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We're back...

...to school and to the second edition of the NJASC Review. In this issue you'll find out about NJASC's summer adventures—all the way from Kansas right back to the Garden State. This summer really brought meaning to our theme: Home. In the beginning of the summer we experienced the National Association of Student Councils conference. Our journey consisted of 28 students, the NJASC executive board and students from participating schools, and 12 advisors in our Midwest expedition to Overland Park, Kansas. After loving Kansas we did remember that there really is no place like home. Three weeks after our return, we took our 52nd annual LTC to a new home, The College of New Jersey. Summer 2007 was filled with wonderful experiences which the NJASC embraced; we thank everyone who helped establish our Home.

This issue will also discuss this year's state charity: The Valerie Fund—their goals, their dreams, and their actions.

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New Jersey's HOME
Harmony Offers Motivational Experiences

The Valerie Fund- State Charity

“The Valerie Center became an integral part of Charlottes growth and development. We truly believe that this supportive environment carried us through the hardest of times.”

Pam and Joe Holland
Parents of Charlotte, Age 3



“The Valerie Fund provides comprehensive health care. To us, this means state-of-the-art medical treatment as well as a full slate of non-medical programs that envelop and engage all members of the family in a therapeutic environment - everything from running a week-long summer camp program for kids, to hiring the best child development specialists, to providing counseling for children, parents and siblings, to providing family-oriented space within hospitals. We strongly believe that by supporting the families when they need it most, we greatly enhance the quality of life for all, as well as the survival rates of our patients.”



Thanks to the thousands of caring contributors and volunteers, today there are seven Valerie Fund Children's Centers for Cancer and Blood Disorders located in major hospitals in the tri-state area, providing caring and comprehensive health care to more than 5,000 children and their families each year.

Nationals 07

“Follow the Leadership Road”

At the end of June, the NJASC’s delegates and advisors were all set to get on the road to leadership...or should I say plane? The night before our flight Bordentown High School provided the Northern Jersey delegates with food and shelter before we had to catch our early flight from the Philadelphia airport the next morning. We finally made it to Kansas after a stopover in Chicago. After lunch and some rest in our hotel room, we went to the Kansas City T-Bones baseball game where we got to eat a lot of really good junk and start the bonding and friendships that were going to be made through our trip.

The next day was the first day of the conference— “Twister” Day. We checked out of the hotel and proceeded on a bus to Blue Valley Northwest High School where we were greeted and overwhelmed by thousands of delegates from all over the nation, including Puerto Rico. We had our first general session where all the states were chanting cheers of representation. There was music, singing, and many speakers who were ready to kick off the conference. It really was a twister! In the halls of Blue Valley Northwest there were scurrying delegates and advisors, anxious to meet everyone they possibly could, trade pins, stickers, hats, beads, and check out the other states’ for trading on the last day. At the end of they day, you were an oddball if you didn’t have at least 30 trades! After all the exciting commotion, our host families came and picked us up to spend the evening and night with them.



The second day’s theme was “Courage.” the delegates were split up and we went to different workshops, presented by representatives from different states. Fitting as the theme was, we proceeded to Worlds of Fun, an amusement park, where we could experience thrilling rides with our states. The third day was an extremely significant day—“Heart” day. This day, the Special Olympics came to Blue Valley Northwest. Each NASC delegate was paired with a Special Olympian to assist them in their Olympic events. Their ages ranged from 10 year olds to 55 year olds. We all, the delegates, opened up our hearts to each an every one of them and were taught many lessons through this day. In the evening we had a Flag Ceremony and Community Ball, where each State President got to present their flags to the delegates and advisors, we had a dinner and dance, and some representative from the Special Olympics stayed on to perform for us. It really was a heart-felt experience.



The fourth day of the conference was “Knowledge” day. We traveled to Kansas university and got to explore the educational facility. We had our Region meetings, ate lunch on campus, and got to see various speaker showcases. We sat in the KU stadium for our dinner and watched the reflection ceremony. Here there was singing, candle lighting, inspirational speeches, and even a little bit of tear shedding as the now united NASC delegates reflected on their Kansas experiences. Finally, day five— “No Place Like Home” day—

we left our temporary homes and families and had our last general session where. Instead of each state separately chanting, we, the delegates of NASC, chanted as a whole nation of leaders as one. We finally said our goodbyes to our new friends and were almost on our way back home. The NJASC decided to have a last place before going back to the Garden State. The rain came just in time for our outdoor shopping expedition, but luckily the rain held out during the conference. After shopping we went to Dave and Busters for dinner and games and had our last bonding experience as a New Jersey delegation. Afterwards we proceeded back to the hotels, packed our bags, and finally got some sleep. The next morning we left the hotel and left Kansas and came home, nostalgically. New Jersey’s HOME was the perfect theme for our Kansas voyage. Throughout the week we followed the leadership road through a twister, courage, heart, and knowledge; and we learned that there is really no place like Kansas our amazing short-term home . It really was the experience of a lifetime!

Kansas!



The 52nd Annual Leadership Training Conference !

Only a few weeks after our trip, the NJASC gathered again at LTC 2007. The move to The College of New Jersey was an exciting new change for LTC. Although there were no rolling hills or real campfires, we succeeded in making LTC 2007 at TCNJ the best year ever at TCNJ! There was an amazing group of talented leaders from all parts of New Jersey who were thrilled about being a part LTC's new home. There was so much involvement and enthusiasm from our spirited songfest, the unforgettable talent show, intense LTC games, and remarkable skit night! Everyone who was involved in the heavy preparation did a phenomenal job of making LTC at TCNJ a huge success. Thank you to all the delegates for attending LTC and bringing enthusiasm to the conference; and thanks to all the staff who were amazing at making this occasion memorable. Now I would like to share some of the first hand experiences that some delegates wrote about:

"LTC was such an amazing experience. When I signed up I'll admit that i was kind of worried...but when I left Medford Lakes I could have never prepared to be transported from New Jersey to Baltic Ave. to AFRICA to Oz..."

Evan Anderson
Shawnee High School
Medford, NJ

"LTC brought out a whole other side of me. It definitely made me more confident as a leader and as a student council member."

Caitlyn Quinn
Washington Township High School
Sewell, NJ

"LTC was by far one of the greatest experiences of my life; not to mention the most fun I have ever had with an amazing group of people I just met... From the minute you arrive you feel as though you are HOME and are immediately welcomed into a community of leaders just like yourself...I have already started to use numerous ideas I learned from the classes and incorporate them into my Student Council for this school year...The leadership skills and friendships I acquired at LTC are sure to last me a lifetime!"

Murphy Kate Delaney
Monsignor Donovan High School
Toms River, NJ

"I would like to thank you for the wonderful experience I had at LTC this year...I was blown away by how much fun I had...The atmosphere at LTC was so energetic and fun I wanted to stay there all summer...The JC's and SC's taught me so much about leading, listening, and life lessons in general that I will treasure for the rest of my life."

Colin Kochenash
Millstone Middle School
Millstone, NJ



Deadlines:

Running for State Office Applications

Postmark no later than 11/9 to:

NJASC c/o Lou Miller
Brooklawn Middle School
250 Beachwood Rd.
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Honor School Forms

Postmark no later than 11/21 to:

Michaela Brown
104 Parker Road
Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

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6 Celtic Way
Parsippany, NJ 07054

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E-Mail Wendy at wbsitzler@njasc.org

*by 11/21 to indicate that your
School will participate*

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Thu. May 15, 2008

Nationals-Fort Worth, TX
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Session 2: July 13-16, 2008

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