

# The Bell

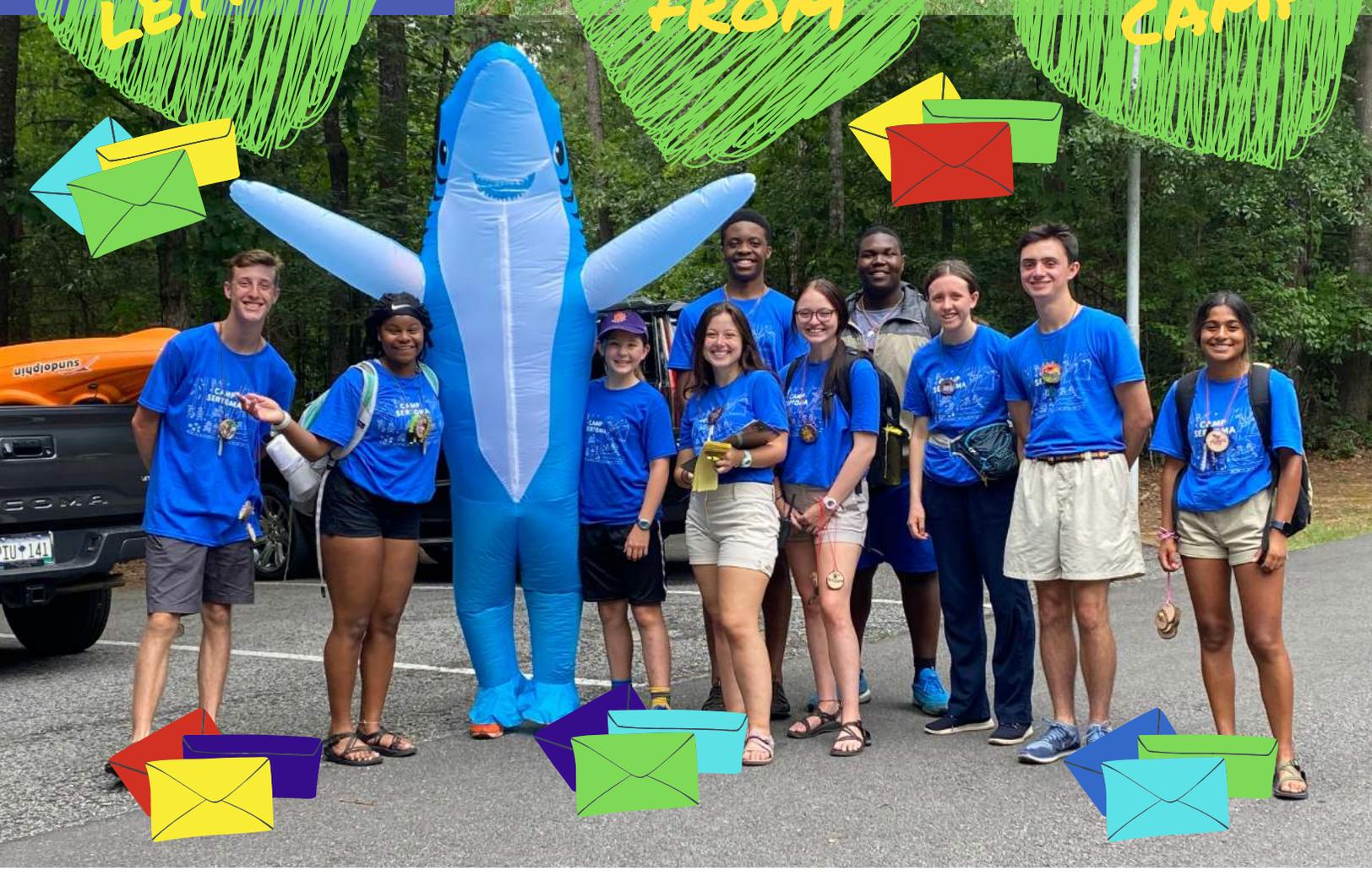


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LETTERS

FROM

CAMP



Dear Dr. Dale, Thank you for letting me go to camp. It was the best time ever.  
Everett



Dear Dr. T, Thank you for giving me the chance to go to Camp Sertoma. It has changed my life and opened my eyes. I'm so very thankful for everyone at camp.

