

BRILLIANT RESILIENCE SUMMER CAMP

PARENT NEWS LETTER



Welcome to our first installment of the "Brilliant Resilience Summer Camp Parent News letter." This news letter will highlight some of the activities that the students experienced the previous week and review up coming topics.

Parents please join the **GROUP ME** for the most up to date information!

Drop off Time: 7:30 to 8:00 am

Locations: 611 Dent St or 603 N MLK

(Peoples Advocacy Center)

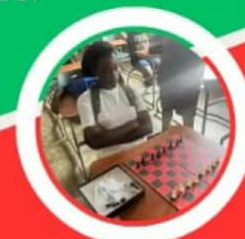
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Week one:

The students explored the Lake Jackson Indian Mounds and went to the state Capitol. They also began learning how to solve a rubiks cube and engaged in riveting chess matches.



We extend our deepest appreciation to the following individuals for their outstanding financial contributions this week:

Tre Scott: \$5,000.00

Marsha Pearlman: \$200.00

Madlyn Robinson: \$50.00

Joycelyn Lee: \$50.00

Antwon Davis: \$33.33

Destorian Cash: \$50.00

Rachel Slaughter-Alexander:
\$50.00

Onecka Davis: \$100.00

Kim White: \$100.00

Thank You!



Dear parents,

As we embark on an enlightening journey with your children at our summer camp, we aim to foster deep conversations that explore the complexities surrounding social injustice. Our classroom lessons may touch upon sensitive and thought-provoking topics, allowing for a deeper understanding of privileges and disadvantages. Please know that our experienced staff will guide these discussions with care and sensitivity. We encourage you to engage in open dialogue with your child, as their insights and perspectives will shape their learning experience. Should you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you for your trust in our summer camp program.

Dr. Bruce Strouble



June 26th- 30th Activities

- **Mon**(June 26th)- Jeopardy and Kickball
- **Tue** (June 27th) - Art Project, Please dress your students in clothing that can get dirty!
- **Wed** (June 28th)- LILARC
- **Thur** (June 29th)- **Field Trip** to 631 Art Gallery
- **Fri** (June 30th)- **Field Trip** Maclay Gardens (Swimming attire) or Movies due to bad weather.

Counselor Highlight

Dr. Derrick Standifer

Keynote Speaker of

"Life Is Like A Rubiks Cube"

Favorite Quote: Keep your commitments to your commitments!

Learning passions: Black history, personal development, and goal setting.



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Week Two Highlights:

The students created art centered around the theme "Black is..." Their art was featured at the 621 Art Gallery in Railroad Square. The students also took a trip to Maclay Gardens to explore nature and go swimming.



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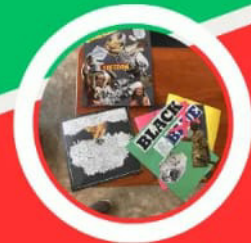
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**Lola Hampton-Frank Pinder
Center for Agroecology
@FAMU: \$2,000.00
Jacob Grant: \$33.00
Brian Greenberg: \$35.00
Gwendolyn Lee: \$50.00
Kenton Jamar: \$50.00**

Thank You for your contribution!



Dear parents,

By making awareness fun we've noticed something amazing about our campers—they are aware of the issues around them and are even forming ideas and opinions about society. That's why our program, is designed to encourage their curiosity and help them express their unique perspectives. We want to empower them to make a positive difference in their communities by nurturing their critical thinking but we also want children to have fun and enjoy being kids. That's why we make sure to strike a balance between learning and having a good time.

Looking Ahead: In this upcoming week, we have some exciting things planned for our campers. We will continue focusing on developing their problem-solving skills, enhancing their social and emotional intelligence, and encouraging their creativity. We'll continue to provide a supportive space for them to grow and thrive.

