



JOY CAMP ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

For the more than 25 million low-income public school students in America, summer is often anything but a vacation. Instead of a relaxing break to explore new interests and places, it's often a time when children, youth and families struggle to find and afford food to eat and a safe place to be.

Summer learning loss, the phenomenon where young people lose academic skills over the summer, is one of the most significant causes of the achievement gap between lower and higher income youth and one of the strongest contributors to the high school dropout rate. For many young people, the summer "opportunity gap" contributes to gaps in achievement, employment and college and career success.

Low-income youth lose two to three months in reading while their higher-income peers make slight gains. Most youth lose about two months of math skills in the summer. These reading and math losses add up. By fifth grade, summer learning loss can leave low-income students 2 1/2 to 3 years behind their peers. Research shows that while gaps in student achievement remain relatively constant during the school year, the gaps widen significantly during the summer. Low-income youth lose access to healthy meals over the summer. Six out of every seven students who receive free- and reduced-price lunches lose access to them when school lets out.

The Joy Camp Enrichment Program (JCEP) will offer **affordable** licensed care, a **safe** environment, **experiences** connecting education and enrichment, as well as provide people who are committed to preparing students for the 21st Century. We are committed to the success of every child enrolled in the program and will follow their success for up to five years. JCEP has identified the need for scholastic enrichment in the children within a 1.5 mile radius of Greater Joy Church. Those children are in need of additional assistance in the areas of math and reading. The program has been structured to provide just that. The curriculum has been written by licensed professional.

The core of the program will provide the **4E's**

- **Environment**~ a warm loving, caring, socially accepting environment will help to reduce some of the stresses that children experience.
- **Enrichment**~for the children morally. They will have a 30 minute faith based session every morning.
- **Experiences**~the children will be exposed to exercise, self-esteem sessions, and educational outings. The world is a learning and we plan to take full advantage of it.
- **Education**~each day will consist of either reading or math camp. Statics show that children who aren't exposed to a learning environment during the summer while after school, struggle at the beginning of the school year. The small class environment will allow the instructors more hands on time with each child. Each child will be assessed at the beginning of the program to determine

their needs. The expectation is that the end of the program assessment will show that child has advanced at least two to three levels in the reading and math during the summer camp.

Our Vision is to prepare Generation X to be Generation Next! The JCEP will assist in preparing Generation Next to be the entrepreneurs, computer program developers, teachers, doctors, scientist or whatever career path they choose. Along with expanding the Joy Summer Camp services to an after school program during the school year. Students will be exposed to...

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| arts and music | games and sports |
| drama classes | dance classes |
| STEM activities | technology |
| literacy activities | math centers |
| science experiments | nutrition & fitness activities |

The North Carolina End-of-Grade Test are designed to measure a student’s performance on the goals and grade-level competencies specified in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

For the 2016–17 school year, school accountability growth results are presented for 2,531 of the 2,566 public schools that participated in the statewide testing program. Using all EOG and EOC test scores, school accountability growth is calculated using EVAAS, a value-added growth modeling tool. Each school with the required data is designated as having exceeded expected growth, met expected growth, or did not meet growth. The results for school accountability growth are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. *School Accountability Growth*

Growth Category	2015–16 Number	2015–16 Percent	2016–17 Number	2016–17 Percent
Exceeded Expected Growth	691	27.5	666	26.3
Met Expected Growth	1,158	46.1	1,200	47.4
Did Not Meet Growth	663	26.4	665	26.3
Total	2,512		2,531	

What Do Parents Think About Camp? According to ACA’s 2015 Directions: Youth Outcomes of the Camp Experience report, parents cite the following as the most important reasons for sending their children to camp:

- Camp helps build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Camp is a safe environment
- Camp is a place to build social skills and make friends

Parents also reported that the camp experience helped their child:

- feel good about themselves
- gain more self-confidence or self-esteem
- increase in independence and show more leadership skills
- increase their friendship skills and feel more socially comfortable

- gain in their adventurousness and willingness to try new things

The JCEP will give each student opportunities to excellence that might not be afforded to them if they weren't participants in this program. The enrichment will level the "playing" for all students in attendance. The daily schedule will follow a set course to ensure structure and success for the student.

07:00 TO 08:00 ARRIVAL TIME
08:00 TO 08:30 BREAKFAST
08:30 TO 09:00 MORNING MORALITY (SPIRITUALTY COURSE)
09:00 TO 10:30 M/W/F READING T/TH MATH
10:30 TO 11:00 MORNING BREAK
11:00 TO 12:00 M/W/F READING T/TH MATH
12:00 TO 13:00 LUNCH
13:00 TO 14:30 M/W/F READING T/TH MATH
14:30 TO 17:00 ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE (OUTING, EXERCISE, PEER SESSION)
17:00 TO 18:00 DISMISAL

The Joy Enrichment Camp is committed to ensuring that all students succeed in the required school assessments. JCE has created a plan for ensuring that the missed students who have missed the mark in the past school year will excellence going forward. We have identified the areas of weaknesses in the community children and have targeted those generation as an ideal candidates for JCE Generation Next Program.

The generous donations of sponsor such as yourself, will allow us to provide these services to the South Rocky Mount Community. We are enriching Generation X and preparing them to be Generation Next! Please submit your tax deductible contribution to:

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C/O Greater Joy Church
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Respectfully submitted,

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