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NCATL Sponsors Salvation Army Camp Experience for Underprivileged Children

RALEIGH: Members of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, a community of lawyers, paralegals, and other legal professionals who work throughout the state to protect the rights of all people, will send at least 17 underprivileged children to summer camp this year through a partnership with The Salvation Army's Walter Johnston Summer camp program in Denton, N.C.

The program provides a zero-cost, week-long camping opportunity for 150 underprivileged kids each summer. Campers play volleyball, basketball, swim, hike in the woods and take part in many other activities that stimulate their imaginations and their confidence. They also receive a workbook, two camp t-shirts, a hygiene kit and a backpack.

The Salvation Army tells of one of their campers recent success stories. Korey, a 13 year old, had this to say about camp: "Something was missing with me before I went to camp. And if you're not right with life, [camp] is the place to go. The counselors were inspiring. They told me that nobody was perfect and they taught me to have confidence in myself."

As one Charlotte-based attorney who is sponsoring a child put it, "It means one solid week of fun and relaxation for the kid, no matter what else happens."

The Academy is divided into subgroups of attorneys who specialize in certain types of law. Members of the Workers Compensation Section and the organization's Executive Committee sponsored the largest number of kids this year, with each group sponsoring at least four of the 17 children. Individuals can sponsor a child to attend camp with a contribution of \$200.

