



**Camp Quest provides an educational adventure shaped by fun, friends, and freethought featuring science, natural wonder, and humanist values.**

## 2018 Program Highlights

### Camp Quest North

Activities centered on the human body - Inside and Out! Campers learned about the toilets of the world, discussed beauty and fear, dived into genetics, and made snot!

### Camp Quest Ohio

Campers learned skills to survive including coping with anxiety, exploring our diverse identities, and understanding how to work with people from different backgrounds. Camp Quest Ohio hosted its first alumni weekend in August.

### Camp Quest West

Campers were At Home on Alpha Centauri - an exotic, exciting place where you feel so comfortable, it's easy to try new things! Campers slept under the stars and had a jam-packed week of critical thinking activities, Big Sound songs, skits, and more.

### Camp Quest Mid-Atlantic

Campers explored astronomy and storytelling with a professional astronomer, and got to check out the moons of Jupiter through telescopes.

### Camp Quest NorthWest

This year's camp theme was Flying Spaghetti Western. Camper skepticism was tested by a Snake Oil Salesman, and campers took part in "The Camp Quest Trail," inspired by the classic game Oregon Trail.

### Camp Quest Smoky Mountains

The Night Hike! With only the light of the moon, campers walked in silence to connect with nature.

### Camp Quest Kansas City

Campers explored various kinds of natural disasters with the camp theme, Campastrophe!

## CQ National Support Center News

- Funds from the Helen Kagin Campership Fund, sponsored by Nonbelief Relief, helped 25 campers across our network to attend camp.
- Camp Quest Mid-Atlantic has started the process of opening a new location in New York during August 2019. We have a camp start-up interest group forming in Salt Lake City, UT.
- In 2018, the Camp Quest National Expansion Grant program supported Camp Quest North's first day camp in Minneapolis, MN. Camp Quest West had its first 2-week double session.
- The American Camp Association will extend membership and accreditation discounts to all Camp Quest camps beginning in 2019.
- We welcomed our new Development Director, Sarah Bingham Miller, to our headquarters in Staunton, VA.
- We launched QuestNet, a new intranet and custom activity database to spur program innovation and collaboration between volunteers.
- The Camp Quest Leadership Training Series is our new peer-to-peer online learning community which offers secular organization leaders, educators, students, parents, and friends a safe space to explore best practices in secular youth development and humanist education.

### There are many ways that you can support Camp Quest!

- ✓ Volunteer as a counselor or camp leader
- ✓ Provide a campership to a child in need
- ✓ Invite our staff to speak to your organization or group
- ✓ Host or Sponsor a Leadership Training Series webinar
- ✓ Support promotion of Camp Quest at national conferences and events
- ✓ Gift a campership to a special camper in your life
- ✓ Sponsor Leadership Summit and Volunteer Travel Grants
- ✓ Invest in future development of day camps and year-round programs



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CAMP QUEST IMPACT REPORT 2018



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**We  Camp Quest!**

"It is the most fantastic camp I have ever attended. I enjoy being around so many people who share my beliefs." ~ *Camper, Age 13*

"I learned that there are tons of accepting and open people in the world." ~ *Camper, Age 12*

"This place is my childhood, and I can truly be myself. It gets better every year!" ~ *Camper, Age 16*

"My daughter's camping experience was phenomenal. Not only did she have fun, but I could be sure she was engaged in learning life-skills that really matter." ~ *Parent*

"The best thing for me about Camp Quest is hearing all the stories on the way home. [My camper] said many times how kind everyone was, how his cabin felt like a family. You made a huge difference in a kiddos life who doesn't get that kind of "not-mom" secular affirmation outside of this very special environment" ~ *Audrey, Parent*

"I love spending the week with kids who feel like they're finding an accepting community." ~ *Volunteer*

Finding a secular summer camp on our doorstep was awesome, however that was just the start of our CQ experience. This was our teenage son's first time at a summer camp and he absolutely loved it and found a place where he felt accepted and made so many friends with a similar mindset. He was disappointed to leave, insisting that we immediately book for next year! Rarely have I seen him so invigorated about anything and for a teenager that's saying something!

~ *Ian, Parent*

"It was a teaching moment where an eight-year-old shared an outlook I'd never even thought existed."

~ *Tommy, Volunteer*

"I fully believe in the mission of Camp Quest, especially its role in providing a safe, fun environment for free thought kids."

~ *Volunteer*



**Camp Quest Makes an Impact**

We welcomed campers from 36 states across the US, and Canada!



**1224 Campers, Ages 8-17**  
**441 First-Time Campers**  
**404 Dedicated Volunteers**  
**21 Week-long Camp Sessions**  
**147 Campership Recipients**  
**\$65,654 in Camperships Awarded**  
**30,932 Meals served to fuel us for the summer**

- Camp Quest Northwest: Washington
- Camp Quest Texas
- Camp Quest Michigan
- Camp Quest West: NorCal
- Camp Quest Oklahoma
- Camp Quest Ohio
- Camp Quest West: SoCal
- Camp Quest Kansas City
- Camp Quest Smoky Mountains
- Camp Quest Arizona
- Camp Quest North: Minnesota
- Camp Quest Mid-Atlantic: Chesapeake
- Camp Quest Colorado
- Camp Quest North: Iowa

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