SUMMERTIME FUN AT AGAPE

What a blessing it was to witness Agape’s return to in-person programming for our 2021 Summer Camp! After facing the most challenging year of our lives, 2020 will serve as a reminder to us of who we are: a community committed to weathering the storms with our students and families. It is this commitment that offered hope for our students during this summer.

Summer Learning Returns...

- **105** students participated in eight weeks of summer camp with an **84% average attendance rate**
- 25 Camp Jump Smart students each received **40 hours of academic instruction** in English and Math
- Students in FIT Camp/GoGirlGo! collectively mastered **74 academic skills** using our online learning tool, Study Island, to improve English and Math skills
- ELEVATE high schoolers participated in two weeks of **SAT preparation courses** and experienced a day long **college tour** of the University of North Georgia

Outstanding Summer Camp Partners:

- **Financial literacy with Start Now Press**, which used illustrated children’s books and activities to make financial topics simple, tangible and fun
- **Arts & Crafts Class sponsored by National Charity League (NCL)** taught students to tap into their creativity through enriching art projects
- **Music with Ms. Carol**, who joyfully provided musical fun for students weekly
- **Field trips** to popular Atlanta attractions including GA Aquarium, Fernbank, Chastain Horse Park, Zoo Atlanta, and Yellow River Wildlife Sanctuary
- **Physical fitness and nutrition lessons** were offered through Soccer In the Streets, Girls On The Run, and Girl Scouts
A COASTAL SUMMER IN MAINE!!

Agape teen girls traveled to Watertown, Maine for a week-long outdoor excursion. From kayaking and nature boat tours on Maine’s coast to bike rides through Peak’s Island, our friends at Julie’s Dream made this trip an experience to remember. For many of our girls, this trip gave them their first opportunity to leave their families behind and travel beyond the state lines.

Overcoming fears, embracing change and bonding with friends were common threads woven throughout this life-changing trip. Senior, Gabriela, said it best when summing up her thoughts on the experience, “Never would I have thought I would be able to go to these types of places. The Maine trip was a super fun experience, the views were amazing! Thank you for an amazing summer.”

A STORY OF TRIUMPH

“I Surprised Myself”, were the three words, then, eighth grader, Antonio expressed while celebrating victory over a challenging start to the school year. Like many of our students, Antonio began virtual school under enormous pressure to balance the realities of self-guided instruction, limited internet and the lack of social peer interactions. His first term numerical average of 66 reflected these struggles.

In October 2020, Agape intervened bringing Antonio and his peers back into our facility for day school guidance. With the support of our Youth Counselors and Educational Specialists, Antonio’s confidence and focus increased and slowly, so did his numerical average. By the end of this school year, his numerical average improved to 93. Antonio begins this school year as a proud ninth grader because of his hard work and determination.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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AUGUST 23 - AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13 - ATLANTA TEEN LEADERS PHILANTHROPIC INITIATIVE BEGINS
NOVEMBER 14 - ARISE: WALK/RUN FOR WOMEN & GIRLS
NOVEMBER 30 - #GIVINGTUESDAY - GA GIVES
DECEMBER 7-8 - HOLIDAY GIFT STORE

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