



REACH

WORKCAMP

Abbi Eisenbeis-

This was my second year at REACH, and it was amazing. The drive down brought us all closer in my opinion. We were separated into two vans, boys & girls. As we grew closer to the school, I became more anxious of the work load ahead and the people I would meet. I had nothing to worry about, at night program on the first day we met our crews and mine was amazing. Nobody in my crew was like another. Everybody's traits complimented the others. Going into the camp you would never expect to become so close to others in such a short amount of time. My crew was perfect and I am so fortunate to have them in my life. One of my favorite parts of the program was worship. Danen Kane was the entertainment that week. The way he performed was enticing - his faith for the Lord was inspiring. Everyone got involved during worship & it was common to see clapping, jumping crowds, and rows upon rows of campers swaying to the music. A picture that will always stay with me is my fellow campers falling so deep into the music, that you could practically see the Lord's hands around them. They would close their eyes, raise their hands up in the air and sing the songs written on the screen. To sum up my reach experience in two words it would be : life altering. We don't go for the two day drive, cool showers, and 6:30 wake up calls. We go for our chance to show our love for the Lord and become closer with Him. We go for the relationships we form and the bonding with our group. So from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank the church and all of you for making it possible for us to go and to have the REACH experience.

Cara Cummings-

REACH is not only about helping others but it is also about the connections you make. Whether it is the kids in your crew or your neighbor, the persons house you are working on. I did not have the pleasure of getting to know my neighbor because she was not living in her home at the time.

We met her twice and the second time she started to cry and tell my whole crew she loved every single one of us. She had no idea who we were, yet she loved us purely for us donating a week of our lives serving her. The bond you make with other campers is unbreakable. There are some people who have gone to the same camp as us for 4 years now and we can talk to them as if a year hasn't past since we last saw them. The people you meet and the friends you make is the reason the whole REACH experience has become one of my fondest memories.

John Kleinfeldt-

When considering all the blessings I have received from God, I feel mission trip is an opportunity to share such blessings. To serve in humble gratitude. To give without any thought of return. To love unconditionally as God loves me. Giving of ones self turns out to be the best blessing of all. For through such humble servitude comes the fruits of the Holy Spirit by the grace of God.

In Jesus name.

John E. Cakes