

2024 Summer Passports



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The Children's Board Summer Passport program provides youth in Hillsborough County, aged 6 to 14, with one-time scholarships for summer camps. These scholarships enable children to participate in high-quality programming in Hillsborough County without placing a financial strain on their families. This summer, 387 participants enjoyed one or two weeks of camps at a variety of exciting venues, such as Tampa Theatre, the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, Zoo Tampa, Glazer Children's Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), and the Lightning Foundation. The following report highlights the unique and exhilarating experiences these children had this summer, all made possible by this fantastic initiative!



Numbers at a Glance

387

Youth participated in summer camps at 6 locations.

96%

of 162 parents surveyed agreed the camps were a safe place to learn and have fun!



01



Tampa Theatre

The Tampa Theatre summer camp provided a fantastic opportunity for young aspiring filmmakers to explore the realms of movie production, animation, and film. This year, eight campers collaborated to create, produce, and star in their own films! Participants learned a variety of filming techniques, special effects, and stop-motion animations. Their hard work and commitment were rewarded with a copy of their film debut.



"Our family LOVES the Tampa Theatre and it was exciting to be able to explore and spend the days using it as a backdrop for a film."

02



The Straz Center

The Straz Center for the Performing Arts offered cutting-edge training in dance, theater, and music to 38 young participants. This summer, the youth took part in a range of camps where they learned to play musical instruments like the violin and drums. Additionally, they had the chance to participate in singing and music lessons to further develop their talents and skills in musical theater.

03

LIGHTNING MADE
TRAINING CENTER

The Lightning Foundation

This year's camp at the Lightning Made Training Center was incredibly successful, with 83 participants in the summer passport program engaging in a range of athletic activities. The youth had a fantastic time learning ball hockey, ice-skating, and honing their skills in various team sports like kickball and soccer. Afternoons were packed with board games, puzzles, and sports-themed video games, ensuring that everyone enjoyed an active and fun-filled summer.



"Excellent camp, very grateful for everything!"



04

Glazer
Children's
Museum

Glazer Children's Museum

This summer, the Glazer Children's Museum provided one-of-a-kind camp experiences to 41 youth. Every week, the camp featured imaginative themes that incorporated STEM, literacy, art, and history lessons to ensure that children were learning and had fun all summer long. The program also included three neuro-diversity affirming weeks that provided specialized programming for children with other learning differences.

"This was my sons favorite camp and he said he wanted to go to Glazer every single day"



05



Museum of Science & Industry

MOSI summer camps provide an excellent opportunity for scientific inquiry and exploration. Emphasizing science, technology, and engineering, these camps feature a variety of hands-on experiments, simulations, and inventions. All 110 campers engaged in weekly activities that included computer coding, 3D printing, slime creation, and numerous other thrilling science-related experiences.

06



Zoo Tampa

This year, Zoo Tampa offered camp experiences to 107 passport participants. Campers had the chance to discover the wonders of Zoo Tampa while gaining knowledge about animals, conservation efforts, and potential careers within the Zoo. With hands-on animal interactions, exclusive behind-the-scenes tours, engaging discussions with zookeepers, and fun games and activities, campers enjoyed memorable adventures throughout the summer.



The background of the image is the ornate facade of the Theatre Tampa building. The marquee at the top features the word "TAMPA" in large, illuminated letters. Below it, a dark banner reads "THEATRE FILM CAMP" with laurel wreaths on either side, and "20TH ANNIVERSARY 2004 - 2024" to the right. The entrance is framed by a decorative archway with strings of warm white lights. Three young women are standing in the foreground in front of the entrance. The woman on the left is wearing a bright blue Nike hoodie and dark shorts. The woman in the middle is wearing a dark grey long-sleeved shirt and white pants. The woman on the right is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and a vibrant blue wig with a green bow.

Summary

387 young individuals in Hillsborough County benefited from the Summer Passport grants, which provided them with valuable summer camp experiences. The gathered survey data, along with participant testimonials, underscored the program's positive impact on the youth. Additionally, the diverse range of camps and activities ensured that each child could have an amazing summer camp experience.