2010

Generation Green Leadership Camp
Hello Everyone,

My name is James Oftedal, the Program Director for the Central California Consortium (CCC), a program funded by the USDA Forest Service. The CCC serves as a bridge between the USDA Forest Service, underserved areas, and community partners. Its mission is to help diversify the Forest Service workforce by encouraging careers in natural resources, higher education, and employment through mentoring, leadership and community outreach efforts. Generation Green, which is a major component of the CCC, is a K-12 environmental education program which includes high school and middle school clubs focused on leadership, stewardship, community service and higher education. These clubs are currently established at Reedley, Orange Cove, and South Tahoe high schools.

This past summer 30 Generation Green high school students participated in the Generation Green Leadership Camp held in Sacramento, California from July 12th through August 2nd, 2010. During the leadership camp the students worked alongside Forest Service professionals at Camp Smokey. The students educated the general public, especially children, on fire safety and the importance of conserving and preserving the environment. Through this experience the students gained self-confidence, leadership, team building, time management, and communication skills.

As a program, we successfully motivate our students to:
- Speak out and let their ideas be known
- Be responsible
- Take on leadership roles
- Embrace their role as stewards of the land
- Educate their peers, families, and the community on the conservation and preservation of the environment
- Excel in high school and go on to higher education
- Consider natural resource careers with the Forest Service

I would like to thank everyone in association with the Generation Green Leadership Camp. This project was a success due to the time and dedication of countless individuals. It is with great pleasure and pride that I present to you the 2010 Generation Green Leadership Camp Participants!

Sincerely,
Jim Oftedal
CCC Program Director
Note to the Parents...

This year the California State Fair in Sacramento ran from July 12 to August 2, 2010. The Generation Green Club sent students from Reedley, Orange Cove, Fresno, and South Tahoe high schools to participate in the Generation Green Leadership Camp which played a large role in each of the students overall experience and growth. Besides educating the public at the State Fair, the students also visited the State Capitol, learned about various careers within the Forest Service, and polished their public speaking, team building, and time management skills through various leadership workshops.

The CCC would like to commend you for giving your son/daughter the opportunity to attend the 2010 Generation Green Leadership Camp and pushing them one step closer to the reality of a higher education. We are sure that your child’s growth has not gone unnoticed since their return, and we are confident that with hard work and dedication, they will be successful in anything that they put their minds to.

Nota a los Padres...

Este año la Feria Estatal de California en Sacramento se llevó a cabo desde el día 12 de Julio al 2 de Agosto, 2010. El programa Generación Verde reclutó estudiantes de las preparatorias Reedley, Orange Cove, Fresno, y South Tahoe para tomar parte en el Campamento de Liderazgo Generación Verde. Aparte de educar al publico en la Feria Estatal, los estudiantes también visitaron el Capitólio, aprendieron sobre varias carreras disponibles en el Servicio Forestal, y además mejoraron ciertas habilidades necesarias para ser exitosos profesionalmente, como lo son el hablar en publico, trabajo en equipo, y como utilizar su tiempo de una manera mas productiva. Todo esto se logró atravéz de varios talleres educativos.

El CCC quiere agradecerles por haberle dado a sus hijo/hija la oportunidad de tomar parte en el Campamento de Liderazgo Generación Verde, y por impulsarlos un paso mas hacia la realidad de una educación superior. Estamos seguros de que el crecimiento de su hijo/hija no ha pasado desapercibido desde su regreso, y confiamos en que con trabajo y dedicación, serán exitosos y lograrán cualquier meta que se propongan.
Central California Consortium

**Lily M. Nieves**
Position: Assistant Director
Experience: Eight years of dedicated service to the Forest Service
Degree: MA Public Administration
Degree: BA Liberal Studies
Minor: Spanish
School: CSU, Fresno

**Julissa Gonzalez**
Position: Job Placement Coordinator
Major: MA Communication
Degree: BS Business Administration
School: CSU, Fresno

**Chor Yang**
Position: STEP - Asian Liaison / Budget Analyst
Major: Business Administration
Emphasis: Human Resource Management
School: CSU, Fresno

**Mai Chou Thao**
Position: STEP - Asian Liaison/ Budget Analyst
Major: Business Administration
Emphasis: Human Resource Management
School: CSU, Fresno

**Melissa Souaykoumane**
Position: STEP - Human Resource Management Intern
Major: Business Administration
Emphasis: Human Resource Management
School: CSU, Fresno

**Juana Rosas**
Position: Rural Coordinator
Major: MA Spanish Literature and MA International Relations
Degree: BA Latin American Studies
School: CSU, Fresno/UC, Berkeley

**Veronica Garcia**
Position: STEP - Media Intern
Major: Mass Communication & Journalism
Emphasis: Electronic Media Production
School: CSU, Fresno

**Marco Chavez**
Position: STEP - Human Resource Management Intern
Major: Business Administration
Emphasis: Management
School: CSU, Fresno

