

After my week at Camp Tawingo just before we got on the bus to head home, we were in a small cabin with a projector setup. Our teachers stood in front of us, all of us anxious to see what was gonna happen next. They finally stepped to the side and one of them clicked a button on the computer. What followed was a range of emotions that I felt as I watched a video of clips from our whole week at Camp Tawingo, I got this feeling of acceptance, love, joy, and excitement as I watched clips of myself and 44 of my now best friends compete in challenges, play games, hangout, eat meals, swim, and have classes together, as we lived our lives together for that week. All I could do was smile. I watched in amazement as people in the whole room were feeling the same way. Others in tears, others in hugging the ones beside them, all of us however were smiling. That feeling and moment is what Beyond Borders is. Beyond Borders is a program that not only teaches you about school but it teaches you about life, how to interact with people, how to push yourself to be the best you can. No two days at Beyond Borders are the same, which makes it exciting. Students should be excited about their education and their learning, with Beyond Borders I am looking forward to the next day every single day. While working on the event I have never seen a group of students so engaged and excited to make a difference in their community. Overall the best thing about Beyond Borders is how the teachers genuinely care about the students, not just our marks, but who we are as people, and they push us to do our best everyday. I never realize all the work I do because I enjoy working with my classmates and my teachers. The passion that I get to see and be apart of everyday is truly unbelievable. Beyond Borders is a program that will change your life, and will push you to be a better person every single day.

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