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A Special Day Camp

Camp Sumatango! The name itself echoes the sounds of fun in the great outdoors. This summer was no exception for 4-H and DOT (Diet's Our Thing) youth in Etowah County, Alabama. They participated in the first day camp planned especially for 4-Hers and low-income youth enrolled in the 4-H DOT program.

The three-day camp featured a variety of outdoor activities including swimming, hiking, arts and crafts, canoeing, health and safety, foods and nutrition, nature study, T-shirt decorating, ceramics, cookouts, and songs and games.

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The camp attendance was limited to the first 100 youth who returned their permission form and \$7.50 fee. They were taken by bus at 8:00 a.m. to the 1,200-acre natural site and returned at 5:00 p.m.

The youths received a nutritious meal catered to the camp site by the local school board and the summer lunch program.

The children loved the camp, especially doing things with others their own age. The evaluation sheets showed they'd all like to have this activity repeated next year.

The purpose of the day camp was achieved: to give 4-H and low-income youth the privilege of participating in the great outdoors in wholesome, invigorating recreation.

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