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thinc Program 2012 Donor Report



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Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Martha and I don't know what else to say about your generosity this year in supporting the third annual thinc Program at Valley Forge, PA. Without your donations the incredible week fourteen students from Harrisburg (PA), Philadelphia (PA), and Prince George's County (MD) experienced together simply would not have been possible.

Students' eyes were opened to the possibilities that exist for their futures and lasting friendships were formed. Due to this year's generous donations we were able to extend the thinc Program by an extra day which gave us much more flexibility in offering a wide variety of learning experiences.

We are already thinc-ing about next year, but wanted to take some time out to give all of you a glimpse into the amazing week these students had and say thank you!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you again!

Martha and Lance Rougeux

Co-founders, Purple Feet Foundation



Thank you from the students!



I would like to say Thank You for letting me come to PFF and have the best time of my life at a summer camp with new people and trying new things, going different places, and learning how others work together to complete things.

Thank you for your hard work!



Thank you for everything. Thank you for the swimming, thank you for all things and everything. We had an awesome time, and I just wanted to tell you thanks.

I would like to say thank you and I liked the pool that we went to and the colleges and the Barnes and Nobles trip.



Thank you for everything you have done for me all week.

I would like to tell all of the donors that I'm extremely grateful for their kindness and that if it weren't for them I wouldn't get to meet new people from all sorts of places. I hope they continue their kindness so that next year's group can have as much if not, more fun than us! THANK YOU SOOO MUCH!!!!!!



Thank you for your money to get things that we need and for all the trips that we went on and for our rooms and activities.



Thanks for all of your donations so that we can go to Valley Forge and to other exciting places. WE LOVE VALLEY FORGE!!!

I would like to say thanks to the donors. Thank you for allowing me to attend this trip. I really had fun and also meeting other people from all around the world so thank you very much.



THANK YOU for donating the money so we can come to PURPLE FEET, paying so we can go to the colleges, and going swimming, and paying for food.

THANK YOU for letting me come out here to have fun!



I would like to say thank you so much to the donors because without them I wouldn't have had the best experience ever and the best summer because I have never been so far away from home for so long. I never had a chance to see the woods and the animals that come out at night time.

I would like to thank you for all your generosity. You gave your own money to help us out and for that I am very, very thankful for your donations.



Thank you so much for your donations. WE LOVE YOU!!!!!!

Sunday

We spent the first day getting to know each other, did a little geocaching to learn about the campus, started our hot air balloon project and reflected on our first day together.



Monday

The students quickly realized that they need their rest at night :) Today included a full day at Villanova University, a trip to Barnes and Noble, Einstein Hour, journal reflections and more!

Check out the full schedule at: <http://thincprogram2012.sched.org>

Tuesday

The morning started with a special guest - George Washington. Then we went to Valley Forge National Park in a trolley. We had Einstein Hour in the park, interviewed our adult mentors about their career paths, and oh yes, SWIMMING! After swimming we hosted the Purple Feet Olympics, worked on our hot air balloons and reflected on the day together.



Wednesday

Today was about trying new things. Culinary Arts, Photography, Construction, Arts and Crafts, Green Screening and more were on the students' roster.



Thursday

We visited Cabrini College today and worked on our glog projects that summarized our thinc experience. The extra day this year also gave us a second chance to go swimming. After our special banquet followed by final journal reflections we enjoyed Movie Night together.

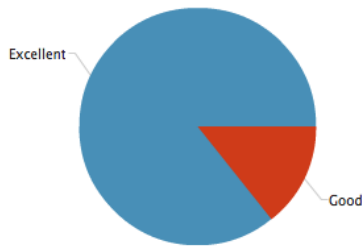


Friday

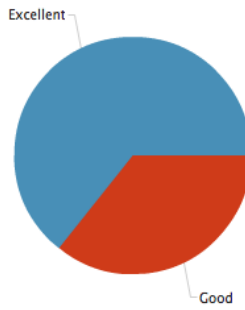
What a week! Friday is always bittersweet. Signing our "weekbooks" (think yearbooks but only for a week) was fun and emotional. But the Diet Coke and Mentos Fireworks display picked up our spirits and reminded us that this is just the beginning of many amazing opportunities in our lives.

Attendee Survey Results

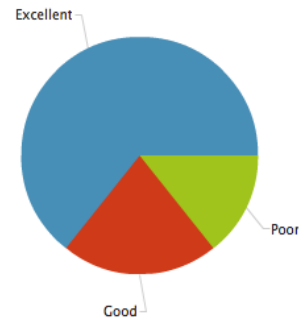
FFVF Campus



Bedroom



Food



Activity	Rating 1 = I loved it 4 = I didn't like it at all
Photography	1.0
Swimming	1.0
Hovercraft Construction	1.1
VU Athletics Facility	1.2
Barnes and Noble	1.2
Culinary Arts	1.2
Arts and Crafts	1.2
Hot Air Balloons	1.3
Green Screen	1.3
Geocaching	1.4
VU Nursing Lab	1.4
Glogster Projects	1.4
VU Computer Lab	1.5
Einstein Hour	1.5
Valley Forge Trolley Tour	1.5
Cabrini College Tour	1.7
Visit from George Washington	2.0

View the full survey results at: <http://tinyurl.com/thinc2012survey>

Attendee Survey Comments

A sampling of the comments the students made about thinc 2012.



Which of the sessions or projects was your favorite and why?

Hovercrafts because we got to be broken apart from our friends and be grouped with new people and we became friends with them and also because it was really cool, fun, and awesome.

I liked the culinary arts because I am going to be a chef when I grow up. I am going to study food/cooking while I am in college. I also liked the photography because I love to take pictures of things.

The sessions or projects that were my favorite were when we made the hovercrafts and tested them ourselves. Another project I liked was when we made the hot air balloons and saw which one went the furthest.



Which of the trips was your favorite and why?

Villanova had to be the best trip because we got to experience how people who go to the school actually work, eat, play sports, and live.

My favorite trip was when we went to the colleges because some day I will be going to college.

My favorite trip was the trip to Cabrini because the campus was beautiful and we had better lunch than at Villanova! I really liked the tour and we all enjoyed ourselves.



If you could change something for next year's schedule (e.g., another trip, another session, etc.) what would it be?

If I can change something next year it would be to extend it to 2 weeks because there will be more time for people to enjoy.

The camp should be for the whole summer.

Other fun feedback from the students *(and our responses)*

You guys should go to Rita's or Chipotle.

Budget pending, Mrs. Rougeux and I both like Rita's and Chipotle.

No journals because we get sleepy and tired from writing.

Ha! That is sort of the point.

If I could change anything for next year's schedule it would be another trip to the pools. The pools are really fun and it's the perfect time for a kid to truly act like a kid! We got to do lots of fun stuff but the pools really let us be us. I'm not complaining about anything but a lot of the stuff we do has to do with learning and going to the pools lets us relax and stretch our bodies.

And your future career will be as a lawyer.

I think the waking up early. (I'm not the only person who thinks so too. I'm just sayin)

Go to bed earlier than 2 a.m. Just sayin :)

You should change at least one trip to a water park, Six Flags or the mall.

30% of you said the same thing. Nice collaboration.

