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HUNTS STATEMENT

Research the stigma and sociological Idealizations of summer camps in order to generate new interest in summer camps and correct current assumptions.

OVERVIEW

Take away stereotypes, negetive connotations, embraced by American Culture since the development of summer camp. Replace it with a message of THIS IS A NEEDED EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THEMSELVES PSYCHOLOGICALLY and EMOTIONALLY.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Parents with kids ages 7-14 (youth)

Parents today are smarted than any other parent before. In Late 80's mass parenting books began to surface. Parents believe anyone with higher knowledge of their children's mental and physical health to be a good source of knowledge. Parents also want to naturally protect their child. Most of all parents want success of their kids, by preparing them appropriately for the world outside the house.

WHY?

- Parents are naturally going to be protective, and want for the success of their child.
- The new problem is that parents are becoming so incredible involved in there childs life. If you think back to when you were a child, how much freedom did you have? How much were your parents involved in your own life? 90% of the time the response is usually barely any, I was off running through the neighborhood, no super vision just me. That does not happen much any more in this society.
- The other problem with this parent generation is lasting stereotypes, left over from the late 1970s and 1980s, about what happens at summer camps, who attends, who works there, etc.

SECONDARY RESEARCH

The goal of my secondary research was to identify the competitors, who they were, what they do, and how much they cost. I also wanted to find out what my audiences concerns were, what the summer camps concerns are, and what is the kids concerns.

- PARENTS CONCERNS:

When a child goes to sleep-away camp for the first time, it's sometimes harder for the parent to adjust than for the child. Parents wait for letters, and try to interpret their meaning. Out of habit, they may even set a place at the table for the absent camper. (Child-sick parent)

- What will my child do here?
- a controlled, safe environment where children and youth are able to make their own decisions about simple things
- (what activity they want to do, how many s'mores they want to make, or what clothes they are going to wear) and about important things (who they will hang out with . . . who will be their friends).
- How are counselors chosen
- How is the staff trained in terms of safety?
- Have there ever been serious injuries or deaths at the camp?
- Does the camp do overnight trips or excursions, and, if so, what's the safety protocol?
- Does the camp have an emergency plan?
- Is the camp accredited by the American Camp Association?
- important to expose children to as many different activities as possible

- CHILD CONCERNS:

Kids will learn from a full range of emotions and human experiences including homesickness, friendship, disagreements, team work, frustrations, jubilant success, and more.

- encourage self-expression.
- Summer camp is an opportunity for children to be exposed to the best of human character.
- Camp is an independent experience that shapes one's character and life
- A place to escape reality (there own individual Hogwarts)
 - Connotatoin of Hogwarts good and bad example
- Kids learn to be on there own
- you can really be yourself at camp
- freedom/individuality
 - your parents aren't there and you own everything that happens to you.

CAMP CONCERNS:

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- Camp is a place where kids interact with people face-to-face and, at the same time, learn about themselves and others around a camp fire, under the stars, or sitting around a dining hall table.
- camp unplugs us from the electronic umbilical cord. We ARE outside. We DO talk and hug person-to-person. We FEEL the sun and the breeze.
- Summer camp is the only experience I am aware of where children and teens will give up their phones for days or weeks at a time and still enjoy themselves.
- Camp is designed to be devoid of technology, but these devices are ubiquitous in the outside world.
- Camp gives this gift. And, at its best, it teaches these lessons in a way that will inform the rest of our lives.
 - Development
 - 1. Oral communication
 - 2. Collaboration
 - 3. Work ethic/self discipline
 - 4. Critical thinking/problem solving
- battle homesickness only to emerge triumphantly independent.
- manageable amounts of risk and responsibility, what I term "the risk takers advantage"
- Camps develop self-discipline through rituals (inspection) and challenges (time away from home, trying new activities).
- camp tells kids that what they will be doing will be terrifically enjoyable
- complex challenges of getting along with a new group of peers, learning how to ask for help from others, or taking manageable amount of risks without a parent following after you.
- includes finding ways to have fun when all activities are rained out or creating skits at the last minute. Managing the ups and downs of living in close quarters certainly fosters resourcefulness.
- simple challenges of learning how to build a fire, going on a hike, or conquering a high ropes course.
- Camp helps build confidence and identity; it also builds leadership skills.

