

About Camp Unalayee

"Camp hasn't even ended, and I can't wait to come back next year."

That's the kind of thing campers say as they prepare to head home after a session at camp. What is it about Camp Unalayee that creates this feeling?

Camp Unalayee (Camp U), meaning "Place of Friends" in Cherokee, is an accredited summer camp for girls and boys ages 10 through 17. Located in Northern California in the beautiful Trinity Alps wilderness, Camp U provides a unique outdoors experience during two-week sessions where kids completely disconnect from iPods, video games and the internet and learn to connect with nature and the surrounding wilderness. A 5 and 6 day family program is also offered at the end of July and August respectively.

Campers live, play and hike together under the guidance and supervision of an experienced staff. At Unalayee, campers gain a greater understanding of themselves, each other and the natural world. Each year, several camp scholarships ("camperships") are provided to families who might not otherwise be able to send their children to camp.

The camp structure creates a supportive community where friendships and cooperation flourish. Camp activities are designed for children to learn new skills, build self-confidence and foster self-sufficiency.

Campers discover the joys of working and playing together in the fresh air and natural surroundings. Far from home and their normal routines they develop new skills, get great exercise and learn to live in the outdoors. Lifelong friendships start and grow, and a love and respect for nature reveals itself or deepens.

Yes, children have fun, try new activities, and learn new skills at Camp U, but it is these intangible experiences that last a lifetime. The camp program is based on the philosophies of John Muir and Henry David Thoreau. Campers discover the joys of working and playing together in the fresh air and natural surroundings.

Campers hike, camp, swim, boat, and more in a remote wilderness setting. Boys and girls live in small groups. They cook over open fires, sleep under the stars, and join in on campfire stories, skits and songs. Lifelong friendships are forged and appreciation for the natural world is formed.

For 62 years, the camp has provided kids with self-esteem, social values and a love for the environment. To find more information on Camp Unalayee, visit: www.gocampu.org.

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