

10 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM COLUMBIA COUNTY ATTENDED THE SHERIFFS' SUMMER CAMP THIS YEAR

Columbia County Sheriff David Harrison, Jr. announces that 10 children from Columbia County attended the 2012 New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute's Summer Camp last week. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is designed to provide a solid recreational program combined with the development of a sense of good citizenship. This year marked the 36TH year of the camp's operation.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp, which is located near Penn Yan in Yates County, is supported by the Sheriffs' Association's Honorary Members through their contributions and annual dues. This year the camp accommodated over 900 girls and boys from across New York State.

This year's attendees were: Axel Burch, Ray Lippman, Cheyenne Kilmer, Kelsey Pasco, Brandon LaGuesse, Brandon Napoli, Jarrett Rhoades, Amoz Bowles, Nitalia Risley and Alexis Risley.

Sheriff Harrison said that camp is designed to provide young people who ordinarily may not have an opportunity, the chance to a summer camp. "Young people from our county who have attended camp in past years have found it to be a great experience."

Deputy Sheriff's and camp counselors work to create a positive experience for the young people who go to the camp. Throughout the week-long stay, the camp attendee's will participate in and observe special exhibits and demonstrations presented by Sheriffs' Offices from across the State, including D.A.R.E. presentations, boat and bike safety programs, law enforcement equipment and technical demonstrations, archery competitions and a talent show just for fun.

The camp is free of charge and even transportation is provided by the Sheriff's Association Institute. Deputy Sheriff Wendy Guntert traveled with the group from Columbia County and served as a camp counselor.

At the end of camp, all of our campers were awarded a graduation diploma for their participation in the Summer Camp program of "Good Citizenship and Law Enforcement Studies" as well as "Polar Bear Award" for jumping into Keuka Lake every morning. The young campers from our county were also awarded the following: Archery Top Shot – Brandon Napoli, Teamwork Award and Running Award – Jarrett Rhoades, 1st Place Canoe Team and Camper of the Week – Ray Lippman, Camper of the Week – Nitalia Risley, Camper of the Week and Teamwork Award – Cheyene Kilmer and Honor Cabin-Kelsey Pasco.

PHOTO: 2012 Camp attendees, Sheriff Harrison, Confidential Assistant Rebecca Milone, Deputy Sheriff Bill Dunsbaugh, Lieutenant James Andrews and Chic and Kathy Vanderweit who are a Columbia County couple who have traveled to and volunteered at the camp.