

2025 UK Summer Leadership Experience Camp

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The UK Summer Leadership Experience Camp has built a rich history, offering the summer camp for the 9th year (started camp in 2017).

Summer Leadership Experience Camp

Camp will take place: **July 6 -10, 2025**

UK campus

Offered BOTH as a in-person camp AND
as a virtual camp

Parents and VR Counselors can join
informational sessions virtually!

VR Counselors are welcome to visit camp
in person!



Camper Profile

Campers represent multiple counties and high schools across KY

Age range 16-20

Juniors/Seniors and those graduating in May/June

Campers represent a wide range of disability (ASD, AD/HD, OHI, LD, Mobility, seizure disorder, low vision...)

Variety of continuing educational interests and plans including

- community college or university
- Carl Perkins
- technical training
- internships
- CTPs



So, what happens at camp?



Summer Leadership Experience camp prepares students to make the transition to the next level of their education or training (post high school) which may lead to a career

- **Sunday July 6** start program in evening
- **Thursday July 10**, pick up at 12 noon
- Students interested in camp do NOT **need to be interested in attending UK**. Our campers attend post secondary institutions and training all over the state.
- The camp provides 4 overnights in a residence hall and multiple days of engaging activities and informational sessions.
- All meals, snacks and beverages are included.
- VR counselor approval, camp is paid for in full
- \$50 application fee paid by family

- Self advocacy

- Self-determination

- Self disclosure

- Team building

- Foundations of becoming a
Leader

- Utilizing assistive technology
for academic success

- How to be resilient in tough
times

- Etiquette training

Skill building sessions and activities

Career Options with various colleges

Training opportunities with Job Corps

Vocational Training options at Carl Perkins

Obtaining academic accommodations in a college environment

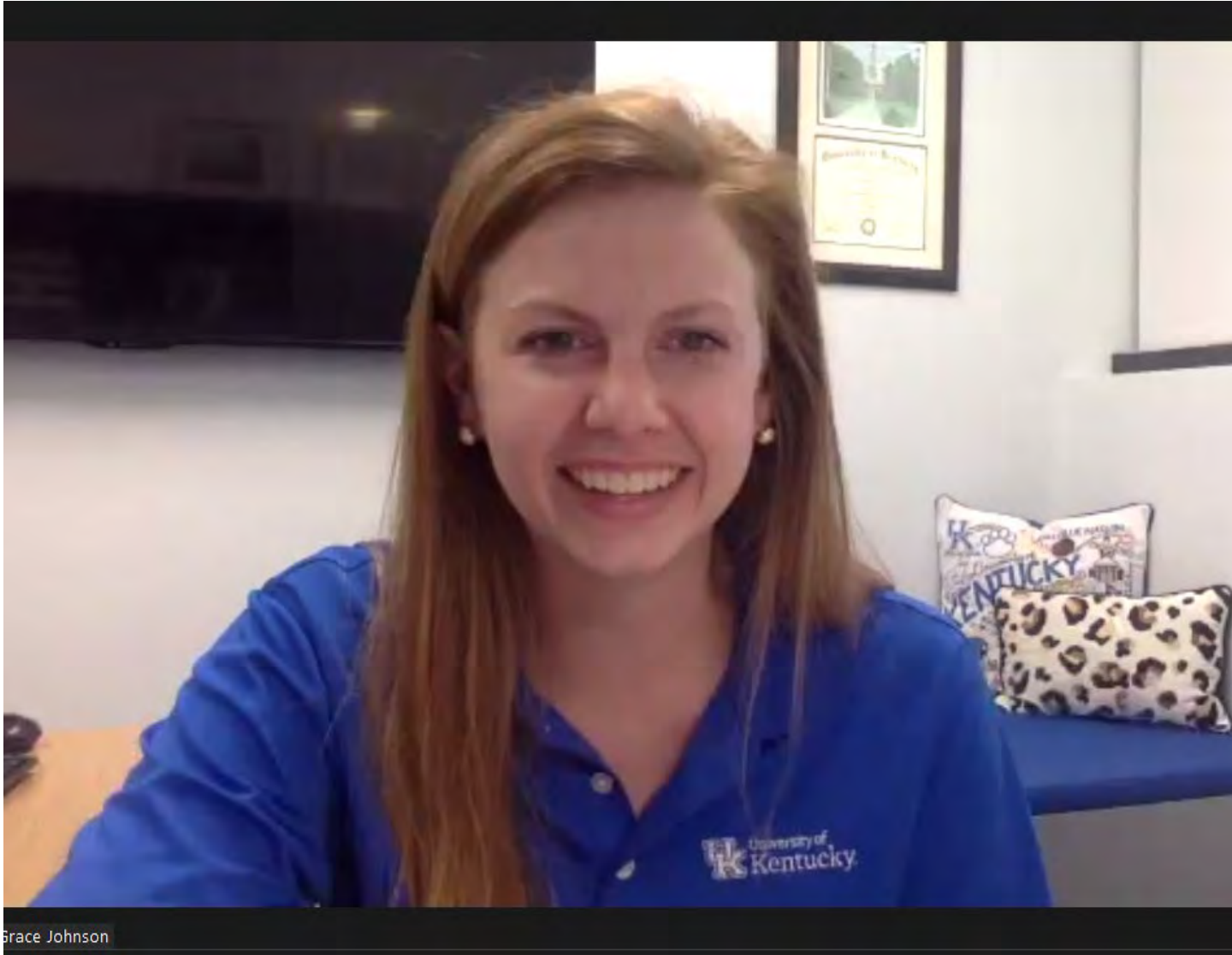
Working with college Disability Resource Centers

Vocational Rehabilitation services and supports

Utilizing transportation without a driver's license

KY Higher Education Assistance Authority information – grants/scholarships/KEES

Focused Informational sessions



Campers hear from
Institutions of Higher
Education & Vocational
Training including;

UK

EKU

WKU

KCTCS

Carl D Perkins

Job Corps

Building Institute



Campers benefit from motivational speakers that challenge them to develop interests and abilities, build career plans and work towards their dreams!



campers face personal challenges



Camp activities are centered on building personal resilience, responsibility and leadership skills. We learn about and practice these skillsets

self-advocacy
confidence
build esteem
self-disclosure



Campers hear
about the kind of
support that OVR
can provide!



college textbook activity

We visit the Gatton Student Center for lunch and then onto the bookstore for an activity.

College textbook activity – learn cost of textbooks and how to choose them



WHAT CAMPERS SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE - evaluation results (on a five-point scale)

1. 4.8 / 5.0 campers enjoyed the camp.
2. 4.5/5.0 campers reported that the camp helped them understand skills needed for post high school education
3. TOP three activities at camp included Cody Clark, The Main Event venue and the movie 23 Blast based on speaker Travis Freeman

Summary

July 6 -10, 2025

UK Campus

Rising sophomores & juniors

Current seniors with plans to enter continued education /training

Online application

Educators & OVR Counselors- review your case load and select students who would benefit

Send camp information to students & parents

Help students with application

OVR: review the IPE – with an element for continued education

Deadline for registration **EXTENDED till May 31.**

