

SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP – 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



With the conclusion of our 13th consecutive year, the **SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP** continues to enrich the lives of our campers, one summer at a time!

SUMMER SEALS 2019 hosted twenty-eight campers who were rising third, fourth, and fifth graders from the Selinsgrove Area School District. In their swan song, our wonderful camp directors Mary Herman and Cameron Trego oversaw a quality teaching staff of college seniors and graduates from Susquehanna University's Education Department:

- Senior teacher: Ryan Pelletier
- Lead teachers:
Taylor Delbaugh (third grade), Robbie Long (fourth grade) & Makyla Seeger (fifth grade)
- Assistant teachers:
Madison Rice (third grade), Megan Becker (fourth grade) & Jenna Clark (fifth grade)

SSDC's Board of Directors was pleased to announce that Kelsey Kline and McKenzie Sweet have been appointed as camp directors starting with SUMMER SEALS 2020. The Board reluctantly, however, bid farewell to Michael Hayes, Ph.D., whose vision and fortitude nurtured SSDC from a dream into a reality.

SSDC wouldn't be possible without the support of our Selinsgrove Area School District partners, including school counselors Amy Veach and Judy Fatchaline, along with Principal Matt Conrad and Assistant Principal Jason Schmucker. We were also fortunate to have the assistance of several returning foster grandparents: Barb Bennett, Betsy Einsig, Carole Leininger, and Marsha Thomas.

Each year, we provide social/recreational opportunities for our campers centered on educational units developed to improve the campers' core reading and math skills. This year's units focused on Arctic Life, Rain Forests, and the Oceans/Hawaii. SSDC 2019 included field trips to R.B. Winter State Park, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and the Selinsgrove Pool.

In order to track the progress of the campers' learning, the teaching staff takes skill measurements during the summer, which are reflected in the following tables:

Fact Fluency (average # correct out of 75 in 5 minutes)

	6/11/19	7/8/19	7/30/19
3rd Grade	24.77	25.23	33.64
4th Grade	48.36	43.25	42.29
5th Grade	57.71	50.57	48.71

Math Concepts (average # correct out of 10):

	6/12/19	7/31/19
3rd Grade	5.46	5.91
4th Grade	6.63	6.43
5th Grade	7.29	7.57

Reading Concepts (DAZE - Benchmark) (average actual score):

	6/11/19	7/2/19	7/30/19
3rd Grade	8.15	9.00	10.58
4th Grade	12.00	15.50	16.43
5th Grade	18.14	20.43	22.71

Reading Concepts (DORF – Passage 1.1) (average words correct):

	6/10/19	7/1/19	7/29/19
3rd Grade	53.85	79.46	77.14
4th Grade	70.75	83.50	91.00
5th Grade	96.86	100.00	105.29

To give back to the community, the campers hosted a car wash fundraiser and collected clothing to support the Mustard Seed, a non-profit thrift store located in Selinsgrove. We also hosted a luncheon with some of our most generous supporters, the members of the Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club. And then we celebrated the end of camp together with our annual graduation ceremony!

SSDC is blessed with many dedicated community volunteers, especially our Board members (listed below) who are focused on ensuring the quality of the program in a fiscally responsible manner. The Board continues to highlight SSDC's success through newsletters, our Facebook page, and our website (www.summerseals.org).

Development and sustainability have been constant watchwords for the Board. Mindful of our solemn role as good stewards of our donors' confidence and resources, the Board continues to use the services of Bill Bucher, C.P.A., and the firm of Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C., to ensure that SSDC's fiscal affairs are properly executed. Donna Ross continues to offer critical assistance with the Board's administrative and fundraising responsibilities.

SSDC's designation as an Educational Improvement Organization for purposes of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program continues to provide critical financial support for the portion of our program serving second and third graders. In addition to our many generous individual donors, the SSDC received substantial EITC contributions from several local banks and other businesses.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of all our supporters, but especially our program partners: the Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club, the Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation, Susquehanna University (and in particular, its Education Department), and the Selinsgrove Area School District. Their continued commitment to SSDC, its campers and their families inspires us all as we plan to make SUMMER SEALS 2020 better than ever!

This annual report was compiled and submitted in February 2020 on behalf of the SSDC Board of Directors:

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Our wonderful camp staff!



Visit to Baltimore's National Aquarium



A special guest at our annual car wash



Ranger Alexis at R.B. Winter State Park



Campers hard at fun!



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