



IMPACT REPORT

2023



Session 1 campers and counselors canoe at Jenks Lake.

As Spring turned to Summer, Camp River Glen opened and welcomed 710 excited campers alongside 266 UCLA student volunteers. UCLA UniCamp's 88th summer camp season concluded with a full summer of 6 total camp sessions. This year, with the reopening of Jenks Lake, our canoeing program returned as "STEM on the Water" with campers learning about the science and engineering behind each and every one of their paddles across the lake.

After the conclusion of the summer, tropical storm Hilary battered Camp River Glen with winds and rain not seen in over 80 years. The devastation left the campsite with several destroyed and numerous damaged buildings. Fortunately, with the site closed for the winter, nobody was present. As we work to recover from this curveball that Mother Nature has thrown us, we are determined to continue our work to serve the underserved youth of Los Angeles at an alternative campsite for the next year or two.

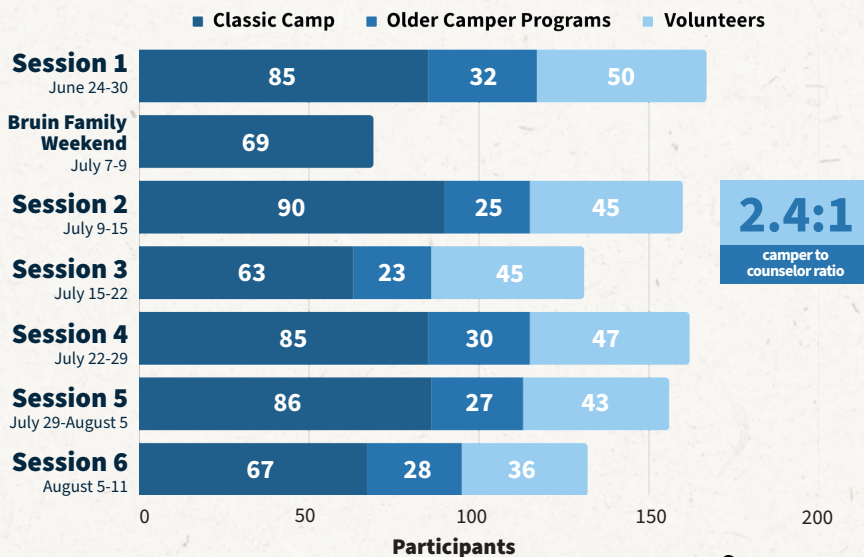
We are grateful for the hard work and dedication our volunteers have dedicated to UniCamp's successes this past summer. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the alumni, foundation, and corporate supporters for making it all possible. And most importantly, we are thankful to the children and their families who have allowed us to fulfill our mission.

CAMPERS & VOLUNTEERS

- 710 campers
- 266 UCLA student volunteers
- 6 weeks of camp
- 1 life-changing summer



We served 710 campers (478 in Classic Camp, 163 in Older Camper Programs, and 69 in Bruin Family Weekend), including 44 foster youth. Out of our 266 total volunteers, 151 were returning and 115 were new this summer. Bruin Family Weekend returned to Camp River Glen from July 7-9 with 69 attendees from Bruins with Dependents and our Woodsey Alumni Network.



Kingjayvion "Evergreen" Revis and friends perform at the Talent Show.

54% of
volunteers are first-
generation college
students

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.

