



## August 2021

## Kids Kamp

This past June, Compass Mark staff and volunteers were thrilled to accompany six mentors and 18 students on a week-long overnight stay at Innabah Camp & Retreat Center. This Kids Kamp week was a tremendous opportunity for our students from Columbia Middle School Taylor Campus and Landis Run Intermediate School to interact with one another, strengthening the bond of fellow peer-leaders across Lancaster County.

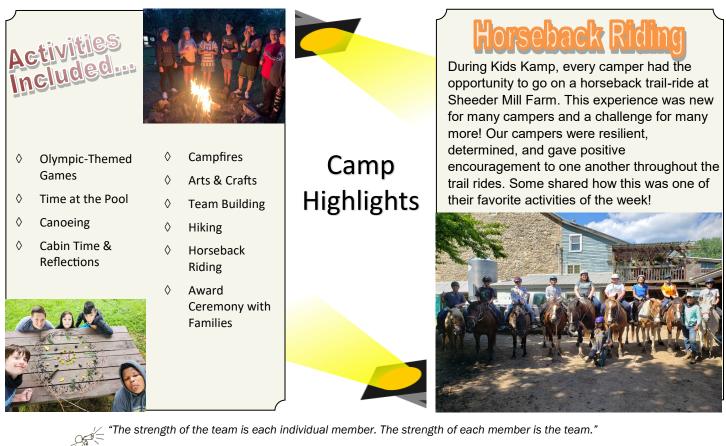
Kids Kamp is unique in the way that it prompted campers and counselors to challenge, support, and motivate one another toward being leaders every day. One Kamp participant reflected on the week by stating: *"I saw the new leadership quality of determination in myself this week. This is because, even when I was struggling to do something, I bounced back and finished strong."* Another one noted that they learned skills at Kids Kamp that *"I can use dependability and trust people more."* 



Top: A group picture full of smiles!

Bottom: Mentors arrived at camp one day early to help counselors prepare for the week.





## **Connections Camp**

This August we had the opportunity to welcome returning and new mentors. This week of day camp is held exclusively for mentors to provide opportunities to strengthen their bonds as leaders and as a celebration of their commitment to the program. Their week included: Taking an historical walk through Lititz, PA; visiting two colleges (Thaddeus Stevens and Millersville University); taking on the highropes obstacle course at Refreshing Mountain Retreat; and performing a service project. This was an outreach project where our students decided to serve the ones who protect and serve their communities by making and delivering home-made cookies and thank you cards to Manheim Township and Columbia Borough police departments.



Columbia Borough Police Department



Refreshing Mountain Retreat



Historical Tour of Lititz, PA



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