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**Camp Horizon Opens Summer Opportunity For Kids And Counselors**

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Sometimes life is about taking risks and for one group of youngsters -- that's exactly what this weekend is about. This weekend is the second year of Camp Horizon.

Chattanooga Physical Therapist Lindsay Sharp grew up in Chattanooga, spending summers at Camp Lookout. Sharp says when she completed her degree and began her practice she soon learned there were very few summer opportunities for children with special needs...and so she went to work to make it happen.

Many of the children at Camp Horizon don't venture far away from home or family. So, this weekend is an adventure for the campers - But while they're having fun - the kids inspire and teach others important lessons.

Katie and Rachel Seaton are nine-year-old twins. Both say they love Camp Horizon. It's their second year here. Katie says, "I came here last year. So, I was kind of excited to see if it will be different from last year." She says some things are different and her favorites stayed the same.

She is one of the 14 campers paired up -- with their very own counselors. Most of the counselors are volunteers from UTC's Doctoral Physical therapy program.

Katie says "It's pretty handy because everybody needs a little bit of help sometimes."

Seven-year-old Jay Shin, likes the helping hand his counselor, Alex Eubank offers. Sunday, Jay and Alex work together to decorate a flower pot. It's something special Jay wants to give his parents.

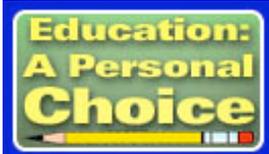
Jays says Alex is a big help. He adds, "He's nice and friendly and I like him so much."

But while Jay is having fun , Alex is learning more than any textbook can teach.

Alex explains, "As a physical therapy student, it's different than a textbook - Hearing about different diagnosis - you actually get to be with children in real life situations."

For Katie this weekend is about risks - Katie and her sister Rachel are in wheelchairs. Katie says she has trouble traveling





- the changing terrain. But another risk the campers take on is challenging their own confidence.

It's a feat, Katie and Rachel share success in. In front of the entire camp, the siblings harmonize through Uncle Kracker's "Follow Me".

Sunday, afternoon the camper's families came to Rising Fawn for a final wrap-up together before going home.



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