

To all those whom made Camp 2009 possible and such a huge success for our kids:

I would like to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work and efforts and energies. For devoting yourselves to not only my son but to so many others at Camp. You all truly are special and obviously your parents deserve a huge round of applause for raising such loving and caring and passionate sons /daughters. Because I know as a parent of a Special Child how challenging it can be for us whom love them unconditionally but I look around and each of you when I drop him off and when I pick him up at the end of the week that you to love our sons/daughters unconditionally as well and it makes it so much easier to leave and trust them to you. You all ROCK!!!

My husband and I would like to also say THANK YOU to the sponsors whom as well deserve a big applause for opening up there hearts and giving not only to our kids but us parents. With there contributions, it allows our kids to be able to attend an event that I know my son awaits all year round. He truly has the time of his life when he attends each year. And I know he is comfortable and is able to adjust when we leave him and has a big smile upon his face when we drop him off and a look of "OH NO ITS OVER, MOM AND DAD ARE HERE, dang!" when we arrive to pick him up at weeks end. (LOL)

I know for my husband and I and Allan's siblings this week is a time we as a family take advantage of spending time to regroup and take time to enjoy some quality time together. Allan is a huge part of our family and is included in most all we do, however raising a child/adult whom is Mentally Challenged does have its challenges and even though it is just a week it is enough to give us families time to refresh and regroup so that we can continue to be the best parents and family to our sons and daughters. And therefore for my family as small as it is may seem your hard work and efforts and energies and patience that you contribute during this one week is worth a million and I cannot express how appreciative I am and my family and I am sure so many others. We parents/caregivers do not always have opportunities such as this throughout the year to take a break and as I said, just regroup, because we parents are on the job 24/7 forever with our adult children.

And to know they are having such a wonderful time doing things that make them smile and laugh and socializing with there peers and making friends and seeing the old ones.

Okay I will shut up now for I could go on and on because I just am so thankful for what you all do volunteering your time to our sons/daughters strangers to you and you are giving so much of yourself just awesome to see in today's world!!!!!! You all are so so special you have no idea. ☺

God Bless you all,

Dean & Tammy Dawson

Parents of Allan Dawson - Camper