OTHER FACTS:

- More than 10 million kids go to camp each summer.
- Many camps report annual return rates of 75 percent or more.
- former campers are more likely to succeed in college because they have had successful experiences away from home, and they are always impressed by seniors who have been counselors looking after younger children.

PRIMARY RESEARCH

Great response to the questionaire as well as almost 85% of working professionals. Everyone who was able to participate in my research was really positive about the subject as well as wanted to continued to be informed how this thesis works out.

- PARENTS

Found what media and print media parents are reading and would be the best way to push the subject.

Cooks illustrated, Food blogs, parenting blogs, Better Homes and Gardens, Politico, American Cinematographer, fast company, wired, Parenting today

Discovered what parents are doing with there child / children after school and weekend activitys

zoo, museums, soccer, dance, theatre, swim team, athletics in general, piano lessons, movie nights, game nights, trips to the park

Discovered most parents were starting as early as 4 - 6 to start preparing there child / children for a "camp experience"

- FORMER CAMPERS

(SPECIALTY)

Discovered most programs were more "training programs" as it did focus on one area of interest. Most common response was a sport training program

Discovered very few are in touch with friends for these types of camps

(TRADITAIONAL)

Discovered I was not alone in my experience. Everyone had a story to share. Or a reason that they believe these experiences were the most valuable in there lives.

Got to hear about all different types of camps and how they compare to my own.

Most consider camp friends "family"

all but one response said that they would do it all over again in a heartbeat

- CAMP DIRECTORS

Discovered how directors spend the other 267 days out of the year when camp is not in session

Learned which media and blogs camp directors follow.

Learned how camps reach out to parents, campers, and counselors very few still use a direct mail campaign

Discovered how the audience doesnt really differ from camp to specialty camp

- ACA

Learned how the organization is trying to fight the stereotypes

Discovered what the ACA presents as conferences, classes, different ways they connect to camp owners / directors

This is really huge stuff for camps as all of this researches the importance of "non-cognitive skills" as predictors of success and contentment. Camps do a better job than schools on these skills. If they are a huge part of success, that leads to greater significance for camps.

"Children are more effective communicators, better friends and more skilled leaders than their peers. Every year, I hear campers saying that "I am not sure what happened, but I found that I was the captain/drum major/leader" of my organization."

-Steve Baskin (ACA board member / Camp Owner)

- COMPETITORS

Discovered most programs were a "summer school" type program Learned most parents who are sending there child / children here were suggested by teachers or advisors

Discovered if friendships were developed it was mostly do to a fimilair school basis

Learned who and how competitors are being marketed

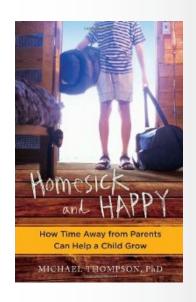
TEXT BOOK

HOMESICK AND HAPPY BY MICHAEL THOMPSON PHD

This book sumarizes a study and focus of child psychologist Michael Thompson PhD, and his adventure through his childhood camp experiences, and visiting over 19 different summer camps. He interviewed campers, counselors, parents, camp directors, and used his resources from his work at a small school in New York.

The book also represents this idea of the ambitious parent who is putting there child / children in elite summer schools and training camps. How that parent relationship is affecting how the child and parents get along.

He describes summer camp as a needed experience more than any other program that exists just due to his research. It was the most vital program over, day camps, traveling abroad, or pre-college experiences. It allows kids to grow without having a parent figuring out a child / childresn personal problem.



DESIGN

Develop an organization that is focused on the psychological ideas that summer camp promotes by re-branding the current message of summer camps through a web entity.

