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During the weekend of October 4-6, 2013, I got the amazing opportunity to travel to Camp Higherground in West Harrison, Indiana for Camp Bearcats. Camp Bearcats is a 3-day leadership and team-building retreat for University of Cincinnati first-year students. It is sponsored by the office of Student Activities and Leadership Development and, more specifically, the leadership honorary, Omicron Delta Kappa. The program serves as place for freshmen to get acquainted with some of the University’s highest achieving leaders, including Student Body President, Joe Blizzard, and Vice President, Jacqueline Hyde.

Camp Bearcats was significant to me because it allowed me to come more out of my shell and meet new people outside of my normal bubble. I was able to build a great relationship with my group leader Olivia Schafer, who I actually attended high school with. She taught us important principles of getting through college successfully and getting involved. She also talked with us about tackling everyday life issues or problems we may encounter. Also the bond that I created with my group is one that I think will last throughout college. We have already met up since Camp Bearcats and plan on meeting up again throughout the remainder of the school year.

The visual medium that I created was a Wordle image. I got phrases from the Camp Bearcats page on the University website. A lot of the words chosen are exactly what I think of when I think of some of the principles I learned at Camp. “Leadership”, “become” and “development” speak on the potential that I as a freshman have and the success that I can accomplish with my time at UC. With what I learned I will be better prepared in getting involved and taking on more leadership roles.