



Impact Report

2022

Summer 2022 saw the long-awaited return of our first Older Camper Program, W.A.L.L. Started in 1988, W.A.L.L. is a 30-mile overnight hiking excursion and leadership program for high school-aged youth to Mt. San Geronio, the highest mountain in Southern California. The program was put on hiatus from 2018 after a wildfire ravaged trails in the area. This homecoming year, 17 UCLA student advisors guided 30 W.A.L.L. campers to accomplish something they never thought possible.

The summer wasn't without its challenges. Heavy rains at the end of July caused mudslides that made the mountainous

roads to camp impassable. Out of concern for the safety of campers and volunteers and continued inclement weather forecasted, we made the difficult decision to cancel the last session of camp. Despite this, our volunteers welcomed 576 campers this summer camp season.

We are so thankful to the campers who spent their summer at Camp River Glen, volunteers who put in their sweat and tears into the program, and our generous supporters who made UCLA UniCamp's 87th summer camp season a tremendous success!

Campers & Volunteers

576 campers

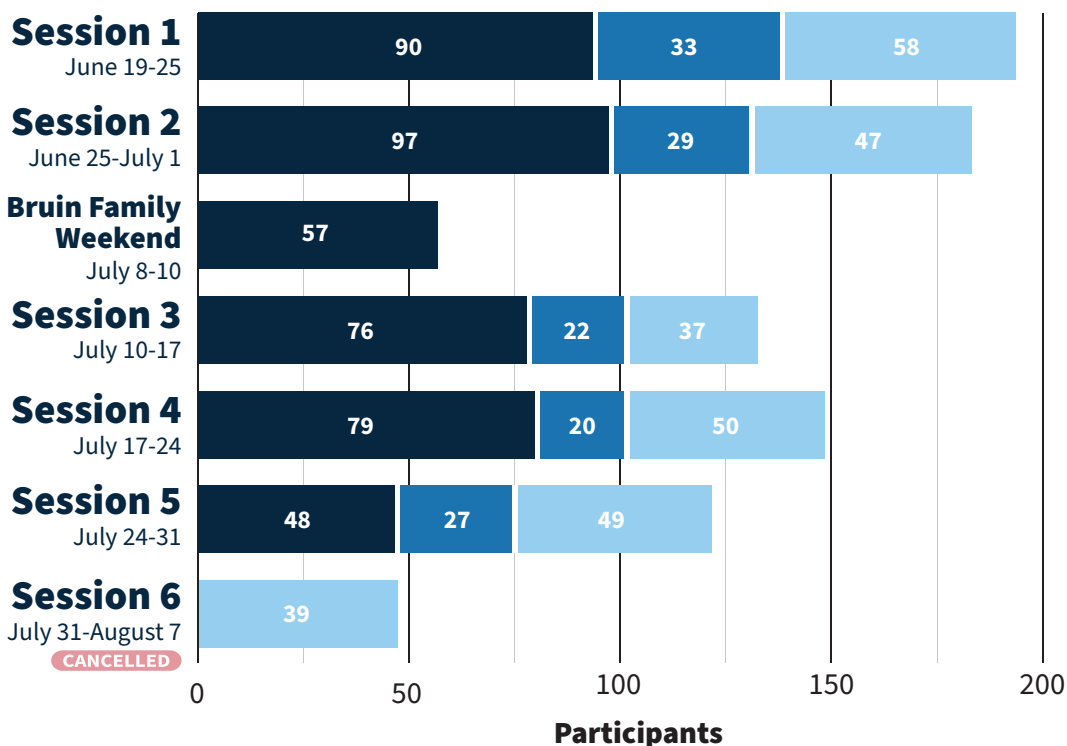
280 UCLA student volunteers

5 weeks of camp

1 life-changing summer



Session 1 WALL advisors and campers before their hike.



We served 576 campers (390 in Classic Camp and 131 in Older Camper Programs), including 40 foster youth.

Out of our 280 total volunteers, 149 were returning and 91 were new this summer.

2.1:1

camper to counselor ratio

Bruin Family Weekend returned to Camp River Glen from July 8-10 with 57 attendees from Bruins with Dependents.

