



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
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Dear Camp Amplify,

I would like to take some time to talk to you about my experience at Camp Amplify. Let me first start by saying as time got closer to our trip I started to get scared. I was going into the unknown with my kids that belonged to someone else. I started telling myself that I wasn't going there was no changing my mind. Except my babies were getting excited and looking forward to camp. Most of them had never been away from home or to a camp. So I couldn't let my kids down.

Fast forwarding to the day we arrived in Tennessee. The drive up gave us sights that were new to some and different to others. As we started to see the mountains the kids started to point out the beauty in nature. It made you appreciate simple beauty. Along with "how much longer Ms. Stacey?" As we entered the camp grounds we realized we had no service. I really wanted to go back home then!

Once we made it to our cabin "Sugarloaf" and the kids began to unload out of the vans before they entered the door Mr. Chris was there greeting each camper and shaking their hand. The kids were greeted again as they checked in. As I entered the cabin I was greeted by so many smiling faces that made me feel at home. Our counselors were top notch with the kids and made sure that the kids knew that they cared and were there for them. The kids were able to share parts of themselves with people that they knew genuinely cared about them and would listen to their problems. Mrs. Grace aka "Shatoya" quickly became what the kids needed. Sometimes they just needed to be heard and she gave them that along with a sense of peace. Mrs. Julie gave them encouragement and a place to belong. Mr. Jeremy gave them a father with wisdom, love and concern. All the counselors gave each child a piece of themselves. Mrs. Lisa was a nurse and a true prayer warrior. She took such good care of the kids. Mr. Chris gave them something "real" in himself. He showed them that it was okay to love God and show it. He was a man of his word they loved on my kids and they loved on me too. We did not want to leave when camp was over. Everyone that was involved with making the camp run smoothly gave their hearts and to be honest we left some of ours with Camp Amplify. Thank you for a great week. We can't wait until next summer.

Sincerely,  
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