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The Big Payoff?

One of the most rewarding experiences for our tutors and our office team is the Academic Fun & Fitness Summer Camp. It's a 6-week camp for children with learning differences held at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio.

All the camp counselors are excited by the progress each of the campers makes during camp. Many of these kids are the "loners" in school that confound the schools. At camp, the objective is to bring out the best in each child. It's truly marvelous to watch.

When Miss Robin created the camp play, she had all the campers involved in this major production. They sang, chanted, played with Chinese yo-yo's, played Chinese jump rope, and all made funny hats.

Because camp has an academic component, the campers spend each morning developing basic reading and basic math skills. As skills improve, parents see the progress at home.

After lunch, campers participate in a variety of activities. Creating Poetry, drawing, science experiments, a visiting dog, tennis, karate, basketball, and even Ronald McDonald fill the busy afternoons.

Miss Sharon, the on-site camp director, says that the camp is the most exciting challenge she has had in many years in schools and tutoring. She makes sure every camper has a great experience. Also, she makes sure campers are in appropriate activities during the entire camp day. Part of the unique character of this camp is that every counselor is outstanding in

activities and/or the educational components of the camp experience.

2009 has been a banner year for the Academic Fun & Fitness Camp. With more campers (57) and more counselors (15), than previous years, families recognize the unique qualities of a small camp that welcomes campers with learning differences: ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, Asperger's Syndrome, autism, and other learning disabilities.

To watch the campers work and play together is truly inspiring. A large share of the campers return year after year. Many camp counselors, who also return every year, treasure the camp experience and the wonderful children.

North Coast Tutoring is proud to be the primary sponsor of this one-of-a-kind summer camp.

