



Summer Camp Opportunities Promotes Education (SCOPE)

Martin Luther King Day - Letter Writing Project

What is SCOPE: SCOPE was established for one simple reason, to provide summer camp opportunities to ALL children, regardless of socio-economic background. Children who receive SCOPE camperships gain access to attend overnight summer camps throughout the United States, free of cost to their families. Camp teaches life skills that encourage children to reach their potential long after summer camp has ended. 100% of the children receiving SCOPE camperships commit to staying in school. For more information visit <https://scopeusa.org/>

Project Description: At overnight camp, children do not receive any electronic devices (phones, video game consoles, or TVs). The lack of electronics ensures that kids are living in the present at camp and enjoying the beauty of nature. The lack of electronics also means that campers and parents cannot text or send an email to communicate; they have to rely on handwritten mail. The parents of SCOPE campers may not know to send letters to their child or can't afford the postage. By participating in our project, you will be writing a letter to a SCOPE camper. These letters will ease the nerves of a SCOPE camper and put a smile on their face because they are reassured that someone is thinking about them and do not feel "left out" as they witness their cabinmates and friends receive mail.

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Project Directions:

1. Use the template below to write a letter or use the template as inspiration to write your own letter. Either handwrite or type your letter.

Dear Camper,

I am so _____ you are at camp. Camp is a(n) _____ experience. You will
(happy, excited, glad) (wonderful, amazing, exciting, excellent)
have a(n) _____ time and meet so many new people. I hope you try _____
(great, fun, awesome) (Name an activity: waterskiing, swimming, sailing)
and _____. They are my favorite activities. I want you to know I am thinking about
(Name an activity: basketball, rock climbing, tennis)
you and hope you have a great summer.

_____,
(Your friend, Your pal, Sincerely)

(Name)

2. Decorate your letter by drawing pictures or pasting pictures from the internet. Draw campfires, s'mores, the sun shining, etc. Below are examples of possible decorations.



3. Once decorated, you can scan or copy and paste your letter into an email or put it in an envelope to mail.

Email:

Email the letter to Stephen.knobel@gmail.com with the subject line "MLK SCOPE Letter"

Mail:

Mail the letter to the following address:

Lake of the Woods Camp
650 Vernon Ave
#202
Glencoe, IL 6002

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