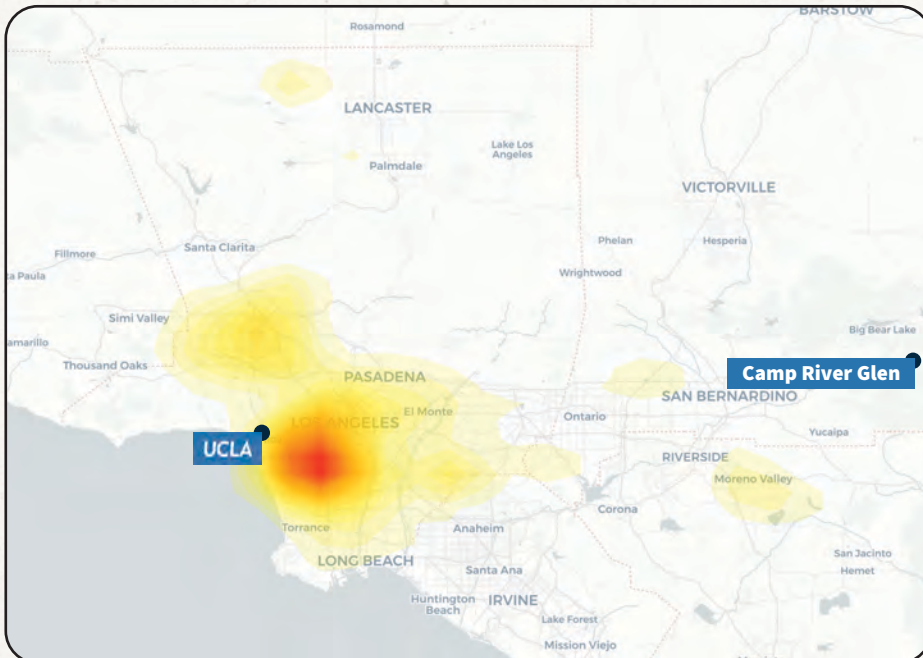
- Boys and Girls Club of La Habra
- City of San Fernando
- Communities in Schools - Los Angeles
- First Star Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy
- In A Perfect World
- LA County Department of Children and Family Services
- Mann UCLA Community School
- Moreno Valley Unified School District
- Rialto Unified School District
- The Village Nation
- Volunteers of America/One Voice LA
- Young Eisner Scholars



The Village Nation's Fluke "Look Out Below" Fluker introduces guest speaker Jason Harris for a Village Session impact assembly.



Mann UCLA Community School Alumni staff support Session 1 volunteers and campers throughout their week of camp.



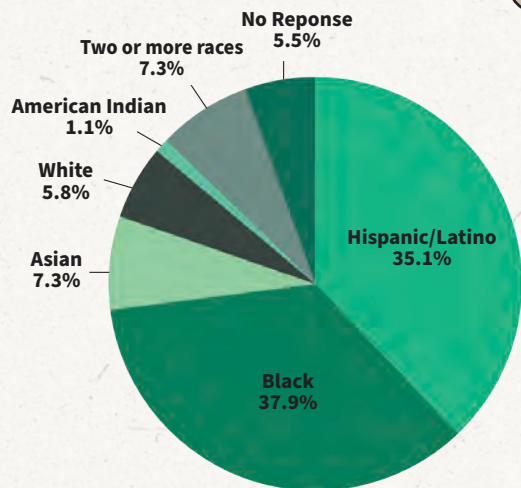
CAMPER HEATMAP

Most of our campers are from South Los Angeles, with a significant number coming from the San Fernando Valley and the neighborhoods near Koreatown.

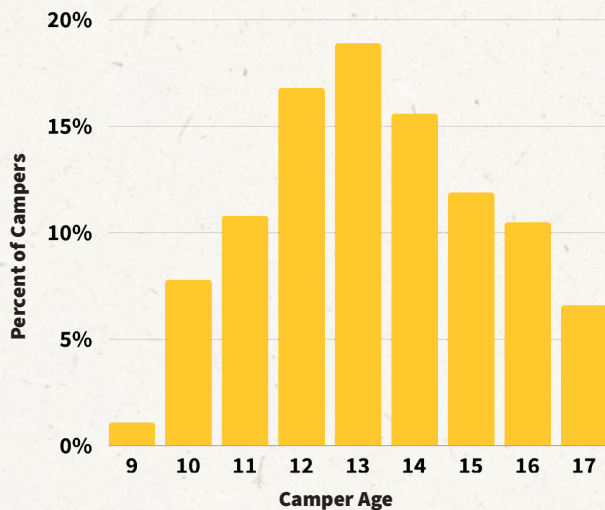
Smaller groups of campers came from the San Gabriel Valley, Lancaster/ Palmdale, San Bernardino, and Moreno Valley

CAMPER DEMOGRAPHICS

Camper Race/Ethnicity



Camper Age



FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR SUMMER



4 storm sightings



Monkey
most popular camp name



3 spicy noodles
relocated



357,622 gallons
of water pumped



Kenton "Ghost" Johnson, Camper



"This is UniCamp. And this is the best, **one of the best** places you can be."

