

HOLMES CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Living the Mission Award



For nearly 30 years **Superkidz Kamp** has empowered youth and promoted community through collaboration. For this work, the board of Holmes Camp & Retreat Center is pleased to honor Superkidz Kamp with its **Living the Mission award**.

Founded in 1997, SuperKidz Kamp was born from a simple but powerful belief: every child is gifted and talented and deserves the opportunity to discover those gifts, develop them, and use them to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Inspired by the life-changing experience its founder, Dr. Ansley W. LaMar, had as a camper and counselor at Holmes Camp & Retreat Center, SuperKidz Kamp was created to provide future generations of young people with the same sense of belonging, challenge, discovery, and transformation that helped shape his own life.

Dedicated to developing the gifts and talents of all children, SuperKidz Kamp is far more than a seven-day residential summer camp. It is a leadership laboratory where campers build confidence, character, courage, and compassion through adventure, teamwork, creativity, meaningful relationships, thoughtful reflection, and joyful play. Guided by the values of Safety, Growth, Friendship, Fun, and Sustainability, campers are encouraged to take healthy risks, discover their voices, appreciate differences, and develop the social and emotional intelligence needed to thrive in school, in their communities, and throughout their lives.

At SuperKidz Kamp, leadership is not defined by popularity, position, or power, but by integrity, empathy, resilience, responsibility, and service. Every activity, from collaborative games and leadership Playshops to campfires and shared meals, is intentionally designed to help young people become the very best version of themselves while strengthening the community around them.

The week at camp is only the beginning. SuperKidz Kamp strives to plant seeds of confidence, character, compassion, and friendship that continue to grow long after campers return home, inspiring lives of purpose, meaningful relationships, and service to others.

SuperKidz Kamp aspires to be more than an exceptional camp. It strives to be a transformational experience that prepares young people not simply for the next school year, but for a lifetime of purposeful leadership and meaningful service.

Dr. LaMar shares that receiving the **Living the Mission Award** from Holmes Camp & Retreat Center is especially meaningful because, "Holmes' commitment to nurturing young people through community, challenge, faith, and service inspired the creation of SuperKidz Kamp. This honor celebrates not only an organization, but the enduring legacy of one camp's mission lived out in the lives of countless young people across generations."

At SuperKidz Kamp, we do not simply prepare children for camp. We prepare them for life.