Dr. Bruce Strouble



July 3rd to July 7th Activities

- **Mon (July 3rd) - No Camp**- Pre Holiday
- **Tue (July 4th) - No Camp**- Independence Day
- **Wed (July 5th)**- Life Skills & Civic Education
- **Thur (July 6th)**- Principals of problem solving & LILARC
- **Fri (July 7th)**- **Field Trip** Alchemy Climbing



Counselor Highlight

Trishay "Ma Ma Yata" Young
CEO and Founder of "Melanin Mothers Meet"

Favorite Quote: The secret of life is to have no fear, that is the only way to function!

Ma Ma Yata is passionate about creating programs and spaces for black families that address social support, maternal and mental health disparities, positive home environments, and trauma informed care.



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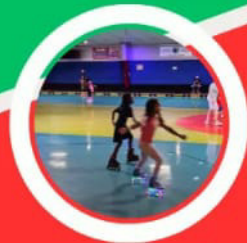
Week Three Highlights

The students went to Alchemy Climbing (indoor rock climbing) and Skate World this week. They were visited by multiple a guest speakers who shared books and presented multiple workshops with them.



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On Friday, July 7, 2023 the students roller skated and rock climbed. They enjoyed each others company while learning how to face there fear of heights and fear of falling. Students helped each other get up when they fell and cheered each other on as they climbed up the wall.



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Brandi Johnson: \$50.00

Thank You for your contribution!



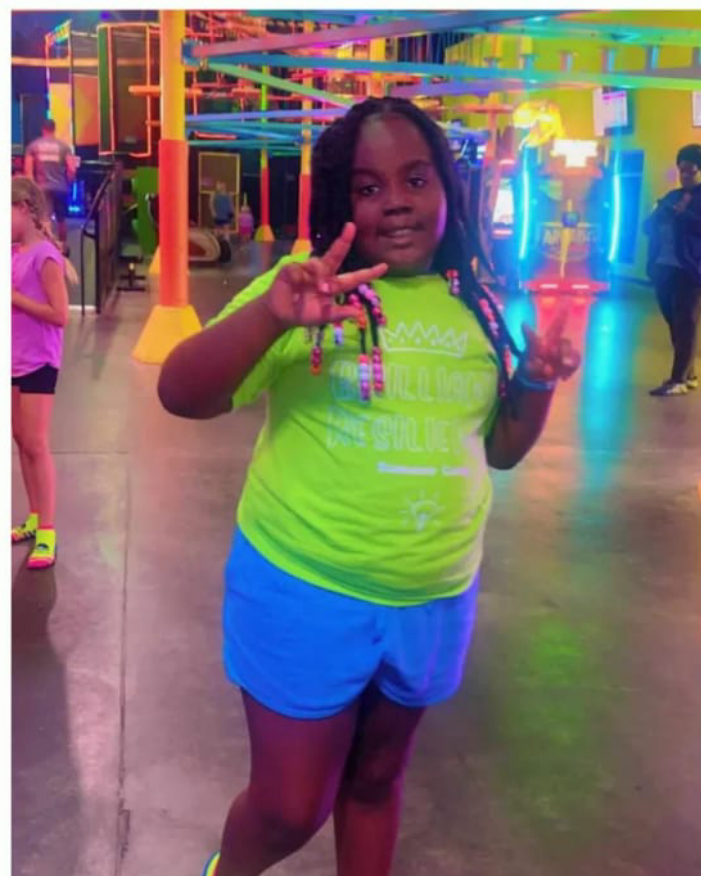


Dear Parents,

This upcoming week at the Brilliant Resilience Summer Camp we will be engaging our campers in meaningful discussions centered around important values such as self-respect, respecting others, personal boundaries, and the significance of respecting people's bodily autonomy. These discussions are part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all campers. We believe that addressing these topics provides valuable learning opportunities and helps promote positive social interactions.

Our dedicated team of counselors and staff members will guide these conversations with care and sensitivity, ensuring that each camper feels comfortable sharing their thoughts and asking questions. We kindly request your support in reinforcing these important messages at home. Thank you for your continued cooperation in making the Brilliant Resilience Summer Camp a nurturing and respectful experience for all our participants.

Dr. Bruce Strouble



Special Activity this week

Students participated in a rigorous game of musical chairs at the "Peoples Advocacy Center." All of the students came to compete.



