



CAMP NUMBER THREE! AND, WHAT A CAMP IT WAS!

32 kids participated this year and not a single one changed their mind. They showed up for the vans on time each day and arrived ready to go and worked very hard throughout the week. Past campers helped the new campers learn how to put on their hockey gear and after the first time, they were all very good at it and anxious to get on the ice. The usual grumbling took place when it was classroom time, but, they seemed to enjoy the math and reading sessions even though they would never let on. The teachers made the learning fun. It was great to hear the stories about how an "I can't" turned into an "I did it" or "I get it!" Dryland took place in the afternoon right after an ice session. You would think they would be real tired after an ice session... just the opposite! They made the adults long for a little bit of that energy. The drivers reported that the rides home were very quiet, usually snoozing took place (not the drivers, the kids)!



This was not a refusal to do math - just relaxing after laughing yoga!

VOLUNTEERS

We had over 50 volunteers again this year along with 5 motivational speakers throughout the week. Many of our volunteers have been with us for all three camps. A few new volunteers joined us this year as well. As always, the DU Bridge Project staff was a great help. A big thanks to Meritt Smith for her leadership and help with the kids. We also had a few high school kids volunteer.



Maura, Keri and Shauna laughing with Jackson



The Drivers!



MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS

We had 5 motivational speakers throughout the week. Daphne Fink Taber, Managing Partner of Thomas, Taber & Drazen, Ryan Ross an educator working with the Federal TRIO program, Justin O., Michael Z. and Benjamin R. of Rite of Passage, Ridgeview Academy. Carrie Benson from DU talked about the importance of grades and athletics. The kids asked some great questions and each speaker made a huge impact. Thank you to all of you for sharing your stories.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe."

Anatole France



OUR SPONSORS

Altitude Sports & Entertainment sent a crew to film all aspects of our camp. They also provided great duffle bags for the kids' goody bags. Kroenke Sports Enterprises made sure the kids had real Avalanche jerseys for the "big Friday game" and the kids sported around in Avalanche shorts all week. Stu Halsall and Alie Koch of the University of Denver Athletics & Recreation and DU staffers couldn't have made our week stay at DU more comfortable with every need for the week met. This is Alie's first year at DU and she was great!

Joe and Su Zemla of Bernie's Hot Dog Co. provided lunch for the kids one day. The adults were wishing they were kids because those hot dogs and toppings smelled so good. The kids loved them! We did get to enjoy their specialty salads at the BBQ. Sodexo provided yummy snacks and lunches for the kids all week! Bruegger's Bagels, Del Taco and Sunflower Farmer's Market made sure the kids had a great breakfast each morning. Starbucks took care of the volunteers! Fat Jack's Supersubs, Carmine Lonardo's Italian Sausage Meat Deli and Papa Murphy Pizza (thanks John for cooking the pizzas) made sure the volunteers were well fed. Bonnie Brae Ice Cream donated ice cream for the kids to enjoy during their end-of-week party. Cascadian Farms and Rocky Mountain Popcorn Company also provided snacks for the kids.

Aspen Industries, J&A Corporation, Liberty Global, Inc., Starz Entertainment, LLC, and WildBlue Communications, Inc., through their donations along with the many Individual donations, made it possible to provide all items needed for the kids for the week.

Justin Edmonds returned again this year and took some fabulous photos and blogged about the camp each day. If you haven't seen it, click on <http://jcedmonds.blogspot.com>. Dave Tanji also took some awesome pictures. And, Jay Tanji hooked up a video camera to his hockey stick and filmed the big Friday game!

Flocabulary, a small publishing company that produces curricular tools that use hip-hop as a way of reaching and teaching students, provided CD's and workbooks of their Math program for the kids to use during their math sessions and to take home with them at the end of the camp.

BackCountry.com, Colorado State University, Dick's Sporting Goods, Discovery Communications, FSN Rocky Mountain, Liberty Media Corporation, National CineMedia, LLC, Qdoba, Starz Entertainment, LLC and University of Denver University Advancement made sure the kids had a goody bag full of fun stuff to take home! There was lots of cheering when we passed out the bags at the end of camp!

Morris Marketing Arts, Inc. keeps our logo looking great. Arapahoe and Holly Self Storage loaned us their big truck to transport all the kids' hockey gear to and from DU. Autawash, Bernie's Hot Dog Co., Polk Majestic Travel Group, Spa Catalina – Nichole Brown provided coupons to our volunteers for their great help all week long.

Now you can see why our camp is such a success!!! It starts with a vision... the community comes together... the result... our camp is a success! Thank you so very much to all of you for your support of our camp and making it the success that it is!





KIDS CORNER

Lindsay, Jovanna and Randy have aged-out to participate in next year's camp. The three of them want to come back as camp volunteers. They were model participants who set a good example for the younger campers. We saw how helpful they were particularly on the ice. After all, they are camp veterans! Three timers! Isn't there a hockey term for 3 times something???

SPONSORS CORNER

Through the kindness, goodness and generosity of bringing attention to our camp, Jim Martin, President and CEO of Altitude Sports & Entertainment and Matt Hutchings, CFO of Altitude Sports & Entertainment proposed to do a 30 minute spot on our camp. They sent a crew to interview and film volunteers throughout the week. Prior to camp week they filmed the kids at Bridge at the South Lincoln site and accompanied the kids on their summer-end Elitches outing. We all got to know Billi, Jon and Gary, the Altitude crew. After spending the week with them, we consider them part of our Miracles on Ice family. The spot aired Monday, September 14th at 5pm on Altitude Channel. If you missed it, we will stream the DVD to our website soon.

Thank you again for all your support!