**Jose Zavala**
Position: STEP - Environmental Educator
Degree: Teaching Credential
Degree: BS Kinesiology
School: CSU, Fresno
Camp Smokey Chaperones

Alex Orozco
Ana Marie Ceballos
Blanca Rios

Denny Mar
Jorge Silva
Juan Santiago

Ka Xiong
Marty Oftedal
Maria Ceballos
Melissa Gonzalez
Nadine Barragan
Maria Anguiano
Rafael Valesquez
Saul Fernandez

Forest Service Employees and Chaperones
David Morales

Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Architect  
Grade: 12  

- After graduation I want to further my education and attend Cal Poly.  
- The leadership camp helped me grow as a leader and increased my confidence level.  
- My most memorable moments were the fun times with everyone and the talent show.

Fabian Gonzalez

Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Firefighter/CHP  
Grade: 12  

- After graduation I plan on attending college to become a Firefighter or a CHP.  
- During the leadership camp I learned how to manage my time.  
- My most rewarding experience was being a crew leader.
Fernando Aparicio

Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Criminology

Grade: 11

- After graduation I plan to attend CSU, Fresno.
- The leadership camp helped me improve my leadership and public speaking skills.
- My most rewarding experience was teaching the children about fire safety and getting compliments from the parents.

Hernan Diaz

Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Obtain a leadership position in the military

Grade: 11

- After graduation I would like to attend UC, Davis.
- My most rewarding experience was giving a tour of Camp Smokey to an elderly woman because she really appreciated it.
- My most memorable moment was being Smokey Bear for the last time.

Isabel Salazar

Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Nurse - Midwife

Grade: 11

- After graduation I plan on attending UCLA.
- At Camp Smokey I was a crew boss and my duties were to make sure everything was functioning smoothly, ensure everyone was safe, and to create schedules.
- I learned how to communicate better with my family and peers.
Jazmin Mar

Hometown: McFarland, CA  
School: McFarland High School  
Career Goal: Crime Scene Investigator  
Grade: 10

- My role at the State Fair was to teach kids and adults about fire prevention.
- At the camp I learned how to be a leader and improve my public speaking skills.
- My most memorable moment was when we played soccer at the park against the second session.

Jessica Loera

Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Teacher or Nurse  
Grade: 10

- After graduation I plan on attending UC, Santa Barbara.
- This leadership camp helped me improve my leadership and public speaking skills.
- My most rewarding experience was seeing how the little children were so excited to learn.

Joleana Thouchalanh

Hometown: Fresno, CA  
School: Fresno City College  
Career Goal: Nurse  
Grade: Freshmen in College

- My dream is to become a registered nurse and work in the medical field.
- The leadership camp has helped me with my public speaking skills.
- My most memorable moment was watching everyone that was late do the squirrely dance at the Sacramento State Fair.

Dinner at the park

Breakfast at the Lions Gate Hotel
Jorge Villareal
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Law Enforcement
- After graduation I plan to attend Reedey College then transfer to CSU, Fresno.  
- At the leadership camp I learned how to overcome my fear of speaking in public.  
- My most memorable moment was seeing the kids get excited to see Smokey Bear.

Jose Luis Espinoza
Hometown: Reedley, CA  
School: Reedley High School  
Career Goal: History
- After graduation I plan on attending Reedley College and then transferring to a university.  
- At this camp I improved my public speaking skills and learned how to work with people.  
- My most rewarding experience was working with little kids and seeing their faces when they got the answers correct.

Karen Mendoza
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: Undecided
- During this camp I improved my public speaking skills.  
- I also learned some fire prevention tips at the leadership camp that I didn’t know before.  
- My most memorable moments were the talent show and seeing the kids every day.

Liliana Barreto
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA  
School: Orange Cove High School  
Career Goal: History Teacher/Business Marketing
- After graduation, I plan on attending a four year university.  
- The leadership camp helped me improve my public speaking skills.  
- My most rewarding experience was meeting all the Forest Service employees and all the great people in Session 1.
Sang Sue Thao
Hometown: Fresno, CA
School: Edison High School
Career Goal: Science

- My communication and leadership skills were highly improved by this camp.
- The best experience was receiving constructive feedback during our public speaking workshops.
- My most memorable moment was when I first made all of my peers laugh at Camp Smokey.

Trong Chang
Hometown: Fresno, CA
School: Duncan Polytechnical High School
Career Goal: Psychologist

- My main role was to present the information in each house and to interact with the kids.
- My most rewarding experience was being able to MC the puppet show because I did not have a script to follow, but I still kept the public entertained.
- My most memorable moment was spending time at the park during dinner.

Viviana Villicana
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Orange Cove High School
Career Goal: Nurse

- My roles were to present in each house, be a puppeteer, and be Smokey’s helper.
- My most rewarding experience was to meet all the kids and to interact with them.
- My most memorable experiences were playing tag in the big toy and meeting everyone in my session.

