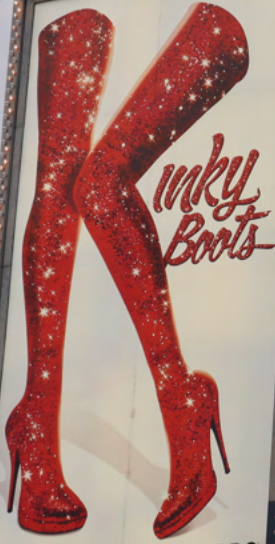


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I spoke to a camper parent a few weeks ago who told me what an impact Camp Lightbulb's very first Leadership Camp had on their kid. They made friends from all over the US, whom they keep in regular contact with, and they not only have an internship at one of the organizations we featured during camp, but are also seriously considering changing their career path to Human Rights.

We had a diverse line-up of organizations represented: Amnesty International, GLSEN, The Phluid Project, The Trevor Project and Victory Fund.

Everyone we met was so gracious and hospitable and keen to make a difference in a young person's life. Camp was a full-on, challenging week - mostly for the right reasons! I am so proud and grateful to everyone involved in putting together these experiences that resonate and, in some cases, change a young person's life.

PUCK

FOREWORD

Like many gay boys who came of age in the 20th century, my camp experience was fraught with terror and humiliation. The tyranny of sports, the close camaraderie of boys for whom I felt either too much affection or none at all and the communal showers set me apart and kept me to myself. I did everything I could to disappear; I even tried to break my leg one summer as a way of cutting short my stay at camp. It would be many years before I found a community of fellow queers and learned that being myself was in fact my superpower.

Camp Lightbulb has reinvented camp for the 21st century. They are providing queer youth with the opportunity to discover their superpower at an early age; an environment where they can be safe, seen and celebrated; and perhaps most importantly, a community where they can be accepted as themselves. This current generation is proving that young people know who they are from the get-go, and though they may not always have the freedom to express themselves, they will not be deterred from moving closer toward those principals we claim to hold most dear - Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Camp Lightbulb is more than just a camp; it's a commitment to our future – one that encourages LGBTQ+ young people to express and explore themselves in the company of others.

JAMES LECESNE

CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday 07/29/18

Camper Check-In, Opening Games, Big Gay Ice Cream and Tour of the West Village

Monday 07/30/18

Arts & Crafts Badge Making, Amnesty International Visit

Tuesday 07/31

Arts & Crafts Flower Crowns, The Trevor Project Workshop with Co-Founder James Lecesne

Wednesday 08/01

Travel to Washington DC, GLSEN Visit, Walking Tour of DC

Thursday 08/02

Victory Fund Visit, Return to NYC

Friday 08/03

Photoshoot, The Phluid Project Visit, Counselor Appreciation Dinner, Camper Awards

