Weather Camp

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Anchor Intro: Students from all over the country are at WKU this week honing their meteorology skills.

It’s the fifth annual youth weather camp and for some of these kids it’s like a reunion as Amy Bingham explains in this week’s View from the Hill.

Amy Intro: Many of the students attending WKU Weather camp come back year after year. It’s a week full of field trips and weather curriculum but it’s the bond with staff and other campers that keep them coming back for more.

Supers:

:19 - :23 Chris Reece \ Weather Camp Director

:35 - :39 Chandler Pruett \ 10th grader, Lebanon, TN

:47 - :51 Quenton Kirsh \ 9th grader, St. Louis, MO

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39:00 “The atmosphere is like a soda, very unstable.”

Weather camp director Chris Reece believes in visual aids when it comes to teaching.

39:15 “If there’s no cap you get explosive results.”

That’s why WKU’s popular weather camp features much more than just classroom sessions.

58:00 “The goal here is to learn something in the classroom and then go see it put to use. If they learn about tv meteorology we take them to a tv station.”

Campers even help release a weather balloon at the National Weather Service in Nashville.

48:15 “It’s a little more field trip heavy this time and I like it. It’s more applicable and more inviting.”

Quinton Kirsh from St. Louis Missouri says his mom discovered the camp on line three years ago.

50:37 “She’s looking at weather camps and this camp came up and I said lets give this a try and it’s probably the best decision I’ve ever made.”

51:09 “I just like the close connection with people. It’s on a very personal level.”

Reece agrees and says a lot of the bonding occurs outside of the lessons.

56:51 “A lot of times we play games, watch movies, go for ice cream.”

It’s also a great recruiting tool.

1:00:50 “Some plan to be Hilltoppers, have scheduled college visits after camp”

But no matter where they go, Reece says this camp gives them a head start on success.

1:00:31 “The goal is that this generation of students who come through weather camp will be some of the greatest meteorologists that we have in America because we depend on them.”

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Campers also traveled to Mammoth Cave this week to utilize the weather instruments inside the cave.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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