Counselor Highlights

Frankel St. Louis

Ph.D Candidate in Educational Leadership at FAMU.

Favorite Quote: Everything happens for a reason.

Frankel is passionate about teaching history, civics, and ensuring that youth are well informed about their place in history so that they are prepared for their future lives and careers.



Jasmine Pierrevil

Amazing Educator

Favorite Quote: Joy always comes in the morning.

Jasmine is passionate about pouring into others so they can be their best selves.

Carolanne Briscoe

Black Youth Advocate Youth Instructor

Favorite Quote: I will not rest until black children are taught to love themselves as themselves.

Carolanne is passionate about black youth development and civic engagement. .



July 10th to July 14th Activities

Mon(July 10th)- Civic Education and LILARC

Tue (July 11th) - Civic Education, Principles of Problem Solving, and Congolese Dancing

Wed (July 12th)- LILARC and Middle School Focus Group (Middle School)

Thur (July 13th)- Principles of Problem Solving and FAMU STEAM Lab

Fri (July 14th)- **Field Trip** Wild Adventures

...Please give your student money for field trips

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The Mississippi High School Tournament for Math and Science

Week four Highlights

The students saw the play "STEAM" at the Irene C. Edmonds Youth Theatre, participated in hands on STEM experiments, and went to Urban Air Adventure Park this week. The students played dodge ball at FAMU's Jack Gaither Gym.

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On Thursday, July 13, 2023 the students participated in a activity with the FAMU STEAM Lab. The student made rockets and did hands on STEM activities. Thank you to David White Ph.D who is a proffessor in the department of secondary education, technology education and foundations.

We extend our deepest appreciation to Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University for their continued support!

Thank You!



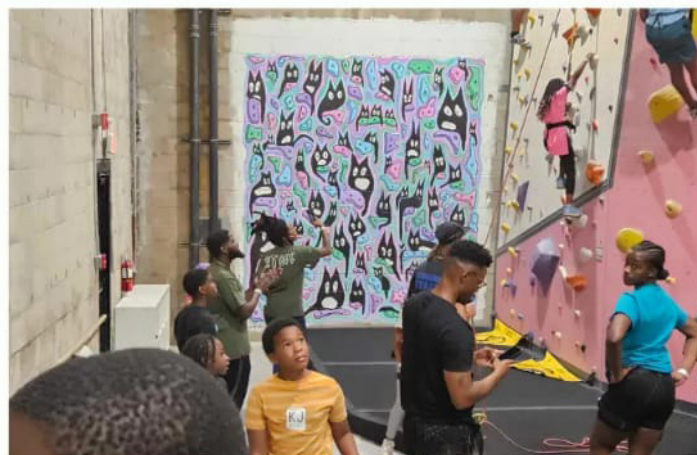
Dear parents,

Through the past few weeks we have made a concerted effort to prioritize improving our campers' fortitude by enhancing their critical thinking skills and fostering self-confidence. We understand the significance of equipping them to navigate any adverse childhood experiences they may encounter in the future.

Through engaging activities and discussions, we focus on developing critical thinking abilities, enabling campers to analyze situations from multiple perspectives and make informed decisions. Simultaneously, our supportive environment encourages self-confidence, allowing campers to embrace their strengths, set goals, and achieve them.

By strengthening fortitude through critical thinking and self-confidence, we empower our campers to face challenges with resilience and perseverance. We believe in each camper's incredible potential!

Dr. Bruce Strouble



Special Guest this week

Bev Randolph gave out copies of her book "Bema's Adventures Presents: Bema's Big Bully."

The National Hook-up of Black Women Inc, Gadsden Chapter read and gave out multiple books to the students.



Counselor Highlights

Jeffery Pierrevil

Teacher at Griffin Middle School

Movement Facilitator at the Brilliant Resilience
Summer Camp.



Jayvin Strouble

Junior Camp Counselor

Favorite Quote: Pain is temporary pride is forever.

Jayvin is passionate about playing basketball at
Leon High School .

Quashier S. Flood-Strouble

School Counselor

Favorite Quote: I have forgotten things that you
haven't learned (Samuel Flood) .