 Savannah





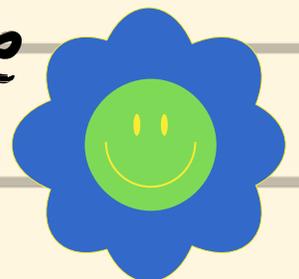
Dear Mr. Sertoman,  
I had such a great time  
at camp! I actually  
cried because I didn't  
want to go leave! I had  
an amazing time. I  
think I want to come  
back next year.

Jess





Dear Sertoma members,  
I work as a Speech-Language  
Therapist at Keowee. I nominated  
two girls for camp and knew they  
would benefit from it. However, I  
was unprepared by the magnitude  
of the impact it had on one of the  
girls. Her entire confidence went  
from poor to high. The experience  
has left her feeling so good about  
herself. It was a delight for me to  
see her tell her peers about it and  
watch the twinkle in her eyes that  
had not been there before. Who knew  
that summer camp could do so  
much? Denise Powell, Keowee  
Elementary





Dear Charlie,

As director and former house mother of a group home for children who have attended your camps, I know first hand the benefits of your program. Prior to one week at Camp Sertoma, Kary had never experienced one week without getting in trouble. I kept his "Camper of the week" award hanging on our freezer door to encourage him that another good week was possible.



Anne



Dear Columbia Sertoma,

I don't know how to thank you for what you have done for my son, Joe. Getting me to commit to sending Joe to camp was not easy. I was a nervous wreck.

When I dropped Joe off at Camp Sertoma, his little legs were shaking. I waited that night for a phone call to come pick him up. Then I waited the next and the next.

I was sending out letters left and right

hoping he would not hate me for the rest of his life for forcing him to go to camp. When I picked Joe up that Saturday, he was a different child!

He was smiling and laughing at everyone around him. He showed me his cabin, and then proceeded to jump on top of two of his deaf roommates and they spent

the next 5 minutes rolling around the floor and laughing, just being boys. There was nothing

separating these boys, not race or handicap or background. Joe could stutter as much as he

wanted. He and the children around him figured out ways to communicate and it wasn't a big deal.

Before camp, Joe had never met any other child who stuttered. He told me that one day he wanted to be a counselor at Camp Sertoma. All this from a child who would not spend one night away from home!

Elizabeth



Dear Dr. Treash,



I wanted to say thank you for everything! Camp Sertoma is the best place in the world! I never wanted to leave-that's how great it was! I'm very thankful for getting the change to participate at Camp Sertoma. If you didn't tell me about Camp Sertoma I wouldn't have all of those great experiences or made so many friends!

Rilee

"This little girl was going to camp for the first time and did not say 2 words on our drive to camp and kept her head down for most of the drive. The following Saturday when we went to pick her up I hardly recognized her. She was smiling and her eyes were sparkling. She talked all the way home and told us all about the best week of her young life. It was very inspiring to me and sold me on how important Camp was and had a profound effect on Katie and all of the work she has done at Camp over the years!"

a memory from Gregg Cooley

*See you  
next  
year!!!*



# CAMP SEPTOMA CONFERENCE!!

Your invitation  
will come via  
email!

*SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11  
9:55-11:55*

*ST. MICHAEL  
AND ALL ANGELS  
CHURCH,  
COLUMBIA, SC*

# Camp Sertoma Conference

- How to be the best camp rep
- How to get the most out of your trustee
- Using Camp Sertoma to grow your club
- Awesome images from Camp Sertoma 2022
- News, updates, year in review



\*\*We will also have our election of officers for our board of trustees\*\*

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