

**Parent Testimonials from Summer Camp 2010 – Some Personal Information Redacted**

**From:** Katherine  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 7:41 PM  
**To:** TSA - Bob Courdy  
**Subject:** email address



Hi, I got your message.

Katherine

PS Patrick had a great time at camp. I think this comment says it all... I ask Patrick if any of his new friends had TS. Patrick's response, I couldn't tell. I loved it! It sounds like they were all having so much fun and TS is not ruling their lives:)

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**From:** Hsi-Hwa  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2010 10:54 AM  
**To:** [bcourdy@ca.rr.com](mailto:bcourdy@ca.rr.com)  
**Subject:** Thank you

Hi Bob,

Thank you for the arrangement and opportunity to have my son, Derek, join the fantastic summer camp. Derek really had a good time to enjoy all kinds of activities and get to know many kids (and their parents).

Best regards,

Hsi-Hwa

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**From:** Andrea  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2010 2:10 PM  
**To:** [bcourdy@ca.rr.com](mailto:bcourdy@ca.rr.com)  
**Subject:** lost camp items

Hi Bob,

Just wanted to check and see if you knew if our group or the camp would have a Lost and Found at the facility? Since I live so close, I would be willing to drive back and get the items that didn't make it home if they were in a central location. Thanks again for everything. It was an amazing experience and I am sure we made some connections that will hopefully become life-time friendships.

Hope you are recovering! Have a great weekend!  
Andrea and Dylan

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From: liz  
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 9:28 AM  
To: [bcourdy@ca.rr.com](mailto:bcourdy@ca.rr.com)  
Subject: Re: camper left behinds

Hi Bob,

I think we are having camp withdrawls already because everyone had such a good time. Thank you for all your hard work and planning for all of us. Thanks :) Liz Thiriot

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From: Francine  
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2010 11:03 AM  
To: Bob Courdy  
Subject: TSA Camp last week

Hi Bob:

I wanted to drop you a note and tell you how last week was much more than a camp to my son Jacob and I. It was the first time my son felt like he belonged. It was the first time he could "tic" in public without being afraid of stares, comments, and disgusted looks. It was the first time he wanted to spend more time with the other kids than with me.

For me, it was the first time I saw that this "disability" would not stop him from being whoever he wanted to be.....and gives me the encouragement to continue to help him do just that. As a parent, when your child is "diagnosed" with all of these challenges...ADD, OSD, TS, etc, your mind races, your heart aches and your journey begins. Certainly not what parenthood was touted to be. Since Jacob and I started this journey, about 8 or 9 years ago, I have pushed, argued, advocated, endured, strategized and cried. I have great friends, amazing doctors and wonderful contacts that have all helped along the way. I am one of the lucky ones.

Last week was the first time that I met people who UNDERSTOOD what our world was like. Strangers in the beginning, but not for long, we were able to sympathize, encourage and offer suggestions. I left camp with an overwhelming sense of relief....I am not a bad mother, Jacob is not a bad kid.....we are just a family dealing with TS.

This wouldn't have happened without you. I don't know you well (yet), but I will. I also want to let you know I was very serious about wanting to help you make this happen again next year. I have lots of thoughts buzzing around in my head. I also want to start working in my own world about increasing awareness about TS. Some of the other mom's and I agreed that we can and will make a difference.

So - other than the fact that yes, I really am a Princess (actually they joke in my office that I'm the Queen) and I really hate camping - I had an amazing time last week. Jacob seems more relaxed than I have seen him in a long time....another blessing from last week.

Bob - I'm here to get involved. Maybe in the next couple of weeks we can connect and work on making this bigger and better for next year.

Thank you for all you did for us last week. I look forward to working with you in the coming months.