

"To me, camp means a lot. It is the only place I ever truly travel to." *Katelynn, former camper, 15*

It all started with eighth graders. These youth dreamed and designed a way to instill leadership into the lives of inner city and underprivileged children. When given the chance to be a part of an idea so much bigger than themselves, these eighth graders understood the importance of inviting children into a camp environment. Counselors are the heart behind the program. Every counselor has been in the camper's shoes. This program has created an answer to a question dreaded by many kids, a question always discussed on the first day of school. What did you do this summer?



*Camp gives me the opportunity to explore the wild... It shows my mom that I can be responsible and get to do good things when I work hard in school." Carlos, 10*



### What we do...

Cabins for Kids creates opportunity for self awareness, leadership development, civil engagement and a respect for life within communities with a focus on the Urban Core.

### Why we do it...

*"The counselors who led my experiences as a camper made an impact.*

*As a counselor now, I see the same bright smile in campers' faces that my counselors probably saw in mine. When a camper lights up about something new they learned, or in a game with a friend they just made, the world seems to stop with them. It is these smiles that keep me coming back.*

*My time as a counselor has directed what I want to do with my life. I want to work with children, or as they say in my future profession, pediatrics. The campers who have come from rougher environments have snatched my heart, and I hope to be able to work in an impoverished area. I can thank my counselors, my role models, for allowing me to be a role model in my campers lives."*

*Jake New, 19, Kansas State University*

### Where we're headed...

Cabins for Kids seeks to help the youth of Kansas City by expanding their after school program and summer camping program. This program seeks to keep children engaged in healthy, pro-social activities rather than falling into deviant activities and behaviors.

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# Youth Leading Youth





While camp only lasts 4 days each summer, we pack in a year's worth of memories & activities before the bus gets back...

"What camp means to me is going to have fun where no one cares what you look like or where you come from." Michael, 13



I'm looking forward to forgetting all of my problems. To me, camp means to have fun! And to learn how to be an outside girl. Cynthia, 10

Want to help?

\$225 sends one kid to camp on full scholarship!



## A Typical Day...

### 1<sup>st</sup> Stop - K-State!

We begin with a visit to Kansas State University. For some campers, this is the first real live college campus they have seen and we are so grateful to KState for the agricultural and athletic tours around campus. We also use this as our first lunch - a time to get into groups and enjoy some beloved home made Call Hall ice cream!

### Daily Activities!

Have you ever been on a horse? Shot a rifle? Raced a canoe? Campers have a chance to do all of these and more while attending their daily activities. There's also plenty of free time as well reserved for the pool, dancing, crafts and hanging out.

### Meals!

Everything at camp is about community - including our meals. We dine together as a whole camp for every meal. The counselors have an opportunity to meet campers in other groups and campers have an opportunity to introduce new friends to old friends.

### Campfire!

Songs that have been around for years and sung at every summer camp, songs created on a whim by campers and counselors alike, songs brought and shared by kids...you name it, we have it! Campfire is a chance to bring everyone together as one big group and end the night with exhausted smiles all around.

