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2016 California 4-H Camp Evaluation

In 2016, 9 counties participated in evaluation of their camps. The evaluation focused on 4 key outcomes of attending camp: affinity for nature, responsibility, confidence, and friendship skills. This report summarizes the results of the evaluation statewide. Both campers and teen staff completed the evaluation.



On average, youth rate camp at 8.4 on a scale* from 1 to 10!

All about the campers!	
% Boys	39%
% Girls	61%
% Campers	81%
% Teen Staff	19%
% "Yes", a member of a 4-H club back home	68%
% "Yes" plan to return to camp	77%
Average number of years at camp	2.6

"The best part of camp was getting closer to the other staffers & my cabin, tribe, & meeting all of the wonderful chaperones." -Camper, Age 14

What was the best part of camp?

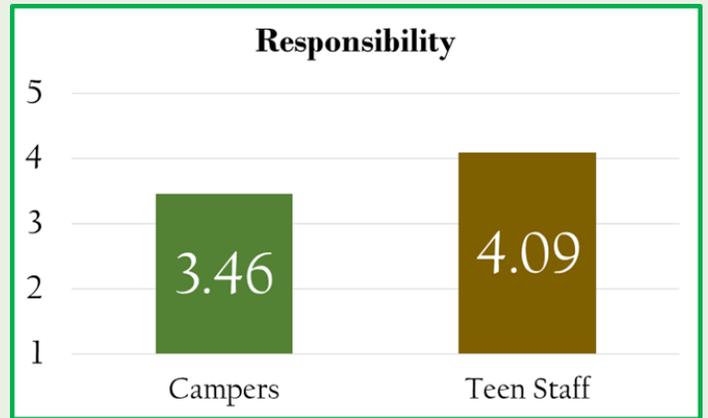
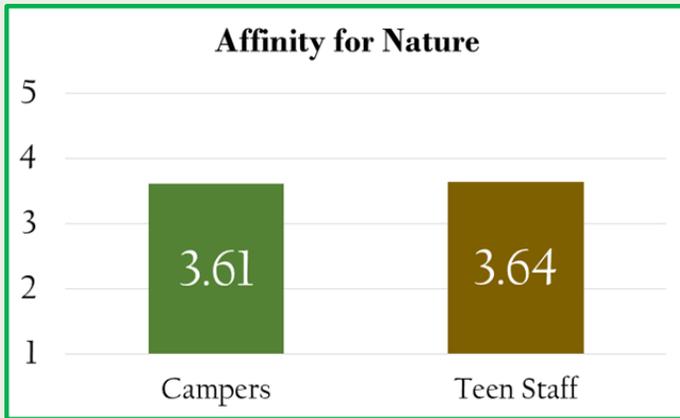


If you could change one thing about camp, what would make it better?

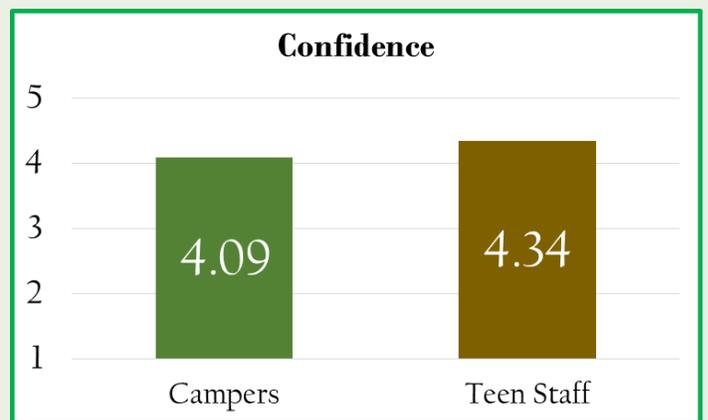
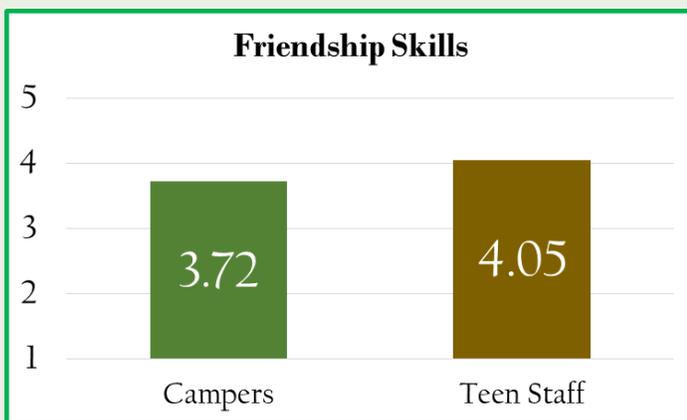


* Scale from 1=worst time ever to 10=best time ever. The word clouds above show the categories that came up most often in response to the open-ended questions.

Statistical tests were run to see if there was a difference in outcomes between campers and teen staff. On all outcomes, except Affinity for Nature, teens had significantly higher outcome scores than campers.



“The best part of camp is watching the campers as they grow as people and getting to know them better. I enjoy helping them have a great time.” -Teen Staff, Age 16



Note: For Affinity for Nature, Responsibility, and Friendship Skills, the scale is 1= Decreased, 2= Did not Increase or Decrease, 3= Increased a Little Bit, 4=Increased Some, I am Sure, and 5= Increased A lot, I am Sure. For Confidence, the scale is 1=Strongly Disagree, 2=Disagree, 3=Neither Agree nor Disagree, 4=Agree, 5=Strongly Agree.

“The best part of camp was making new friends that are of all age groups.” -Teen Staff, 16

“Meeting new people and reconnecting with old friends while making the relationships stronger” -Camper, Age 15