

# JCYS Testimonials



*I've heard school, daycare and camp horror stories, but we knew JCYS was the right fit before we even toured the school. They urge parents to send kids with "lovies" or a photo of family and other things that smell like home. Friends we've trusted for over 25 years sent their kids there and loved it. Our speech therapist, who's worked at several day schools, said JCYS (where she also sent her two kids) is the best since the providers love the kids like their own so they feel confident to learn and grow. She said some other play school programs lacked the strong educational component. Our pediatrician also sent his kids to JCYS. The open house that our son attended with us in the spring confirmed our trust in the program.*

— Julia, Michael R. Lutz Family Center parent

*Leaving your children for someone else to care for them is hard for a mother. The moment I walked into George W. Lutz Family Center, I knew that everyone on staff cared. I remember being asked if I had any concerns or questions, and I truly didn't. I did not have one doubt in my mind that our family would like it here. I connected with the teachers immediately, and knew that my kids would as well. I was right. The curriculum is amazing. I see progress reports, progress in action, and a well-rounded, loving environment.*

— Tobey, George W. Lutz Family Center parent

*Camp is extraordinary! It has great counselors, awesome unit heads and you can meet a lot of friends. My favorite things about Camp Henry Horner are: archery, basketball, free swim, canteen and overnights. You should come to this awesome camp!*

— Matthew, 8 years old, Camp Henry Horner day camper

*JCYS Camp Henry Horner is undoubtedly the most important part of my kids' whole year. I am a believer in the philosophy that – if given the right, safe environment – a child left to discover themselves and explore their place in the world will grow exponentially. Inevitably, I drop off a different child than I pick up at Camp Henry Horner every year. My oldest son comes home having been able to connect deeply with peers and role models (in the counselors). Camp Henry Horner overnight camp experience is like a huge buffet of choices as it relates to what new activities he will try and who he will respect, emulate, feel compassion for, and attempt to teach.*

— Lori, Camp Henry Horner overnight camp parent

*I honestly don't know how to express how blessed my family is or how deeply I've been touched by crossing paths with the staff at Camp Red Leaf. I watched as the love, affection and friendship your counselors gave to (my son) helped his personality begin to blossom and his world open up. He has started using a few words. It is the first time I've heard him say anything clearly in years.*

— Larry, Camp Red Leaf parent

*The greatest joy was to see his self-esteem increase as he became more and more successful with the program. He has become more talkative with extended family and other adults and on occasion blurts out "I'm happy" just as a reflection of how he is feeling. I think he experienced friends in a new and more meaningful way and also saw himself as a good friend. And while all this would have been ample outcomes from his camp experience, he is more compliant at home, gets along better with his older sister and is generally a kinder gentler boy. We feel Peter is on a good road to having a successful school year both academically and socially.*

— Maria, Camp STAR parent



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