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CAMP winding down with graduation ceremony Friday

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Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition is finishing up its second annual Children's Attitude Motivational Program this week. Activities for CAMP end with a public graduation ceremony at noon July 21 in Kingston Community Center. Lunch will be provided. CAMP was formed last year through several meetings between the Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition and the Tennessee National Guard Counter Drug Division. The six week program's goal is to address the needs of children in the community who need assistance in learning to function within the norms of society. Parents in our community made a request and filled out an application in order for their child to be considered to become a CAMP cadet. The curriculum includes academic skills enhancement with an emphasis on reading, writing and basic skills; fitness and teamwork, with an emphasis on physical fitness conditioning individually and in teams; and personal discipline, which places emphasis on goal setting, self-esteem enhancement, conflict resolution, peer mediation, anger management, substance abuse, violence prevention and law/justice. Volunteer and donors help make Roane County CAMP possible. Community support for graduation is accepted and appreciated.