COMPONENTS

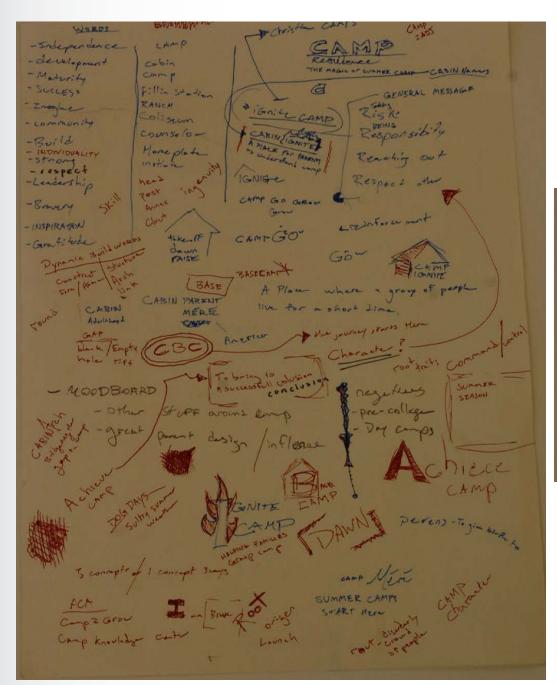
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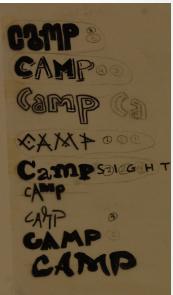
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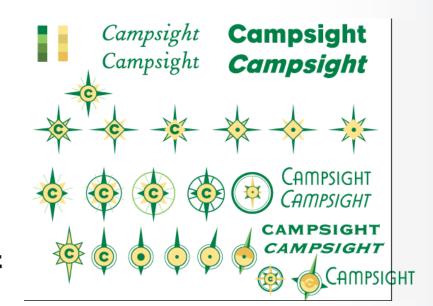
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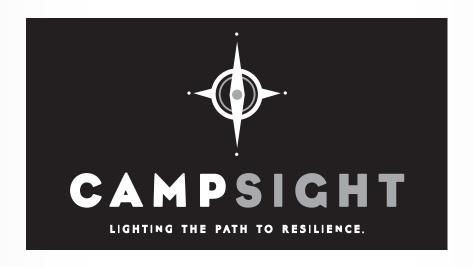








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STRONG STORIES, STRONG PEOPLE

"Be however you want to be because camp is the best opportunity to try new attitudes, PRIENDS, AND ACTIFITIES INDEPENDENT OF ANYONE ELSE. ALSO DON'T BE NERVOUS BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR THAT!?"

READ HER STORY HERE!



