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Camp Seton Hosts Vacation Camp for Inspirica Kids from Stamford

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While this week Greenwich Public Schools have spring vacation, last week was Stamford's turn. Camp Seton Scout Reservation opened its grounds and facilities to a group of school children from Inspirica Inc. in Stamford who enjoyed a week of "vacation camp" that featured a host of activities.

Among the vacation adventures they won't soon forget included campfire building, and visits from Canine Police and their dogs and fire fighters with their trucks.



Perhaps as memorable were the hikes and climbs out in the woods. On Friday Heather, Emelie and both Patty and John Roberts surprised the 13 children with a fun hike along the trails to the perfect spot for camouflage-hide-and-seek.

Heather kicked off the game by standing in the middle of the clearing where the children had placed pine boughs to make shelter from a brief drizzle. She closed her eyes and counted out loud to 20 while all everyone scampered away and hid behind trees and logs. After her countdown, without moving from her spot, she spied the children one at a time until one was left: the winner.

After the hike, the children returned to the Pray building to make pizzas from scratch!

For many children the week at Camp Seton mean their first chance at hiking and cooking out over a camp fire. The idea of opening Camp Seton for a week of vacation camp to the Stamford children came from Patty and John Roberts, whose two sons were both Eagle Scouts. Patty, who volunteers at Inspirica, made the connection to Greenwich Scouting, where she is also on the Boy Scouts camp committee.

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Many of Inspirica kids' parents are working, and a school vacation brings about the challenge of finding childcare. Fortunately for Inspirica, Camp Seton has opened their doors to these children to provide week of enriching and fun programs.

The generosity of Camp Seton has eased the worries of finding childcare for hardworking extreme low-income families all while creating a positive experience for their children.

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