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Hannah Hunter earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in applied statistics from Grand Valley State University. She worked for three years in the Behavioral Research Emotional Lab at her university, where she focused on understanding cross-cultural differences in the emotion socialization of toddlers. Hannah will continue working in the lab for the next year, focusing on mothers' proactive parenting strategies in difficult situations. Hannah has plans to work as an applied behavior technician and focus on aiding children on the autism spectrum in behavior therapy before pursuing a graduate degree in psychology. She has worked with children in the school setting through volunteering at a local elementary school and through her work as a nanny. Hannah was an undergraduate intern at Advanced Therapeutic Solutions (ATS) for the summer of 2017, where she had the opportunity to serve as a counselor for Adventure Camp and gain more experience working with children, particularly children with selective mutism. Interning for ATS has fostered Hannah's desire to work with children of all abilities and implement evidence-based treatments to address various conditions, which is why she has plans to pursue a graduate degree in psychology in the future. Having already experienced the amazing impact of Adventure Camp as a counselor in 2017, Hannah is excited to return to Adventure Camp again in 2018 and looks forward to making a difference in the lives of children coping with selective mutism.

Q&A with Hannah

How does this training experience fit into your academic or professional goals?

I plan on pursuing a graduate degree in either clinical psychology or a related field, so gaining clinical experience this early on in my career is so beneficial for me as a

future professional. Since so few people are aware of SM or know the treatment for it, I know that this experience will allow me to share my skills to others in my field in order to spread awareness of selective mutism and hopefully reach more children that are affected!

Why are you participating in Adventure Camp as a counselor?

I am participating as an Adventure Camp counselor because working as a counselor for only two days of last year's AC was enough for me to know that I wanted to come back and be a counselor for the whole week. Camp is such a life-changing experience for the kids, their parents, and the counselors as well. I knew I had to be a part of it again!

How does this camp, in your opinion, have lasting effects on children with SM?

This camp has lasting effects on children with SM because it gives them confidence to use their brave after the week of camp ends. I think that when the campers see that they can face their fears in camp's supportive environment, they become more prepared to face them in school or in the community. It's so amazing to see all of the progress that occurs at camp.

Enrollment for Adventure Camp fills every January, which is almost 8 months before the camp start date. Why do you think Adventure Camp is so sought-after by parents?

Enrollment fills up because the treatment works. After seeing it in action last year, I was amazed by the progress that the kids made. Adventure Camp is so much fun, so it does not even feel like an intensive treatment. Everyone is so supportive and kind, and I know that the campers feel free to be themselves, so what's not to love?

Adventure Camp is around the corner! If you could talk to your camper right now, what would you tell him or her?

I would tell my camper that I cannot wait to meet you! Camp is going to be so much fun, and we are going to use our brave together!