Key

Classic Camp

Older Camper Programs

Volunteers

Community Partners

UCLA UniCamp partners with numerous schools, nonprofit organizations, afterschool programs, and government agencies. These partners identify campers who would benefit from an outdoor camp experience, help with the recruitment process, and provide resources to sponsor their time at UniCamp. Our volunteers also work alongside partners to create a custom camping experience through specialized programs, goals, and outcomes

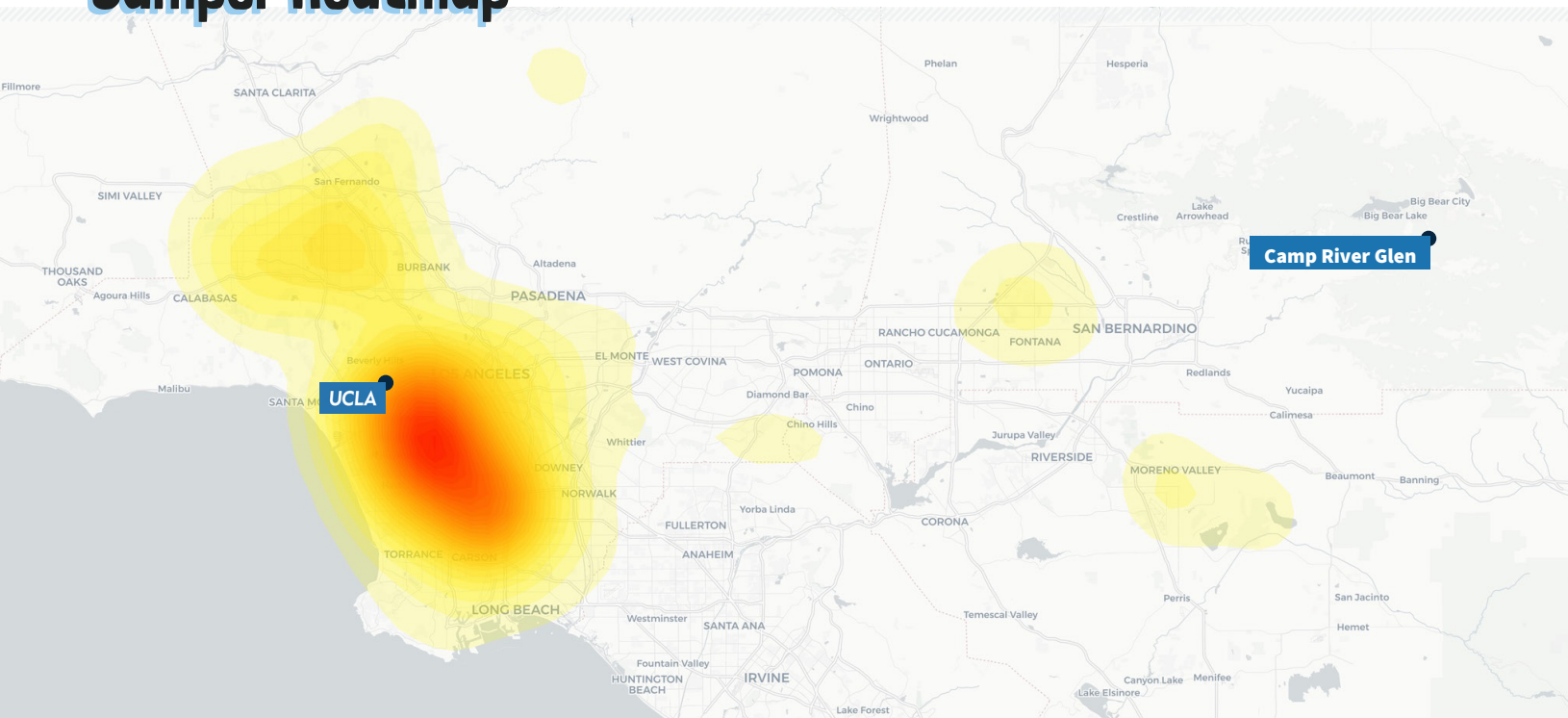
- Arroyo Seco Museum Science Magnet
- Communities in Schools Los Angeles
- Compton Unified School District
- Determined to Succeed
- Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
- Magnolia Science Academy 4 - Venice
- Mann UCLA Community School
- Moreno Valley Unified School District



