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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



LMTI'S RETURN TO CAMP MASON

It's been two years since we've been able to fully gather at Camp Mason for our Summer Leadership Conference and I'm proud to report that the Ti Fire is burning stronger and brighter than ever! Our six CATS and twelve YACs FINALLY got to enjoy a full week of LMTI magic all while providing the participants with an out of this world experience. All of the 220 folks at camp had the opportunity to gain the skills and

knowledge they need to take action and make positive changes in themselves and their communities. We brought the pavilion down with hamster dancing and celebrated our lives to the fullest that week (but we still haven't fixed that little red wagon, though), but all of this wouldn't have been possible without the amazing youth staff, advisors, volunteers, and funders who support LMTI's mission. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you. R-O-C-K! YOU ROCK! YOU ROCK!

You can find pictures from camp at njlmti.org/pictures



BEEFSTEAK FUNDRAISER

Save the date for the Lindsey Meyer Memorial Funds annual beefsteak dinner!

November 22 at 7PM The Brownstone in Paterson, NJ Ticket Cost: \$60 (\$40 student)





CAMP TESTIMONIALS

Doug, Advisor

ON WHAT HIS GROUP IS BRINGING BACK: "That it's okay to be who they are, and that even if they are different, they can still make a change and hopefully affect the whole building as opposed to going back and just saying, 'oh, there's nothing I can do about that'."





Blake, Camper

ON HOW CAMP WENT FOR THE WEEK:

"It gave me a lot of positivity and really brought up my spirit, and it just helped me be more expressive and be myself here."

Kamilla, YAC ON WHAT LMTI MEANS TO HER:



"A place for community and understanding the dangers that come along with substance abuse, and finding a place for people to get along."

Yashi, CATS ON WHAT CAMP HAS BEEN FOR HER:



absolutely amazing. It started my tobacco prevention journey. In 2019 I was a camper and this camp inspired me to go back to my hometown and work with my action group to create change in my community."

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AWARD WINNERS



Knowledge Award: Garfield Ti (@GarfieldLMTI)

For promoting healthy lifestyle choices through an outstanding prevention program focusing on education and events.

Motivation Award: REACH (@Ridge.Reach)

For promoting healthy lifestyle choices through an outstanding prevention program and striving for programmatic excellence.





Action Award: KAI Coalition (@Kai_Coalition)

For promoting healthy lifestyle choices through an outstanding prevention program focusing on service to their community and advocacy.

Change Award: Vernon Youth Action Group (@VernonYouthActionGroup)
For promoting healthy lifestyle choices through an outstanding prevention program focusing on Peer-to-Peer and Cross-Age Teaching.



Lindsey Rose Meyer Award:

Passaic County Technical-Vocational School (@pctvs_ti)

For implementing an outstanding and comprehensive prevention program in their community in 2021-2022.





Lindsey Rose Meyer Award: Dave Bratton & Jill Preis

For their dedication to youth empowerment and alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention through their work with the Lindsey Meyer teen Institute.



BEYOND CAMP



ASYNCHRONUS TRACK

LMTI's Track program focuses on providing participants with the resources necessary to transition smoothly from high school to the next stage of their lives. This **FREE** virutal program is open to all 18-21 year olds to learn about life after high school! We know how hard scheduling can be, so we've made all of the materials available for you to go through asynchoronusly.

You can find more info at <u>njlmti.org/track</u>, including a survey for when to hold our next live event.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Join the conversation and connect with LMTI and other alumni on our social media pages. Tell us your stories, share your ideas, send us your pictures, and let us know how the TI fire has impacted your life!



ALUMNI GROUP

And to keep the TI fire burning even brighter, be sure to join our Alumni Group on Facebook. It's like a cabin hangout, s'mores at the campfire, and sunrise share all rolled into one.

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