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CAMP EPIC 2017 STATISTICS

Total Campers: 184

Leaders: 49 (including eight
Leaders-in-Training)

Sight and Sound Trip

Attendance: 197 (169 Campers,
28 Adults)

Meals offered per day: 200

Volunteer man hours: 2,000+

165 campers went bowling.

158 campers went roller skating.

An average of 158 campers swam
each week.



ANOTHER “EPIC” SUMMER

The EPICENTER is proud to have had another successful Camp EPIC this summer, which ran for six weeks from June 26th to August 4th.

This year, 126 elementary school students and 58 middle school students participated in a variety of programming, including basketball; swimming; math, reading, and Bible lessons; and a field trip to Sight and Sound Theaters in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the play *Jonah*.

Students and parents alike had positive things to say about Camp EPIC. Mr. Ramirez shared these words about his daughter’s experience:

“Every day, when I pick my child up, she has stories to tell me that let me know that she loves where she is,” said Ramirez. “Now that we know you’re here, I plan to bring her [to Camp EPIC] every year!”

Similarly, Mrs. Carter said she loved the diversity of Camp EPIC’s participants and leaders and that her son was able to share Bible stories “in more detail than [she] could.”

“I can’t thank the Camp EPIC team enough,” said Carter. “Your smiling faces brighten my day.”



Campers enjoyed a variety of programming, like this painting class.

The camp concluded with an “End of Summer Finale,” where students showed off the skills they had learned during the summer. During this year’s

camp, 28 students participated in a STEM program led by JAMSQUAD, a nonprofit that restores and provides used bikes for Baltimore kids and teens. JAMSQUAD recognized all campers who participated in the STEM program and rewarded them with free bikes during the finale.

SEW WHAT?

One exciting new program Camp EPIC offered to middle school students this summer was a sewing class. Campers got to visit the Bel Air JOANN Fabric and Craft Store to pick out fabrics and made several complex projects on sewing machines and by hand, including pillows, skirts, and dresses.

Rev. Cynthia E. Woods, who also works as a seamstress, taught the class.

“The students worked diligently on their projects, and many finished them,” said Woods. “They were very innovative, and it was especially rewarding watching them model their creations during the Camp EPIC finale.”

Sarah K., who additionally served as a dance instructor during this year’s Camp EPIC, assisted in leading the students, drawing on her knowledge in costume design.

“Sarah was an incredible asset,” said Woods. “The class could not have taken place without her.”



Picking out fabrics at JOANN.

Middle school campers got to decide between attending the sewing class, a dance class, or a Bucket Band class twice each week during the summer. 12 campers selected the sewing class. Because of the program’s success, the EPICENTER is considering offering sewing lessons again during The Zone, our after-school program, this fall.

THE ZONE

The Zone, our after-school program, provides a fun, safe, and educational place for students grades K-8 to study, eat, and relax after school.

At The Zone, students receive homework help, a nutritious meal, and math and reading tutoring from caring employees and volunteers who are committed to their educational, spiritual, and emotional growth. After dinner, students can then enjoy several fun activities, including intramural sports, STEM-related projects, and art activities.



We offer transportation from several local schools for an additional fee. For more information, please visit our website at <http://epicenteredgewood.com/programs/> or follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/epicenteredg/>.

The EPICENTER thanks its partners for their support with 2017’s Camp EPIC:

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