Visit to the State Capital
Setting up Camp Smokey!
Volunteering at Camp Smokey

Educating the public
Anthony Talford
Hometown: Fresno, CA
School: Edison High School
Career Goal: Natural Resources
Grade: 12

- After graduation I plan on attending college, but the college I attend will depend on scholarships.
- My most rewarding experience was winning the “Um” game.
- My most memorable moment would be playing the “Big Booty” game.

Ariana Torres
Hometown: South Lake Tahoe, CA
School: Lake Tahoe Community College
Career Goal: Undecided
Grade: 12

- At Camp Smokey I was a Crew Boss. I worked with other crew bosses to create a schedule and to make sure everyone was drinking enough water and getting breaks.
- From this camp I learned how to be more comfortable public speaking.
- My most rewarding experience was helping one of the students learn how to speak English.
Carolina Morales
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Reedley High School  Grade: 12
Career Goal: Science
• After graduation I plan to attend a four year university.
• From the leadership camp I learned how to become a better leader.
• My most rewarding experience was when the parents and children really got into it and started asking questions.

Cecilia Loera
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Orange Cove High School  Grade: 12
Career Goal: Teacher
• After graduation I plan to attend CSU, Sacramento.
• During the Leadership Camp I learned how to interact with different personalities.
• My most memorable moment was when a little kid asked me for my name and told me that he will come back and visit me.

Gustavo Morales
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Orange Cove High School  Grade: 11
Career Goal: Science
• After graduation I plan to attend a four year university.
• From the leadership camp I learned how to become a better leader.
• My most rewarding experience was when the parents and children really got into it and started asking questions.

Trip to the State Capital
Herbert Curry
Hometown: Fresno, CA
School: Edison High School
Career Goal: Theater and Communication

• After graduation I plan to apply to CSU, Sacramento or UC, Berkeley.
• The camp helped me get over being shy and helped me break out of my comfort zone.
• My most memorable moment was when the Forest Service employees that didn’t know me told me that I was something special and that they loved what I was doing.

Joanna Valtierra
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Orange Cove High School
Career Goal: Undecided

• After graduation I plan to attend CSU, Los Angeles.
• At this camp I became a confident person and am better in public speaking. I also learned about the various jobs offered with the Forest Service.
• My most memorable moment was being Smokey Bear because the kids were happy to see me.

Jose Gonzalez
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Orange Cove High School
Career Goal: Undecided

• My role at the State Fair was presenting Smokey’s story.
• During this camp I learned how to use my nerves as positive energy during the presentations.
• My most rewarding experience was being able to talk to my family about fire prevention after the camp.
Jose L. Moreno
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Orange Cove High School
Career Goal: Firefighter
- After graduation I plan to attend CSU, Fresno.
- Camp Smokey helped me improve my leadership skills and taught me that, to be a leader, you always have to have a positive attitude.
- My most rewarding experience was to hear all of the guest speakers’ stories.

Kelvin Garcia
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Orange Cove High School
Career Goal: Math and Science
- After graduation I plan to attend a four year university.
- I learned how to trust people and improved my public speaking skills. I feel more comfortable speaking in front of the public.
- My most memorable moment was the talent show because we all had a good time.

Maricruz Hernandez
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Reedley High School
Career Goal: Medical Field
- After graduation I plan to attend a four year university, possibly CSU, Fresno.
- During this camp I learned a lot of leadership skills and to speak up.
- My most memorable moment was when all of the Camp Smokey staff and students played a game called “Big booty” together.
Monica Duarte
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Reedley High School
Career Goal: Law Enforcement
• After graduation I plan on attending a four year University, possibly CSU, Stanislaus.
• From the leadership camp I learned how to project my voice and maintain eye contact when speaking.
• My most memorable moment was when I got to go inside the firetruck.

Rogelio Arroyo
Hometown: Reedley, CA
School: Reedley High School
Career Goal: Art and Animation
• My role at the State Fair was teaching kids about fire prevention.
• At the camp I was able to gain new friends and improve my public speaking skills.
• My most memorable moment was teaching a Spanish family about the maintaining trails because they did not speak English.

Shai Chang
Hometown: Fresno, CA
School: Duncan Polytechnical High School
Career Goal: Astronaut
• After graduation I plan on attending college.
• Before this leadership I was very shy, but I now I am very outspoken.
• My most memorable moment was being Smokey Bear because all the kids came to give me hugs and high fives.

Yaneth Barreto
Hometown: Orange Cove, CA
School: Reedley High School
Career Goal: Scientist
• At this camp I learned how to trust others and how to speak from my heart.
• My most rewarding experience was to be a role model to my peers.
• My most memorable moment was the talent show because everyone’s personality was reflected in their performance.
Volunteering at Camp Smokey
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Talent Show

Free time at the fair
Mentors and Speakers

Annita Keck
Drew McAdams
Eddie Ramirez
Errol Solomon
Jim Oftedal
Nancy Longmore
Ramiro Villalvazo
Trinidad Juarez
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