



OC Human Relations

Building community by fostering respect, resolving conflict and pursuing equality

BRIDGES Youth Leadership Camp

July 27th - 31st, 2015



WHAT IS THE BRIDGES YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP?

The BRIDGES Youth Leadership Camp is an intense, weeklong camp that brings together youth from diverse backgrounds to develop their leadership, facilitation, youth organizing and human relations knowledge and skills. At BRIDGES Camp students learned how to organize their peers to take a stand against hate and violence and to combat prejudice while participating in fun hands-on activities, multi-media presentations, role playing and skill-building activities.

WHO ATTENDED?

15 students from Anaheim, Orange, Costa Mesa, Garden Grove, Fullerton, Santa Ana and Newport Beach attended the weeklong camp. The students represented 7 Schools across 5 Orange County districts. Camp attendees are asked to contribute \$250 towards the cost, however this summer, 87% of the students were from low income families and through the generosity of our sponsors were provided partial to full scholarships. Graduates of the camp are invited to participate in OC Human Relations' year-long youth internship, Orange County Youth Organizers.



STUDENT QUOTES:

Being a part of camp empowered me to...

- "become a better leader."
- "stand up for what I believe in."
- "be the change."

"This camp has helped me recognize the importance of my/our confidence and voice(s)."

"The most valuable lesson I learned this week is that if you see a need for change on your campus, involve your community."