



Presidio Trust

Summer Camp



2018 STATISTICS

61

Youth served in Presidio Trekkers, Junior Rangers, Urban Backpackers, and BITE Jr. summer camps

4,793

Total contact hours for camp participants

53%

Of campers received scholarships

3

Organizations participated in a no-fee partner camp

33

Individuals participated in partner camp

255

Total contact hours for partner camp participants

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Crissy Field Center facilitated a variety of multi-day environmental camps, providing children with meaningful experiences in the Golden Gate National Parks and beyond. Youth ages 6 to 11 learned what it takes to create thriving parks, healthy communities, and just societies. They built lasting memories and experienced self-discovery, forging friendships while learning in national parks. For these camps, 50% of registrations are reserved for families experiencing economic hardship, allowing for a diversity of youth who historically have not participated in this type of programming. Younger children embark on national park adventures close to home in Presidio Trekkers, where small groups foster

community with children and instructors during coastal bluff hikes and volunteering at the Presidio Native Plant Nursery. Older children explored farther afield in Junior Rangers, venturing to park sites like Alcatraz, Muir Woods National Monument, and Point Reyes National Seashore. For the capstone experience, campers slept outdoors at Rob Hill Campground before their swearing-in ceremony as official Junior Rangers.

Thank you always for working hard and making Crissy Field Center camps an amazing place for children.

—Jina Jue

NEW EXPERIENCES

Urban Backpackers was a pilot opportunity that bridged summer camp and middle school leadership programs. This camp challenged young people in a wilderness adventure, helping 12 youth develop leadership and teamwork skills by backpacking through a national park. After spending one day meeting each other and preparing for the trip, the youth spent the next three days and two nights out in the field, hiking over 11 miles from the Presidio to the Marin Headlands and back again. Some of the skills they practiced included orienteering and "leave no trace."





PARTICIPANT STORY | HIGHLIGHTS



Crissy Field Center staff worked with three organizations to run a summer camp for youth who otherwise do not have the opportunity to participate in an environmental camp. One of those groups came with Sister Stephanie Hughes, Executive Director of Lazarus House. Youth participated in a three-day camp, where they engaged in several science-based activities such as using a microscope to identify plankton that had been collected from the San Francisco Bay, observing wildlife through binoculars in the Marin Head-



lands, and using bug boxes and magnifying glasses to explore Redwood Creek in Muir Woods National Monument.

These group activities allowed youths' minds and bodies to be physically engaged throughout the day, and they provided greater opportunities for staff to break barriers and develop a deeper connection with the youth.

No-fee Community Partner Camps will continue to be offered in the summer of 2019. This program from the previous two summers has proven to be an opportunity that enriches youths' experience with the outdoors.



KEY PARTNERS

**John Muir
Elementary**

Hamilton Families
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**Sister Stephanie
Hughes**