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C.A.M.P. with discipline

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What do youths involved in the Roane County Juvenile Court system do for summer vacation? They go to C.A.M.P. In this case, C.A.M.P. is Children's Attitude Motivation Program, a six-week day camp supported and operated by the Tennessee National Guard Counter Drug Division. It is attended by cadets ages 11-17 who were referred by the juvenile probation office and court-ordered to attend camp by Roane County Juvenile Court Judge Dennis Humphrey. Twenty-two cadets are attending C.A.M.P. through July 22 at Midtown Educational Center. The program, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, has an emphasis on three fields. The academic skill enhancement has an emphasis on math and reading. Physical fitness is stressed through the use of an obstacle course and physical conditioning on an individual and team basis. C.A.M.P. also focuses on personal discipline with training in goal setting, self-esteem enhancement, conflict resolution, peer mediation, anger management, substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, law and justice. Cadets are taught to be law-abiding and to function within the norms of society. They are given an opportunity to build their basic skills and be taught how it feels to be a productive member of a team. Parents are required to have their cadets at C.A.M.P. on time each day. Consequences are administered to tardy cadets, and parents must reinforce the teachings and the academy. C.A.M.P. was formed by the Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition/Clayton's Lesson, Roane County Juvenile Court and Tennessee National Guard Counter Drug Coalition.