

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

Columbia County Sheriff David P. Bartlett announces that 7 children from Columbia County attended the 2014 New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute's Summer Camp this 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 37<sup>TH</sup> 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 is a great opportunity for our county youth and I personally want to thank Columbia County residents for donating and making this possible," said Sheriff Bartlett.

This year's attendees were: Edward Smith, Ethan Garbarini, Ashlyn & George Hunter, Brandon Alexander, Trinity LaValley and Adrianna Dunn.

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 multiple sporting events and a talent show.

Sheriff Bartlett said, "We have found from past experiences that the kids develop a renewed respect and understanding for the men and women who enforce the laws, the deputies become their friends."

PHOTO: 2014 Camp attendees (First Row) – Trinity LaValley, Adrianna Dunn, Ashlyn Hunter, George Hunter, Brandon Alexander, Edward Smith and Ethan Garbarini.

(Second Row) – Deputy Sheriff Heath Benansky, Sheriff David P. Bartlett, Confidential Assistant Rebecca Milone and Deputy Sheriff Travis VanAlstyne.