Ashley "Huesos" Zurita, Camper



"I'll miss eating three times a day... Well, I'll miss the food, and I'll miss seeing so **many people** around and socializing with them."

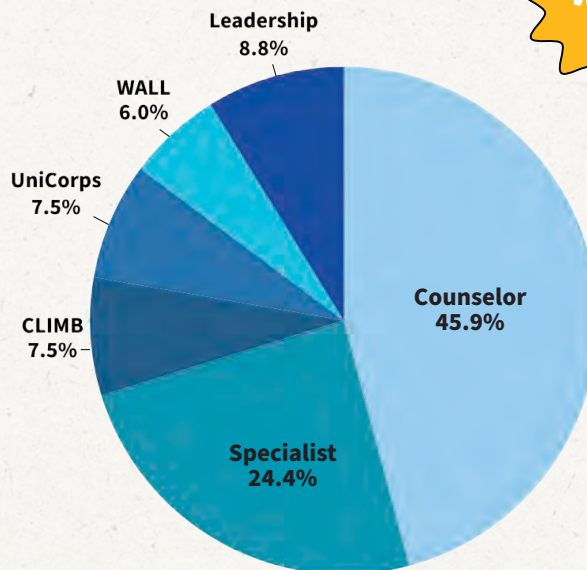
Fernando "Silver Fox" Becerra, Counselor



"...camp has helped me get a clear idea of what I want to do with my career goals... **I want to work with kids.** I'm currently working as a counselor aide at three high schools helping kids who are interested in going to different colleges or trade schools."

VOLUNTEER DEMOGRAPHICS

Volunteer Roles



Median volunteer age
~21

CAMPER HIGHLIGHT



Zoe “Luna” Abdulla

Meet Zoe Abdulla, a spirited 15-year-old, who goes by Luna during her time at UniCamp. This was her very first year, and she was already enchanted by the “Woodsey Magic”.

Luna’s desire to go camping stemmed from TV shows from her childhood, and her experience at UniCamp lived up to her expectations. From activities like archery and canoeing to making friends, she wanted to do it all. Her counselors, Truth and Ivy, made her experience even more incredible. They created a fun-filled cabin and their unwavering support made everyone feel welcome.

Among Luna’s favorite memories was her first canoeing trip where she and her cabinmates worked together to paddle across Jenks Lake. Another unforgettable moment was climbing the alpine tower where she saw a deer when she reached the top. These experiences introduced her to nature in ways she had never imagined.

For Luna, UniCamp was more than just a series of fun activities. It was an opportunity to connect with nature. She learned new skills like making camp bling and crocheting, but more importantly, she discovered her ability to step out of her comfort zone.

In just one summer, UniCamp became more than a place for Luna; it was an experience that taught her courage, friendship, and the joy of exploring beyond her boundaries. ■

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



Victoria “Ruby” Saucedo

Victoria Saucedo, or Ruby as she is known at UniCamp, finished her second year as volunteer counselor and she absolutely loved it! To Ruby, UniCamp felt like a magical place that isn’t real. Between the nature around her and spending a week with a group of kids and fellow volunteers, everything else that she had going on in the city just disappeared into the background.

But the best part for Ruby? Watching her kids grow in confidence over the course of a week. At first, they were shy and kept to themselves. But by the end they couldn’t stop singing songs and even performed in the talent show together. It’s like seeing magic happen right in front of her eyes.

Reflecting on her time at camp, Ruby shared, “I’ve learned to be patient and understand others, especially the younger kids. Camp taught me to see the world through their eyes.”

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As the conversation drew to a close, there was no doubt in Ruby’s mind about her future with UniCamp. “Are you going to come back?” Her response was unwavering: “Always! I have one more year at UCLA, so I’ll definitely return for that year. And then after, I’ll probably be around, popping in when I can, even if it’s just for Alumni day. But I will definitely be around...” ■