



"Gratitude is our attitude"

CSC CAMP 美東夏令營

Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park, CA

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Introduction

*If you're not in New York,
you're camping out.*

- *Thomas Dewey (New York
Governor, 1943 - 1954)*

結廬在人境，常聞車馬喧
問君何如爾，地偏心自遠

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CSC Camp

- In 1996, Mary Gee, proposed the idea of giving the ultimate “summer experience” for lower-income Chinese youth.
- The camping opportunity would allow those that have never been outside of Manhattan’s Chinatown to see some of the great outdoors.
- The first camp had 30 members.
- 14 years later, our camp enrollment stands at 80 (ages 10-18).



CSC Camp Objectives

- Give Chinese youth an opportunity to experience nature and experience life outside large urban areas.
- Serving our people.
- Sharing our values.



目標

- 在大自然中看見天主
- 提示一個理想或目標
- 敞開心靈去接受當下美好的事物
- 體會基督的喜樂
- 懂得知恩和感謝



主題

仲夏草木欣
感恩意不盡
來歌少年吟
蜜奶沾子襟
濡慕有雙親
好友皆比鄰
何德受此憫
兼愛表寸心

仲夏草木青
結伴少年行
語多話不停

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Our Program

- Arts & Crafts
 - ▣ Chinese crafts
 - ▣ Chinese calligraphy
 - ▣ Song and dance
- Outdoor Activities
 - ▣ Climbing, Hiking, Swimming, etc...
- Sports
- Workshops
 - ▣ Psycho-social and Educational development, Growing up Asian-American, etc... (theme varies every year)

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Practicing Our Values

Unlike most camps, CSC Camp, without the use of preaching, emphasizes our Christian faith with:

1. An encouraged policy of “never wasting food.”
2. Teamwork and coexistence - Putting together Chinese immigrants and American born Chinese (kids from both lower income and more affluent backgrounds).



What success have we seen?

- Despite age limit, former camp members continually ask to return.
- Many former camp members have returned as camp counselors.
- Applications to attend CSC have annually increased by 25%.



Limitations

- CSC Camp is completely funded by CSC members.
 - ▣ Registration for kids is already heavily discounted.
 - ▣ Funding only allows for 4 days of camping.
- Staff are not paid employees, rather we rely on volunteers.
- Lacking youth staff volunteers.



觀察與反省

- 大部分年輕人喜歡參加夏令營並感謝我們的服務，但不一定認同我們的目標，為什麼？
- 團友們熱心服務勇於犧牲，但能否把團的理想呈現出來？



結語

春草年年綠，
王孫歸不歸？