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Camp Dost Goes Out of This World

Campers and volunteer counselors alike had the time of their lives this year at Camp Dost's week-long program in Millville, the home of Camp Victory.

The 50 plus campers discovered on day one that they were members of the Dost Space Alliance charged with defending the camp against aliens. Despite the many rock blocks and challenges in their quest to understand the aliens' intentions, campers still had time to bike, fish, craft alien artwork and build a wooden rocket.

The helicopter landing and show-and-tell by the Pennsylvania State Police generated a lot of excitement. Delivering black boxes that tied into the alien story line added to the intrigue.

As the mission progressed, campers learned that the crystals they were rewarded for accomplishing challenges were the key to providing fuel for the aliens to return home. They came to realize that the aliens had no ill intentions. The crystals represented courage, strength, love, hope, friendship and compassion—qualities embraced in their experience at Camp.

As always, graduation from Camp is a sad farewell. Graduates this year were all 18 years olds finishing high school. The eligibility requirement was extended by 2 years past the usual requirement of 5 years past remission or high school graduation. Learning of this extension brought tears to those who didn't expect to continue beyond this year. The reason was best expressed by one graduate who said, "Camp Dost gives what cancer takes away—a voice, confidence, independence, friendship, and belonging." It is a testament to the enduring impact Camp Dost has on repairing young lives affected by cancer. For them, Camp Dost is a lifeline that becomes an enduring treasure.



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Thank you to the Knight of Columbus, Millville Pie Ladies, PA State Police and Kawnear Co. for hosting dessert nights for campers! Kawnear also donated \$3,500 for camp. A special thank you to Tom Ross and T-Ross Brothers Construction once again provided the trailer for the transportation of camp supplies.

Pictured: Thank you to our friend, Chelsie, for donating bags filled with sunscreen and other goodies for Camp Dost campers!