 13-year-old Simone to heights she never thought possible. "The competition was tough but good; I wasn't as good as I thought I was. Playing with others at Duke made me push and challenge myself," says Simone.

NCSU Women's Basketball Coach Kay Yow inspired 12-year-old Akela along with other young girls, as she told them, "When life kicks you, let it kick you forward!"

Meredith College Science Camp offers a variety of experiences for young aspiring doctors and scientists, including the squeamish task of dissecting a frog. Zaedy, one of the 11 girls who attended the camp via Scott-Free, said "If I was ever given a chance to attend camp again, I would happily accept, even if I have to dissect another frog!"

Eight months ago Scott-Free was merely an idea born from the deeds of a good man. Today, because of a dedicated board of directors and a community who cares about its children, Scott-Free is the beginning of a "Mission Accomplished."

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