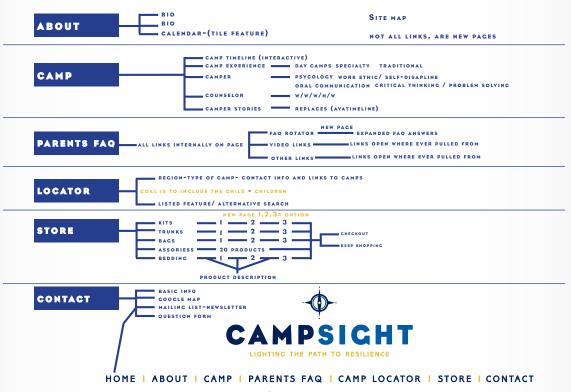


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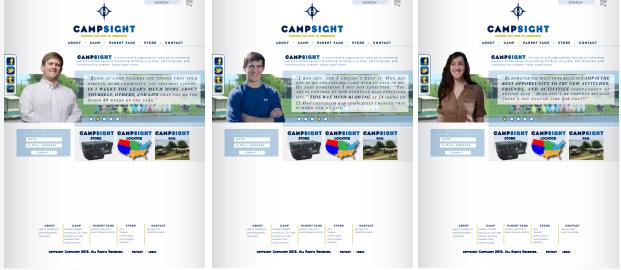
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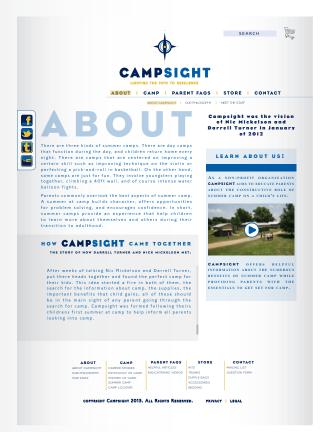
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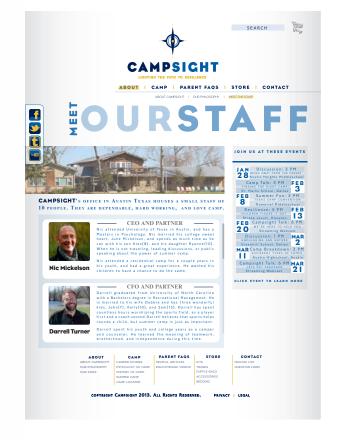
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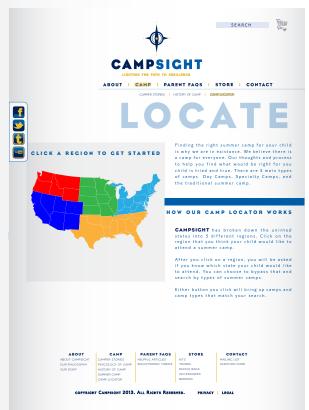




