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LSDI Executive Summary

Summer 2013

This past summer, I was an intern with Leslie Manning, director of Sawyerville Day Camp. The camp is sponsored by the Episcopal Church in Alabama, and provides a place for the kids of Greensboro and Hale County with loving Christian community and two hot meals for at least one week out of the summer. Because the Diocesan office is centrally located in Birmingham, and there is not yet a permanent camp location in Hale County, I spent the first few weeks of the summer with Leslie in Birmingham. There were two other “interns” in the office with us, each had respective grants from their schools, and we spent this time handling administrative aspects of the camp. At this point in the summer, I was learning a lot about non-profit management, and got a good sense of the depth of what happens behind the scenes.

As soon as it was time for camp, we went to Greensboro, AL in Hale County where the camp has been held for several years in the local elementary school. Camp sessions were a total of 10 days long for the staff, with 3 days at the beginning of the actual camp week set aside for staff training. For the first session, I was a co-coordinator for the Middler Camp, the 9-11 age group. For the second and third sessions, I worked in the office, more closely with Leslie, working on communications and helping more with administrative aspects of camp. Of the three sessions, while I learned a lot at each, I enjoyed my job in the first week the best; being co-coordinator meant making deeper relationships with the staff and campers in one specific camp as opposed to knowing many more people on a smaller scale.