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Since E3 Camp's first session in 2018, I have been inspired by how unique the camp is. Over my time with the camp, I have progressed from being a camper to a junior counselor and now to my current role as senior counselor. The camp's quality improves every year, adding new field trips and guest speakers, welcoming beloved past speakers, and finding novel activities for the campers to engage in. E3 is equally exciting and educational each day, whether campers are learning about forensic science from Mrs. Tamika Price (my favorite speaker during our 2024 session), visiting the Chapel Hill Public Library for lessons about nature and bird-watching, or travelling to the 82nd Airborne Museum in Fayetteville to explore valuable cultural history.

I cherish returning to camp each summer, eager to meet new campers, expand my knowledge, and collaborate with camp staff and volunteers to create the best experience possible for our campers. Over the past few years, I have had the privilege to meet dozens of new students and witness many of them grow from shy, disinterested kids at the beginning of camp into bright, attentive young adults by the end of the session. E3 Camp has been enormously fulfilling for me, both as a camper and a counselor. It is a remarkably educational and exciting environment, where campers have the opportunity to not only learn about STEAM fields, but also grow their confidence, independence, and leadership capabilities. Camp has been such an incredible and important experience for me that I elected to write many of my college applications about my summers at E3, ranging from the great people I met to the skills I gained and mastered over my years at camp.

I am so grateful to all of the individuals—staff, campers, parents, volunteers, donors, speakers—that have contributed their time and passion to this camp since its conception. It has been such a formative part of my life over the past few years and a truly unforgettable experience. E3 Camp gives campers the opportunity to obtain a wealth of knowledge, explore new careers, and share ideas with their peers. I look forward to E3 Camp's future and am confident that this summer will be the best yet!

Sincerely,  
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