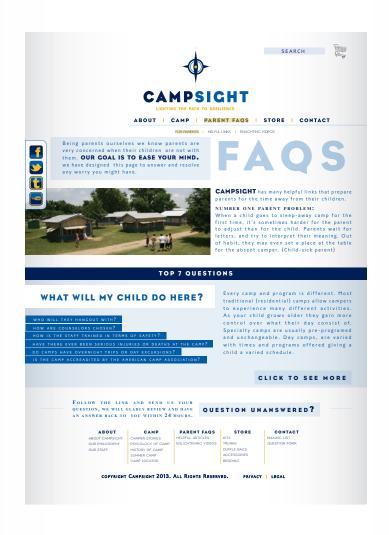


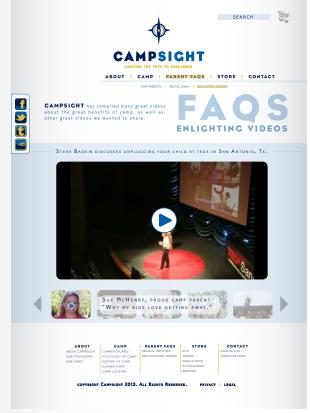


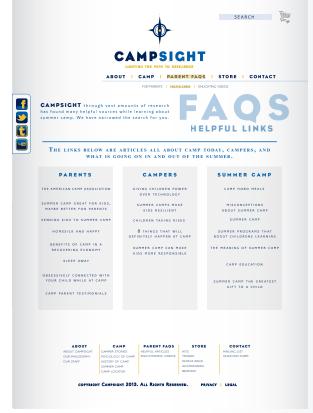








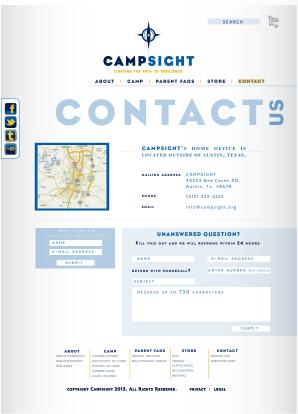




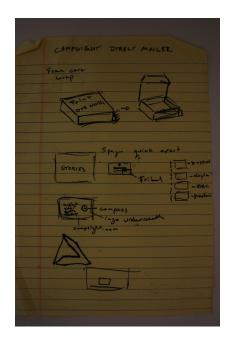


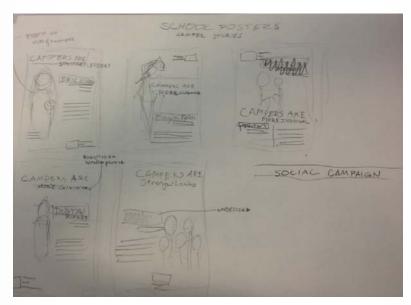


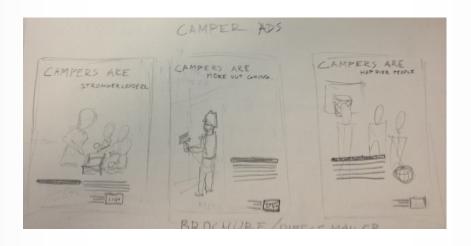


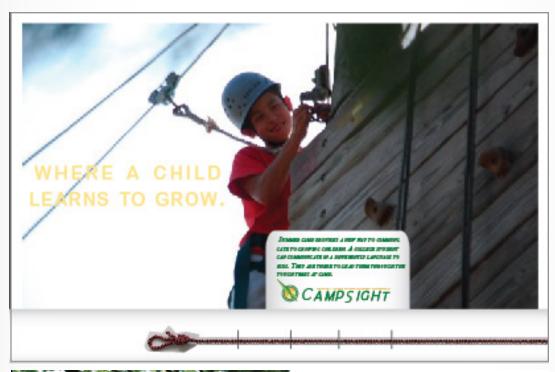


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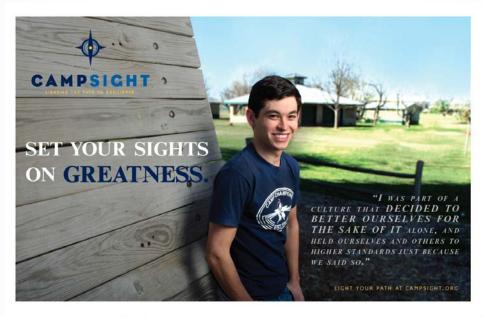
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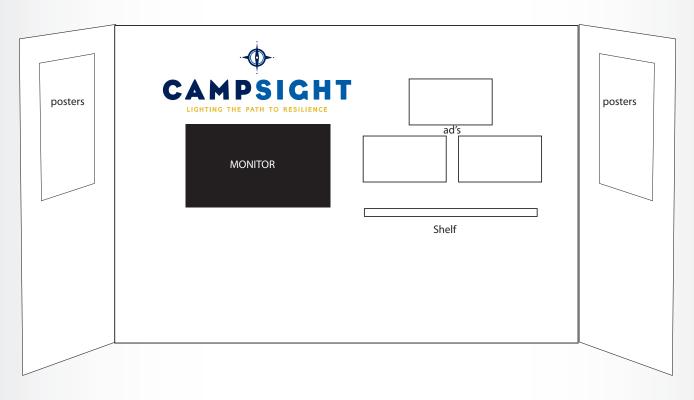




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VO:

This is the place for the young, the hopeful, the yearning to grow.

Every child needs a place to find themselves; summer camp provides this by offering a safe, structured, positive environment for them to grow

We're CAMPSIGHT, a non-profit organization, focused on informing parents about the benefits of enrolling youth in a summer camp experience.

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VO:

For nine and a half months out of the year summer camps look like this: empty, barren.

For those other two and a half this is a living, breathing, positive experience for every youth.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

The thesis experience was one that I toughed out. I produced some of the strongest, most passionate work to date.

While putting together this process book I couldn't believe how much all the work had grown. The constant progression of how to turn months of research into a campaign was grueling.

The ideas really came together after going to Texas with Phillip Moody to catch all the images, and video footage of the campers and camp.

Failures: I never failed or had big downfalls, just walls I would hit in my own designing.

Overall, I'm happy.

