



# GREAT SUMMERS START WITH YOU!

April 13, 2022



**JASON, AGE 11**

Dear Patrice & Tom,

Last year was the hardest year of my life. I lost both of my parents and **I was sad, scared, and angry.**

At first, I didn't know where I would live but my aunt took me in. She's really nice and takes good care of me but money is always tight. Having no kids of her own made being a guardian hard too.

When school ended, I had nowhere to go while my aunt was at work. I guess after-school programs are very expensive. Thankfully, my new school had a Summer Camp that offered scholarships! That means a kid like me could go to Camp for free!

**A few weeks later, I went to Summer Camp for the first time ever.** I got nervous seeing all the happy kids laughing and playing together because after losing my parents, laughing seemed impossible. But by day two of Camp that all changed!

On the second day of Camp, there was this "No Hands Watermelon Challenge" where you had to move a watermelon without hands. It was so fun! I laughed so hard I snorted! At first, I was embarrassed, but then my whole team started snorting too and we laughed and laughed!

We didn't win the challenge, but I found friends and remembered how to laugh again. I know that's what my mom and dad would have wanted.

I know feeling better won't happen overnight, but the staff and my friends at Camp have been the best possible support on this journey.

**There are a lot of kids like me who can't come to Camp unless there is a scholarship for them. Will you help?**

I can't wait to see all my friends this June. I bet I will even make new friends with all the kids you help this summer!

## Jason

Member, age 11

### SUMMER CAMP LOCATIONS:

CLOVERDALE | GEYSERVILLE | HEALDSBURG | WINDSOR | GUERNEVILLE |  
SANTA ROSA | ROSELAND | ROHNERT PARK | PETALUMA



# SUMMER MATTERS

FOR KIDS LIKE JASON WHO NEED SUMMER CAMP.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Many kids are

**8-12**

months behind  
academically.



Thankfully, Camp offers

**650,000**

hours of enrichment.

This year

**750**

Kids need our Camp.



With your help, we offer

**100%**

scholarships to  
those in need.

With no school meals

**84%**

of kids will be hungry  
this summer.



Kids count on Camp for

**200,000**

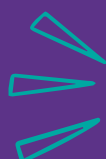
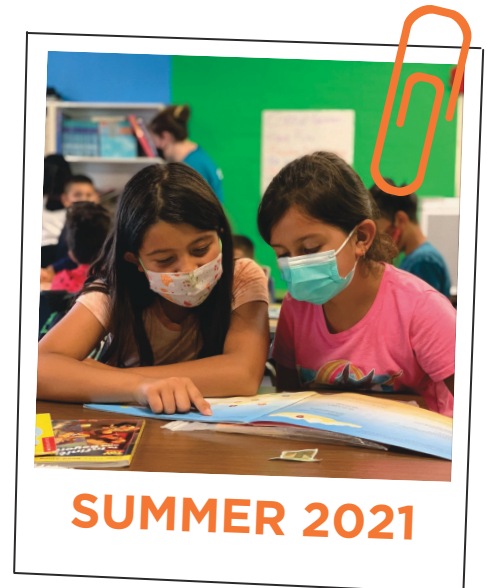
nourishing meals.

## OUR CAMP IS PART OF THE SOLUTION AND YOU CAN HELP!



- ☀️ \$2,500 helps 1 kid learn all summer long!
- ☀️ \$1,000 keeps 1 kid learning for 1 month!
- ☀️ \$500 provides 2 weeks of learning & fun!
- ☀️ \$100 helps us keep kids learning!

WILL YOU HELP US?



WE ARE BUILDING WHAT MATTERS IN

**ROSELAND & HEALDSBURG**

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