



# S'more Stories

Adventures from LOMIK Camps & Retreat Centers



## Running

Kalli, a summer counselor, was assigned a cabin of campers who had little to no experience at camp. Everything felt unfamiliar to them: being away from home, meeting new people, trusting someone they had just met. They were nervous, quiet, and unsure if they even wanted to be there.

From the very first day, Kalli created a space where campers felt seen and safe. She learned every name, shared her own camp experiences, and reminded them that it was okay to feel afraid. She listened closely, led with grace, and met each camper with patience and understanding.

Over the course of the week, things began to change. Fear turned into laughter. Silence became friendship. The same campers who wanted to go home were

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now running to activities, singing at campfires, and saying they didn't want to leave.

Thanks to your partnership, first-time campers experience belonging, confidence, God's love through others, and the joy of discovering they matter - just as they are.