

## Beth L Tashnick

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**Subject:** FW: Thank you

**From:** Aubin Whitmer

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**To:** Amy L Campeau; Dave Sobczak; Brian Goul

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Amy,

Today is [REDACTED] last day of summer camp for the summer. I wanted to send you a quick note to thank you and the whole camp team for such a great summer. Your camp has been such a bright spot in our family and for [REDACTED]

My husband and I have appreciated the before and after care, as we both work full-time. We have appreciated the organization of the camps, the great supervision, the activities and the overall positivity of the counselors. I can't tell you how much having such a kind and supportive group of counselors takes weight off our family.

[REDACTED] has attended other camps in the area and yours, by far, has been the most organized, supportive and nurturing. [REDACTED] has thrived at your camp. He's an amazing kiddo. He's smart, loving, funny, happy and loves life! But, [REDACTED] does have some challenges he is working through. He was diagnosed with ADHD, primarily due to a traumatic birth and lack of oxygen at birth. He attends therapy twice/ week and takes ADHD medication. We are very proactive and have done everything recommended to support him. He does still struggle with anxiety, rejection sensitivity and impulse control. Other camps he attended resulted in some difficulties and behavior issues largely related to lack of supervision or lack of understanding of what he needs. Those incidents were super stressful on him and our family. But nothing like that happened at Troy Rec.

I'm not sure if you all realize what an impact your camp and your staff can have on a family or a child, but I wanted to email to let you know. Your work organizing this camp and the team who run it day to day make a HUGE difference and impact in the lives of the children and families that you serve. Your work is important and necessary. It's not just a "camp." What you do is provide a home away from home for the most important person in our lives. You provide discipline, structure, boundaries, patience, fun, kindness, nurturing and support.

You are all so appreciated. Your dedication and commitment to providing safe and engaging activities for the kids of the Troy area is appreciated and recognized. We live in Auburn Hills and due to lack of staffing Auburn Hills had to cancel their camps this summer. Being able to utilize the camp at Troy recreation has been a huge blessing to our family. There are just not enough thank yous or words of appreciation I can offer.

Your camp has been a true support to our family, not just to [REDACTED]

Thank you again for such a great summer. We will be putting it on our calendar today for camp sign up next spring so we don't miss the opportunity to sign him up again next summer!

Sincerely,

Aubin Whitmer and David Sobczak  
(Parents of [REDACTED])