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The counselors who led my experiences as a camper made an impact. Their laughter, their attitude, and their affection impacted my life. I continue to learn from them, even beyond my time as a camper. They are genuine role models.

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. I hope to become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. The campers who have come from rougher environments have snatched my heart, and I hope to be able to work in an impoverished area, eventually with the goal of becoming a medical missionary. I can thank my counselors, my role models, for allowing me to be a role model in my campers lives.