

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



2007 Summer Staff Comments

The Griffith Park Boys Camp Orientation week was a great experience. I haven't had so much fun with a bunch of people of different races. I enjoyed getting to know new people from different backgrounds. I also enjoyed learning CPR and 1st Aid because that is something that you can put in good use. And just being a part of such a beautiful tradition, I know all of us will have such a great memorable summer of our lives. My goals at the camp are to help the campers have a great experience and meet other people. I am excited. I will love making a great impact in other people life.

I'm a city boy and I don't really spend time in the woods, so I had to get used to it. I learned about animals, I had never seen up close before in my life. Sure I've seen them on TV, but not right in my face. It also was really cool to see GPBC tradition.

At the beginning of the orientation I thought the training will be easy and fun, but I was wrong. I learned a lot. I learned that many cultures can get along no matter what race you are. I also learned that the campers come first, which means the campers come here to have fun. The most important thing I've learned is respect and no one can take that away from anyone.

I felt good this week being here at camp. The cabin leaders all got along and were very cool people. My goal this summer is to have fun keep my campers entertained and safe. I want to learn a lot from the staff and campers this summer and I hope to learn about other people's backgrounds and maybe make a friend or two. Overall I expect this summer to be great.

I have learned a lot this week and I also met a lot of new people. Each day was something new and I really enjoyed and appreciated that. I think my favorite activity was basketball, the hip hop and team building games. I have a great feeling about this summer, because I am around a lot of good people and a very good environment. Now I am ready to go home, but I am excited about Monday.

Griffith Park Boys Camp orientation has given me a lot inspiration and strength to have fun. I learned what older people mean to children. I really understand what is to be a "HERO" and how important I am to children. This has been a great week and a perfect opportunity to work with children in a camp setting. I really enjoy and love it here, the air, the nature, people, and the activities. Thanks for everything.

Throughout the orientation week I enjoyed doing fun team activities such as ropes and obstacle courses. It helped cabin leaders bond and learn to trust each other and themselves. I also enjoy learning all techniques and methods to deal with difficult camper situations. The training on teaching campers to listen and how to listen to staff is highly important. I believe that in order to make camp fun camp must be safe and orderly organized. The first week when campers arrive will probably be the most challenging since most cabin leaders are new including myself, but it will go well if communication is used to facilitate orderly conduct for campers and to ensure cabin leaders follow the procedures of the camp program.

My week of orientation was an experience I will never forget. I never got to go to camp when I was young but this summer I know I will find out how it is. I learned that here you can be whoever you are and not worry about other people thinking that you're weird.

Of all the things were learned this week during orientation, I think the best and most important thing was learning how to get along with each other. The camp cabin leader staff is a very diverse group yet we all learned to be friends and have fun.

This week has been an amazing experience. My main goal is to improve my skills in dealing with children and to feel comfortable when disciplining children. I also learned how to keep my campers happy and always having fun. I want my campers to take a positive experience home with them and to always remember this as a fun place. I will have fun and will hope everyone else has fun also.

This past week has been a great experience for me. I feel welcome here. And I have a new family here. All the staff and cabin leaders are great people, and it has been better than what I expected. I am ready and I know it will be a challenge. My goals are to make this summer fun and be a role model and a "Hero" to these campers.

This experience was a very influential learning process for me. I feel that after this week of in-service I can handle the campers and help them enjoy their summer camp experience. This week I felt as though I was a camper and the leadership staff, were the cabin leaders. I got to spend a week in the camper's shoes. I feel that because of that I can relate to campers a little more and meet their needs. All in all I think it's going to be a great summer.

When I first interacted with the new guys I knew that they were going to be a good fit to what we are trying to accomplish here at camp. They are all energetic, interesting, and seem like the types of guys that I'd trust my children with. This whole week has been a blast for me.

This week felt like one of the longest weeks of my life. But for the most part I made some friends and learned a lot more about certain people and cultures. I am truly excited about Monday, because I feel that I could be a great role model/cabin leader/friend.

The things that impressed me about orientation, this year was the selection and diversity of the staff, each one has something special to bring to the plate.



Griffith Park Boys Camp Summer 2007 Staff:

Front row: Seed, Mr. Cruz aka "Ogre", Gecko, Nightcrawler, Neptune, Second row: Jamaica, Cobalt, Yogi, Sun, Panther, Cheddar, Mouse, Third row: Tornado, Frost, Coyote, Ketchup, Barracuda, Broken Arrow, Back row: Squirrel, Caribou, Crow, Viper, Perfect Storm, Mustang, and far right Wolverine. Not pictured Beast, Fox, Jaguar and Bear