

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
Griffith Park Boys Camp



Staff Orientation Comments

The employee comradely was the most striking thing. The cohesion of the staff is one of the most important parts of a good camp.

During the week of in-service, I learned the importance of communication and working as a team rather than individuals. Learning as a team and helping your fellow co worker(s) when they were struggling. It was great how all these guys from different backgrounds came together and learned different things from each other. It was a great experience that I will cherish for a long time.

I was impressed by how the new Cabin Leaders worked together and how efficient our training was. I enjoyed the communication. What impressed me was getting to do the leap of faith activity with some of the cabin leaders and understanding my role for supervising children.

In service interested me because all of the hands on training. I liked archery a lot. I would love to practice that over the summer. I also enjoyed swimming. In-service was interesting because of all the new ways to teach and take care of children.

I was impressed with the passion and high level of morale that each individual Cabin Leader brought to the table. They were very willing to learn and strived to get every detail. These actions and attitudes have convinced me that we are on the right track to having a great summer, if not a perfect one.

I learned to be a good Cabin Leader and realized that camp is about them and they need to have fun. I was impressed with was the ropes course and I was impressed with the amount of activities that we have for the campers.

I know that responsibility is important and I'm up for it. I feel with my experience and the training given during in-service I know I can get the job done.

I learned cpr and first aid. I also learned many skills on how to work with children and what children do in cabins to have fun or think is funny. I also learned many characteristics of every group of children. What impressed me was the reaction and the involvement of all the guys. I was also impressed by the ropes course and lastly by all or everything they do here at camp for the children.

I have learned a lot since I have come here and yet I was able to have fun. There is "zero tolerance" for "pranks" and "hazing". I have learned archery, ropes course, cpr, first aide, camp rules, and most of all just to have fun and everything will be great.

The devotion to the camper's safety and their connection to nature was most impressive of training. The camp is run professionally. Training the staff and Cabin Leaders to sacrifice for the children's entertainment is the quintessential Cabin Leader's attitude that creates an impressive camp "ethos".

I have learned that camp takes hard work to make it run as smoothly. I learned rules and safety guidelines are needed to keep campers safe. I learned how to perform cpr, and first aide and how to keep gnats and flies away with a fabric softener dryer sheet. I learned that camp is fun for the campers and needs to be safe.

I have learned a lot of information during my training. Most importantly was how to be able to attend to children when they get hurt or when they are missing home. The biggest lesson that I learned though is that the children should have a good time while being safe during their time at camp.

I've learned that people look at life at a different view and one must respect that. The thing that impressed me a lot is friendship between everyone in training, and hopefully throughout out summer, the campers will learn this too.

2008 Griffith Park Boys Camp Summer Staff:



Atmosphere Aztec Beast Broken Arrow Cobra Deer



Dreamer Fly Frost Hawk Jaguar



Mongoose Night Crawler Nova Ocelot Onyx



Ox Panda Simba Sun Tiger



Tornado Turtle Wolverine Zypher '08 Cabin Leader of the Year