Saturday 08/04

Camper Check-Out

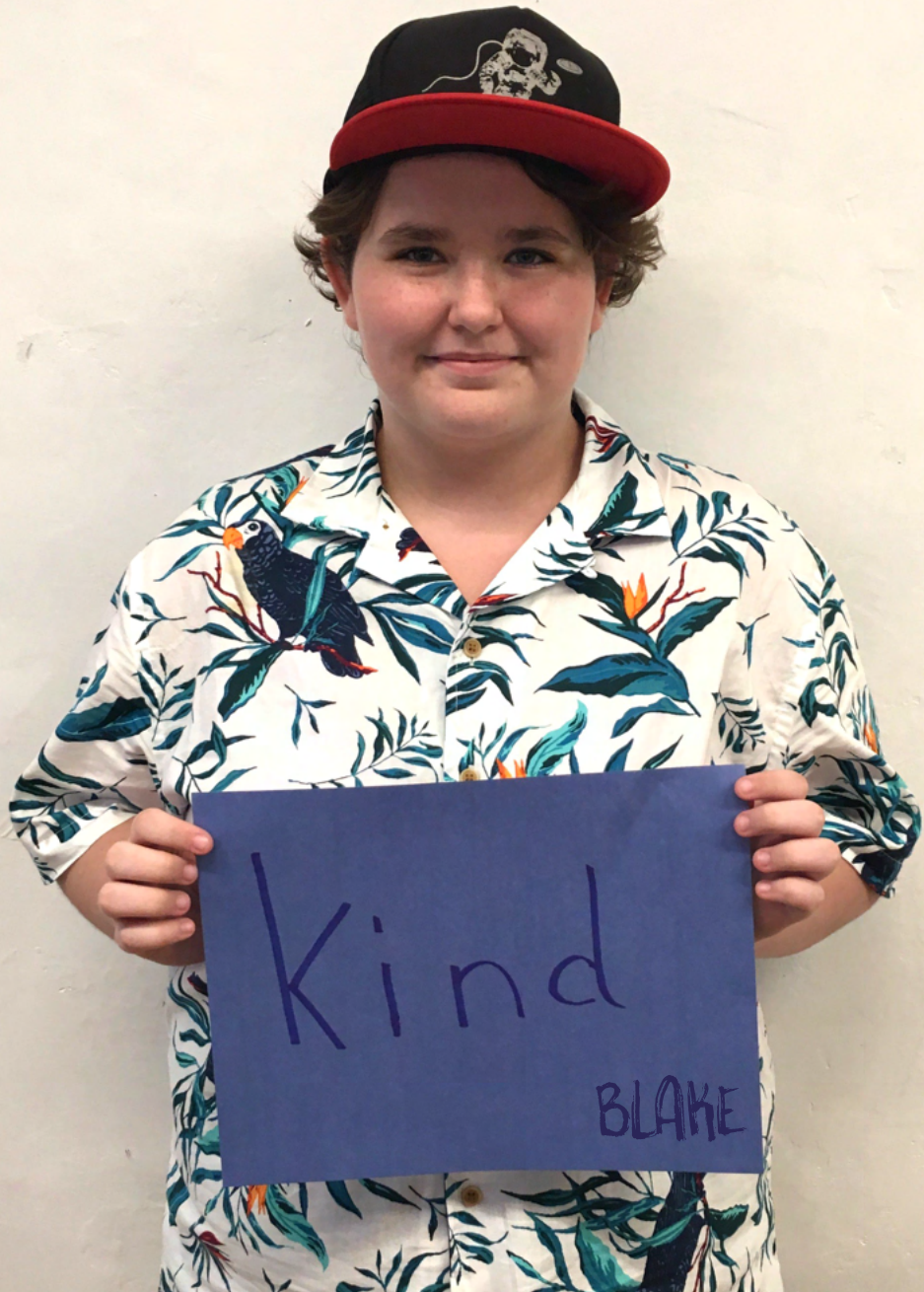




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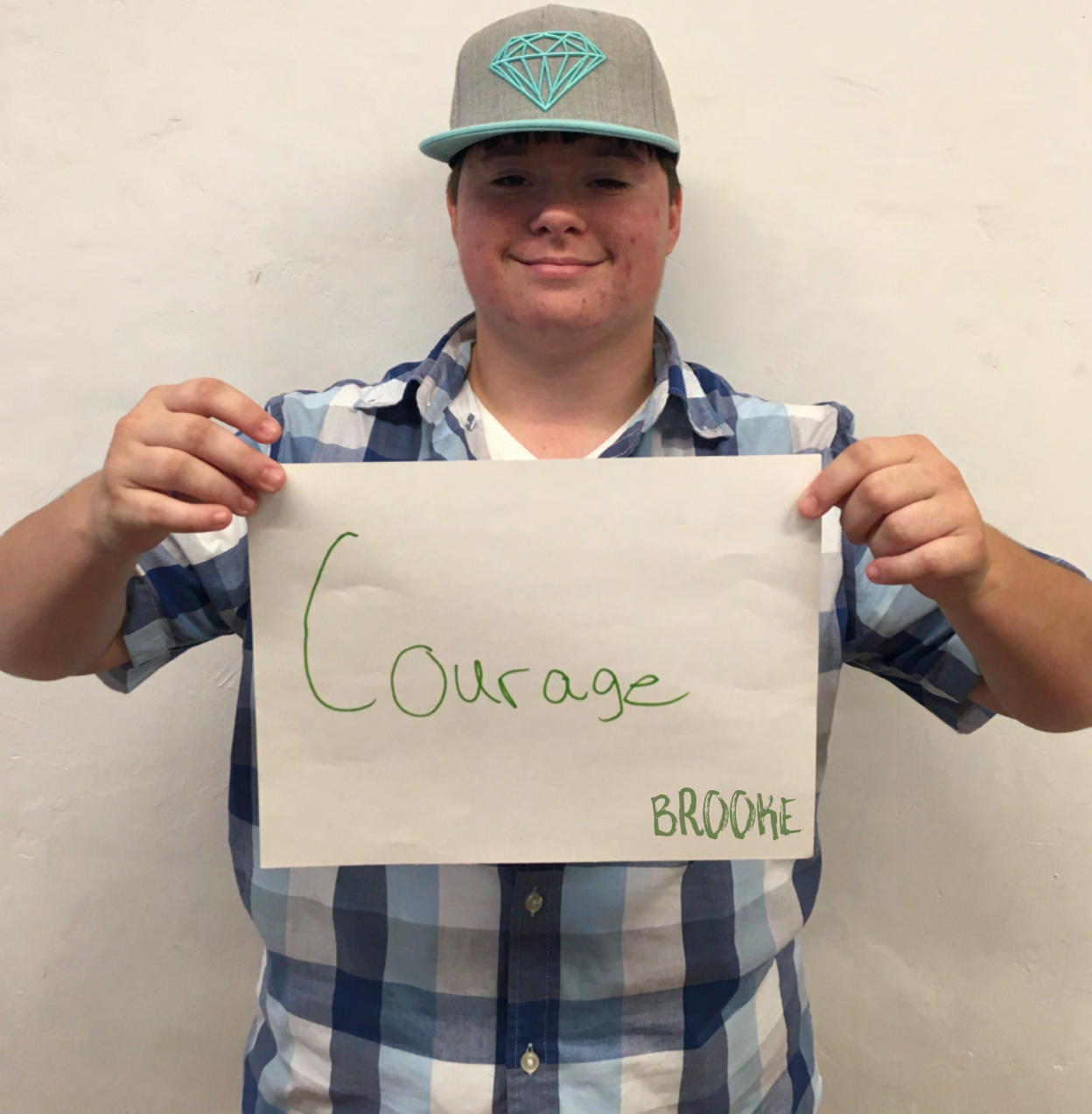
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