

Dear Mrs. DePelisi,

Thank you for allowing me to work this past week with you and the kids at the Broward County Crime Commission's CSI Summer Camp; it was an amazing experience. As a volunteer, I was able to contribute some activities to engage the students' imaginations and expose them to the engineering process- although some of them may not realize the magnitude of the information they gained. By far, the activities with the most spectacular output that I witnessed were the roller coaster and game table projects. In these tasks, the students were able to take a basic structure and improve it however they wanted to with the use of basic materials such as tape, paper, and aluminum foil. They took their creations to the next level and manipulated their projects in amazing ways- simply put, their minds were stimulated by these tasks.

The students were not the only people who had an enormous takeaway from this summer camp though: the mentors and volunteers also left with some great information and opportunities. I was able to work my own brain while coming up with ideas for projects and helping the children develop their own plans for the tasks we gave them. I also learned important and extraordinary information from various speakers and presenters that came to speak to the children. People from various areas of law enforcement arrived to tell us about the ways in which the law protects them, whereas self defense instructors taught us the self-confidence and methods of protection in dire cases even while teaching us pacifistic ways to settle an argument.

The CSI Summer Camp was truly remarkable; I was stunned to learn that this was its pilot year. It was awe-inspiring and enlightening, and gave the children as well as the mentors new views on law enforcement and the STEM subjects. I hope to be a part of this camp in future years, and wish you luck in its next sessions.

Regards,

Toni-Ann