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# Anxiously Anticipating! A Parallel Journey to an Art and Equestrian Camp for Children with Disabilities

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- Benefits of Camp:  
Campers experienced increases in:
- Equestrian skills
  - Confidence
  - Social skills
  - Ability to work as a team
- Ball State Students experienced increases in:
- Empathy
  - Personal communication
  - Positive attitudes towards diversity
  - Self-efficacy
- Ball State Students learned to:
- Plan a full scale project
  - Problem solve in groups
  - Apply classroom materials to real-world situations



**“Different, not less’. I think this quote goes for all people with disabilities. I’m going to go into camp this week and next week with this mindset’ – Lauren, Photojournalism major.**

#### Overview of camp:

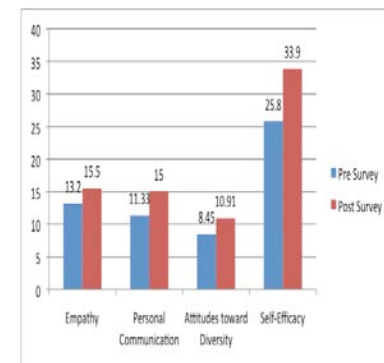
- **Immersive Learning Project for Ball State University Students**
- **Service learning project where students created, planned and implemented a day-camp experience**
- **Camp was offered five summers: 2011-2015**
- **Week 1 was at Blackford County High School, Harford City, IN**
- **Week 2 was at the Hurley-McCammon Farm, Hartford City, IN**
- **Camp experience was provided to children, aged 8-21, at no cost**
- **For many children, this was their first camp experience**

**“This camp was an awesome learning experience. We all learned from each other, and worked together to achieve the ultimate goal, a summer camp getaway for the kids who truly deserve to have summer camp” – Alanna, Special Education major.**



**Table 1**  
**Mean Scores for all Survey Subcategories**

*All subcategories significantly increased, thus showing that the immersive-learning project had a noteworthy impact on college students from various majors.*





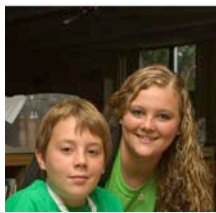
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# Happy Campers: A Summer Camp Partnership That Works for All involved

## Week 1



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**Ceramics**

**Sports**



**Science**

**Culinary Arts**







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# High Riding Art and Equestrian Camp!



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## Equestrian

## Music & Movement



## Science

## Arts & Crafts