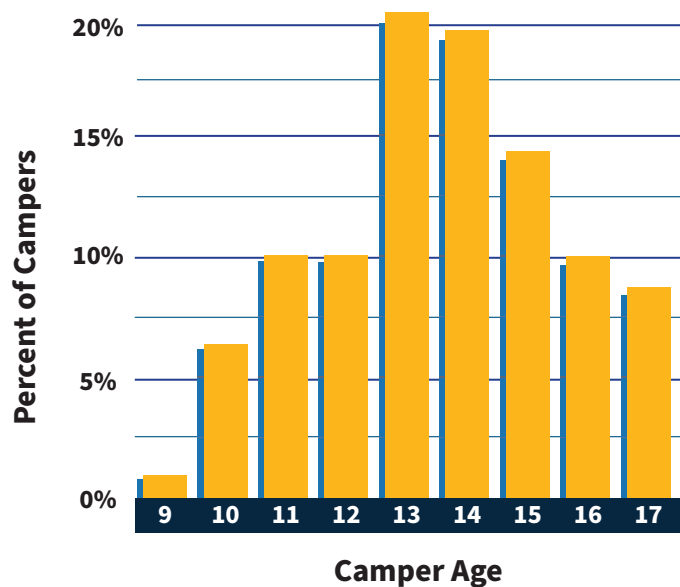
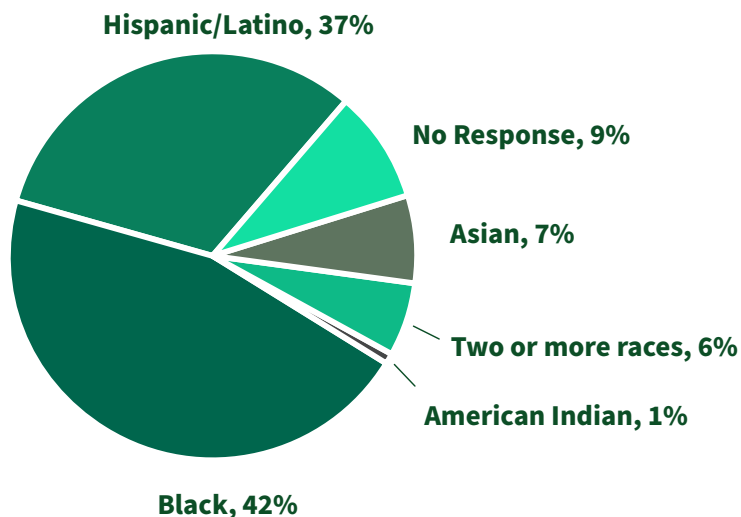
Session 4 volunteers and Mann UCLA Community School staff returned to Los Angeles after their week of camp.

- One Voice LA
- Rialto Unified School District
- The Village Nation
- Young Eisner Scholars

Camper Heatmap



Camper Demographics



Camper Snapshots



"[UniCamp is] such a great way to make new friends and new people and just helps you kind of blossom as a person..."

— Isabella "Venus" Quintana, 15



"I'm going to miss my counselors Spirit Lily and Pluto. They are really nice people. I'm also going to miss my new cabin friends and the friends that I met from Corps and other units."

— Ashley "Flare" Garcia, 15



87%

of campers said they made new friends at camp

Summer Recap



3
"storms" spotted



11
"spicy noodles" relocated



418,943
gallons of water pumped at camp



2,539
trail miles hiked



"Bubbles"
Most popular camp name

Camper Highlight



Zoe “Ratatouille” Eleopoulos

This summer, Zoe Eleopoulos, better known as “Ratatouille” at camp after the Disney movie, left home to attend her first ever week of camp at Camp River Glen. At 11 years young, she didn’t have many expectations being away from home other than not having her phone and access to social media at her fingertips. At home, when she had nothing to do, she would often be on her phone and scrolling endlessly. She felt it would be more positive to leave that behind for a week, to have an open mind, and spend time making friends while at camp instead.

Zoe’s decision turned out to be a fantastic one. She enjoyed the peace and quiet of waking up in the middle of the forest. Sleeping on the top bunk with no windows, every morning she could feel the cold breeze on her face, hear the birds chirp, and woodpeckers knocking. As she and her cabinmates got their day started, she looked forward to all the activities and just spending time with her newfound friends and counselors.

While many campers said climbing the Alpine

tower or shooting archery was their favorite activity, Zoe loved arts and crafts the most. There was just something calming about making “Woodsey Bling”, putting all her energy into making a piece, and giving it away in appreciation of a friend or counselor. She would often take these with her and work on the crafts throughout the week.

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She recalls one particularly vivid memory about camp and that was the night of the talent show. One of her fears is being able to speak or perform in front of an audience. With the help of her friends and the encouragement of other campers and counselors, she was able to overcome her stage fright and sing at the talent show!

As the week came to a close, she said she’ll miss all the campers, counselors, and activities. “... the counselors were really supportive and sweet.”, she said, reminiscing about how her unit talked about highs and lows at the end of each day. When asked if she wants to come back next year, she said “Definitely. After all the friends I’ve met, after talking to everybody or just like all the experiences, talking to the counselors... it’s all really positive!” ■