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Sheriff's Adventure Camp Kids Give Back

Tallahassee- The Sheriff's Adventure Camp is underway and the students are non-stop in new and challenging experiences. The Sheriff's Adventure Camp is in its 17th year and has served over fifteen-hundred students. The week long program is a summer camp designed for area high school students that demonstrate leadership qualities and a pride in our community.

Funding for the camp comes from the Leon County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy Alumni. In January of this year the Citizens Academy raised \$10,000 at their Country Western Dance. Sheriff Larry Campbell said "without the generosity of the Citizens Academy Alumni Association there would not have been funding for the camp this year".

During the Adventure Camp students are exposed to experiences they may never see or do in their everyday lives. During the first day of camp, the attendees were trained and certified in CPR and life saving skills. Later in the week Coral Reef Scuba will provide the students with an introduction into scuba diving. The students also attend a SWAT Team demonstration and many other leadership building oriented programs

However, the camp is not all fun. In past years the camp students have built wheel chair ramps for citizens of our community. This Thursday, June 7, 2007 the girl's camp will be constructing a wheel chair ramp at 219 East 6th Avenue. Sheriff Larry Campbell said "the kids are usually humbled but obviously proud of their accomplishment when they build the ramps". Campbell added "getting the kids involved in serving our community sets a foundation they can grow with. These are going to be our future leaders and right now we have the ability to instill community service into their ethics".

Anyone with questions or comments about the Sheriff's Adventure Camp can call Deputy Buddy Triquet or Deputy Jon Etheridge at 922-3323.

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