Quashier is passionate about student growth and
development.



July 17-July 21st

Mon (July 17th)- Dream on Workshop and Civic Education

Tue (July 18th) - Dream on Workshop and Principles of Problem Solving

Wed (July 19th)-Dream on Workshop and Civic Education

Thur (July 20th)- Dream on Workshop and Principles of Problem Solving

Fri (July 21th)- **Field Trip** Wakulla Springs

*...Please give your
student money for
field trips and have
them pack for the
occasion...*

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Week five Highlights

The students participated in art projects that were hosted by FAMU's department of Visual Arts, Humanities, and Theater. They were also visited by Mutaqee Akbar Esq. He discussed the importance of understanding their legal rights, Florida law, and civil liberties.



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On Friday, July 21, 2023 the students went to Wakulla Springs. They were able to take a tour of the springs and swim in the cool water. This was one of many water day activities.



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Thank You!



Dear Parents,

Over the past five weeks at the Brilliant Resilience Summer Camp, we have been on an incredible journey of growth, learning, and empowerment with our campers. Throughout this time, we've focused on cultivating resilience in Black Youth by providing enriching experiences.

During our engaging educational sessions, we've nurtured critical thinking skills, encouraging our campers to analyze situations from different perspectives and make informed choices. Through team-building activities and creative outlets, we've bolstered their self-confidence, allowing them to embrace their strengths and set and achieve personal goals.

In the process, our campers have not only become more resilient but have also developed strong bonds with their peers, forming a close-knit and supportive community. As we address important topics such as self-respect, respecting others, and understanding boundaries, we are fostering a culture of respect and empathy among our campers.

The past five weeks have been a testament to the incredible potential and brilliance of our Black Youth. We are inspired by their growth, enthusiasm, and unwavering spirit.

Dr. Bruce Strouble



Special Guest Speaker

Mutaqee Akbar Esq.



Counselor Highlight

Camille Lewis

Earth's Garden CEO

Favorite Quote: Work hard and play hard.

Ms. Lewis's educational passion is teaching student's to love learning.

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Week six Highlights

The students finished learning how to solve their rubiks cubes, mastered playing chess and checkers, completed experiments in the garden, participated in a focus group and earned Amazon gift cards. and solidified life long friendships.



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On Friday, July 28, 2023, the students protested on the streets of Tallahassee with signs that they created regarding polices that the students deemed unfair. They then toured Florida Agricultures and Mechanical University Black Archives. They got a glimpse of their rich history and Floridian culture.



We extend our deepest appreciation to Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University for their continued support!

Thank You!



Special Activity This Week

Brilliant Resilience Summer Camp end of the summer celebration. On the last day of camp parents and friends came to celebrate our last day with their children.



Director Highlight



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the Brilliant Resilience Summer Camp, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for entrusting your children to our care and being a part of this incredible journey of growth and empowerment.

Over the past weeks, we have accomplished our goals of fostering resilience in our campers. Through engaging educational sessions, team-building activities, and meaningful discussions, we've equipped them with valuable life skills, including critical thinking, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence.

We are proud to see how much our campers have grown in confidence and self-assurance, ready to take on the challenges that lie ahead in the new school year. We are confident that they will face any hurdles with resilience and determination.

The bonds formed between our campers have been nothing short of inspiring. They have become a close-knit community, supporting and uplifting one another. We are grateful for the positive and inclusive atmosphere that they have helped create.

As we return your children to your care, we believe that they are better equipped to navigate life's journey, and they carry with them the seeds of change and empowerment. We are honored to have been a part of their summer and their lives.

We sincerely hope that the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the memories created will stay with our campers for years to come. We also encourage you to continue the conversations on resilience, respect, and empowerment at home, as they are essential for continued growth.

Thank you for being a part of the Brilliant Resilience Summer Camp. We hope to see our campers shine and make a positive impact in their communities and beyond.

Wishing you all the best for the upcoming school year and beyond.

With warmest regards,

Bruce Strouble Ph.D

****It was sincerely a pleasure serving your children.****