

Testimony from Hannah Groom about TeenWorks
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My son, Samuel Groom, has been employed through Montgomery Recreation since the Summer of 2024 as a rising senior in high school. One day, he came home from his job and stated, "I feel good about myself." At another time, Samuel stated, "I feel like I have grown." Samuel loves working at different sites; he enjoys spending time with the kids at special events. He enjoys assisting the leaders. Samuel wrote in his college application that he enjoyed mentoring the younger students. Talking to children, encouraging them, playing with them, walking them through challenging tasks, or simply getting to know them became a joy for Samuel. Samuel also made new friends through Montgomery Recreation; he speaks highly of his supervisors, and they speak highly of him. There are so many employed teens in the Montgomery Recreation, and yet they know who Samuel is. The supervisors are friendly, easy to talk to, and passionate about guiding teens toward a productive and successful life with relevant skills to move them forward. I couldn't be happier seeing Samuel mature through his work with Montgomery Recreation.

Hannah Groom
Mother of Samuel Groom