

Hi CVYG Team -

Its me, Michael and I am just writing to tell you how PA, Tammy, Tu, Theresa and I did and learned at the Len Duong Camp in Toronto. On behalf of the team, I'd like to thank Chi Tuyet, TheSon and PA for first telling us about the camp and secondly helping fund the trip. It was a great experience for us, one of those once in a lifetime things. We all learned a lot of new leadership skills from amazing workshops, got inspired by other incredibly intelligent and involved vietnamese youths all over Canada. We did a lot of team building activities which taught us how to be a great leaders as well as it taught us how to be a smart team player.

I feel that we are more aware of our cultural problems (generation gap, language skills, and learning to conquer the obstacles that we face as a vietnamese youth) and I feel that from the experience we are more ready to go forth as a team and as a vietnamese community. I am twice more passionate, twice more inspired and forever changed by the people that we were fortunate enough to meet. I'm sure one day at the meetings I will blabber on about the poeple we met and the things we learned.

I got Tammy to write something about the trip -

"Len Duong camp was definitely one of the best weekends I've ever had. I came with the expectation of meeting new people and learning the skills I needed to become a better leader in my community, but I never thought I would learn as much as I did, or to the depth that I did in 4 days. Not only did the camp involve several intense workshops and speakers, but after learning those skills, we were able those skills, we were able to use and practice them almost immediately in the games, activities, and challenges that the camp set up for us. Meeting new people was made so easy, and it was surprising how close many of us became. I've taken away many life lessons from this camp, many great friends who share the same goals as I do, and because of how close we've become, I just know we'll be keeping in touch. We're still talking now, and not only that, but we're helping each other to grow in our own communities. It feels like the Vietnamese community is so much stronger already, thi s Len Duong camp has equipped us of what we need to be leaders in this world."

And some highlights include Tu winning the leadership award from her group, Tammy being the most atheletic girl ever and me just being the loudest as usual! We all had a blast, and we look forward to future events and sharing the lessons with learned with you guys!

See you soon.
Michael

PS. Tammy is posting up pics on MSN, but for now I have a few enclosed in the email.