

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICE LEARNING COMPETITION**

Institution

Title of Project

Project Director

Contact Information for Project Director

Establishment Date of Project

Unit That Administers Project

Total Number of Students Involved

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINATED PROJECT  
(Insert your answer after each question.)

1. For purposes of this competition, the Commission on Higher Education defines service learning as college student learning at any level and in any situation that is *linked* in a direct, hands-on fashion to the resolution of a problem or concern in a target community outside the institution *and is related* to a college course with some type of reflection activity. How does your project meet the parameters of this definition?

2. Specifically, which segments of the college/university community does your project involve?

3. How many students (specify degree levels to the extent possible) does the project affect?

4. Describe the target community or communities your project serves.

5. Describe your project's effectiveness in helping to solve the problems or concerns in the target community.

6. Describe the degree to which your project enhances student learning while providing specific examples of the service learning activities the college students engage in. Also explain how the service learning activities reinforce or apply what the students learn in the classroom.

7. Is there academic credit associated with the project (not necessary for submission)? If so, please explain the particulars.

8. If funding is required, how is the project funded and what is the approximate annual budget for the project?

9. Add any other comments you may have about your project.

You may also include supplemental information about the project (such as brochures, pictures, etc.).

Please return this form via e-mail by **February 27, 2015**, to:

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February 6, 2015

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this support of Clemson University's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management EDGE program. As the Program Director for the city of Clemson Parks and Recreation Department, I constantly look for ways to expand our programs for our community. In building a partnership with PRTM EDGE, we have been able to establish new programs, enhance existing programs and, most importantly, further satisfy the needs of the Clemson community through recreation programming. Late in 2011 as we assessed community program needs, we realized the university and county school systems Spring Break were on different weeks causing child care problems for many families. In 2012, the city of Clemson established a partnership with PRTM EDGE and began offering Camp Clemson Spring Break, a Spring Break Day Camp offered to residents and non-residents of Clemson in an effort to meet the need of our local families.

Camp Clemson Spring Break is dedicated to providing a safe and fun learning environment to promote individual growth and social skills as well as to offer an enriching camp experience. We offer a week full of crafts, games, educational activities and much more. Camp is always full of fun, crazy, cool events, challenging games, group interaction and lots of spontaneity. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for campers where they will have a positive experience and create wonderful memories. Since we began in 2012, Camp Clemson Spring Break has grown from 40 children our first year, to our weekly maximum of 90 children in 2014 and has become an essential service to our community.

I have also worked with EDGE students in other community events such as the Halloween Festival, Christmas Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Clemson Z Run and many others. I know I can count on the faculty and students to be professional, prepared, and enthusiastic in their work. Clemson residents have high expectations of our programs and the involvement of the EDGE students and the partnership we have established with CU's Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management Department has been essential in providing our community with reliable, creative, and quality programs.

Having worked closely with the students and faculty of PRTM EDGE, I have witnessed firsthand how beneficial EDGE has been in providing hands on learning opportunities to the students while also fulfilling a need in our community in not just a camp setting, but throughout all of our programs. I give my full support and recommendation to Clemson University's PRTM EDGE program for the Commission on Higher Education's Service Learning Competition.

Sincerely,

*Jamie L. Cathey, CPRP*

Program Director  
City of Clemson Parks & Recreation

