

## **Camp H.O.P.E. 2007 Review**

Dear ALW Angels:

We have just returned from our week-long adventure at Camp H.O.P.E.!! We spent 6 jam-packed days in Kentucky, and each day was full of environmental education, hands-on activities, outdoor adventures and lots of fun! The 15 underprivileged Appalachian children who attended the camp had the time of their lives!

We hiked to the Wind Tunnel and learned Native American customs. We climbed through the Bat Cave to discover an unusual stalagmite that only grows in this particular cave! We studied invertebrates and tested water samples in Miller Creek. We had a visit from the Kentucky Reptile Zoo. We discussed mountaintop removal mining practices, global warming, survival techniques, sustainability and more. We made SLIME! We took a trail ride at the Kentucky Horse Park. We had a course on Nature Photography. We played games, we swam, and we danced! And that was only SOME of the experiences we shared!

We will be giving you a longer review of the week in the August newsletter, but we couldn't wait to thank EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU who supported ANY of our fundraisers this past year, who generously sponsored and/or 'adopted' one or more of our campers, who VOLUNTEERED their time and talents at the camp, who encouraged us to believe in our dreams and who take to heart the mission and goals of ALW. We couldn't have presented this week without ALL OF YOU, and we wish all of you could have been there to see our campers learn, grow and SMILE! One little guy told us "This has been the best week of my entire life!" Another camper said "Camp H.O.P.E. is Paradise on Earth - Kentucky Style!" Yeah, baby!!!!

Thanks again. It meant so much to each of our campers -- and it means THE WORLD to us!

Love,

Linda and Wen  
Founders  
ALW