



What Resilience Sounds Like

Ace grew up in what he calls an “emotionally abusive home.” At age 14, he says, he was a “lonely, timid, and scared kid who didn’t know who he wanted to be, always thinking that nothing would get better,” he writes.

Camp delivered a new perspective that Ace describes eloquently:

“I’m not the first and certainly won’t be the last to say that I’ve changed for the better since first attending camp,” he writes. “I’m going into my junior year of high school with amazing friends and good grades. I’m leaving my first session and hoping to come back next year as an apprentice again and eventually a junior staff. As I’m growing up and seeing myself become the person I’ve always strived to be when I was younger, I realize that I could have used a lot of advice. But the only advice I would give myself, when I was so clueless and hopeless, would be to just keep going. Keep going and don’t give up.”

Ace will be a staff member at Camp Susan Curtis in 2020.

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