

## Camp Zion Experience

CAMP ZION! I have been a part of this wonderful program since it began. I was only six year old. From the time I started elementary school to now as a 2012 high school graduate, Camp Zion has always been a part of my life. Here I always had fun, met new people, learned social skills, learned new math and English skills and read at least 2 books. I couldn't think of a better place I wanted to be every day after school and during summer. This was a place to learn, be encouraged, and also be prepared for the real world in the real world.

Through out the summer we would do many activities, from education enhancements to sports clinics, day trips to overnight college trips. We would also do community service projects and give back to the community that has continued to give to us as we've been taught during our Camp Zion experience. My parents could never have afforded to send me to a program like this and I'm so grateful for the opportunity. I am now ready for college at Albany State because of the academic and social preparation I've received at Camp Zion.

Camp has also giving me the opportunity to go onto an actual work site and gain work experience through the Job Club. This I can say was my favorite part of the Camp Zion experience. I've gained interview skills, like learning how to correctly answer an interview question and how to perform on the job site, communication skills, and preparing for the real world. In closing as I take this next step in my life I can truly say camp has prepared me for the real world. I've heard many people say that they wish they could've had the same opportunities we were exposed to and that help me to realize that I am very grateful for the time that I had with the camp and take advantage of the skills that I have been giving. So to Mr. Parker, Mrs. Kesia and the rest of the Camp Zion staff I want to say thank you because without you I wouldn't be as ready as I am to take that next step.

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