

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST 2017 CAMP REPORT

### Day 1 Tuesday: Arrival / Introduction

The kids arrived and they were all a bit uncomfortable as the environment was new to some of them. They began to unwind later as soon as the facilitator **Comfort Ndhlovu** began to introduce them to the taste of the camp and by the time they went to bed they were already at home or used to camp. We had 120 young people who attended the camp.



**Day2 Wednesday**

**Facilitator: Pastor Sethipe**



**Topic: Devotion and Prayer**

Reading to understand (studying the word)

- Explained the bible as a book of books that entails the word and words of God put together as reference of Guidance.
- Detailing about the difference between reading and studying the bible
- Include bible quotes in your prayers as references of God and His word.

Scripture Ref: Genesis 1 verse 1, Joshua 1 verse 8, Jeremiah 1 verse 4 and 5, Daniel 1 verse 8, **Psalm 37 verse 5**

**1. How the attendees participated**

- Attention was given to speaker
- Attendees were jotting down notes of reference
- Further engaged to group activity of a scripture studying (Group leaders read a verse and the group later attempted to explain and meditate on the verse according to the understanding)

**2. What was intriguing about the session**

- The groups coming together to try and put the lesson into practice, seeing them give different understanding and views of the read scriptures.

### **Second Program @ 10:30**

#### **Topic: Emotional Intelligence (Nonie)**

The kids were open to the topic and they understood it very well as they managed to do the open discussion they following day.

The open discussion proved their listening skills. The intriguing part of the session was how they managed to trust each other in the groups and open up about their emotions.

#### **Camp games / Career games**

The games were their most favourite part of the camp because as much as it was tiring they still got time to unwind playing the games. The most fascinating part of these games is the energy and strategies they put in playing. Career wise the understanding of the session was visible through the questions that came from the kids. Seeing them long for information was the most motivating part as it achieved the purpose of the camp which was to learn in an open free environment.



### **Third Program @ 16:30: Heartlines Tell your story**

In all the days and sessions that this topic was discussed the kids were left in tears and Most fascinating was how they paid attention and never judged the speaker, it was as if they . relate and understand



## **Movies**

The most relaxing and exciting part of the day. As kids you just expect them to watch and not the study the movie but unexpectedly so they see things that you did not expect would come out of them and the movie.

## **Day 3: Thursday**

On this day mostly was the group discussions that derived from the teachings of the previous day. They put into practice what they have learnt and considered the previous day. The highlight of the day that was new and not relation to the previous day was the last discussion of the day (A Girl thing or Boy Thing). This topic opened their minds as they were laying a contradiction between the fantasy society they long for versus the society they face in the reality. Outstanding concerns came from the kids and as well as disappointments after having to spot and realise the difference between the contradiction. As much as it might have left some heartbroken it still left plenty with a mission and a task to carry out in

rectifying the broken society, turning it into their expected society.



#### **Day 4: Friday**

Most of the programs again were derived from the other days' programs but highlight is the Night of Spectacle. Amazing ideas were thrown around in this fashion show program.

Outstanding results came out of this group activity as the resources that were given to them were limited but the expectations were broad. The kids put their minds into this program and came out with an award winning performance. Highlight of the night was the effort they have put into the designs and furthermore what was most in the spectacle was the team work.

This became a highlight of the camp since that they were displaying their own creative and work of their own minds.





## **Conclusion**

As a mentor myself I was highly motivated and refreshed by the camp as a whole. It is amazing what a change of environment can do to kids. The opportunities that they were given made them to think creatively and further to realise the potential they carried. Most of it all I think the camp gave insight and inspiration to the kids to grown in confidence, self esteem and open knowledge. We thank God 44 young people committed their lives to the Lord, we pray that they will grow in knowing Christ.

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*A life of a child given a clean page to write their own life chapters*