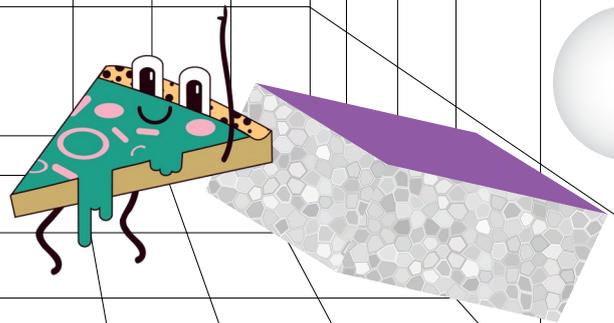
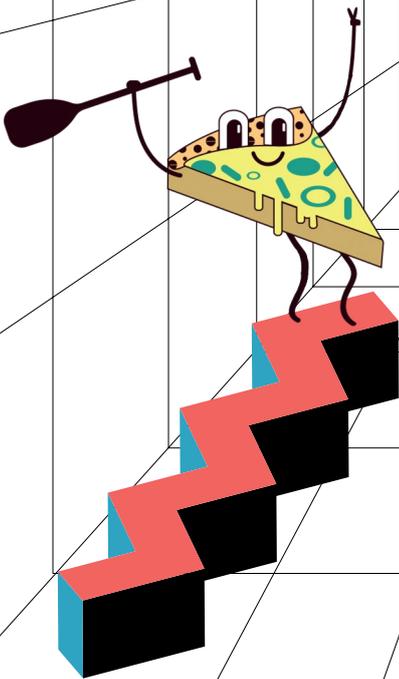
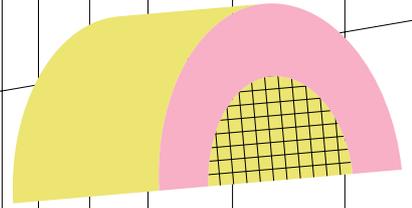
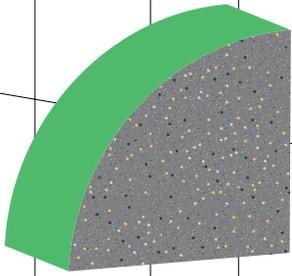


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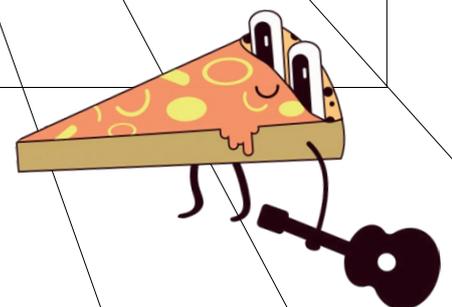




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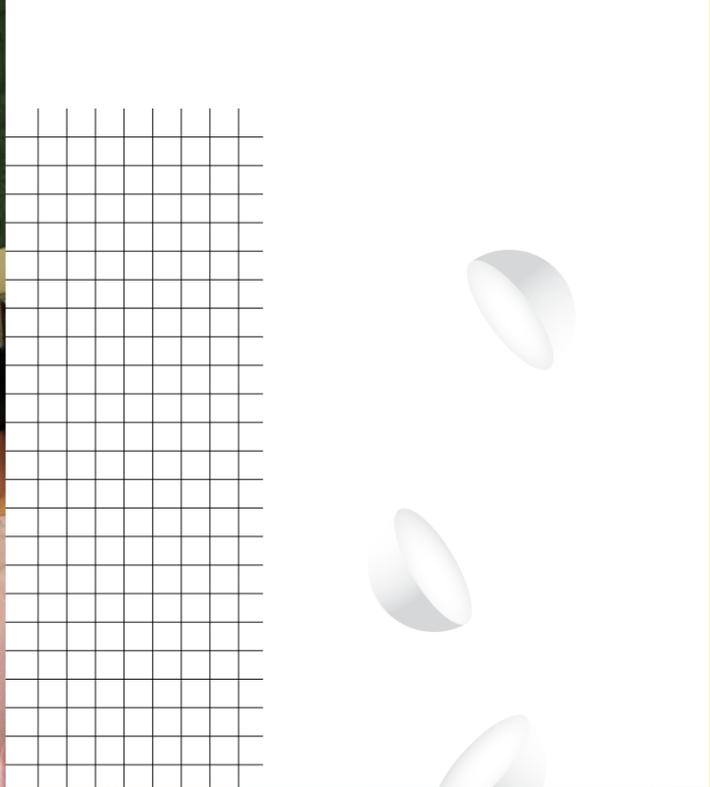
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THANK YOU!

2019 ANNUAL CAMPOUT! STEWARDSHIP REPORT



THIS PROJECT HAS A HUGE IMPACT IN LIVES AND COMMUNITIES

A MESSAGE FROM CAMP DIRECTOR, **ANNA WHITE**

It is with gratitude and celebration that I write this report on the 10th annual CampOUT! After 9 years of community building, program development, and partnership cultivation we held one of the most phenomenal camps to date. Thank you to everyone who made it happen! We want to recognize the departments who continue to contribute to making UBC an amazing home for this project: alumni UBC, The Centre for Accessibility, The Faculty of Education, The Social Justice Institute, UBC Annual Giving, and VP Students.

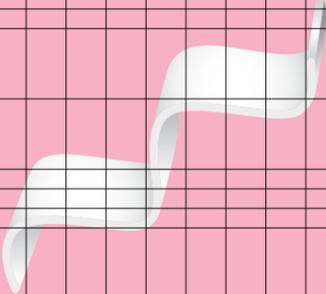
Thank you to Scotiabank and Lois Nahirney for generously hosting our memorable 2019 stewardship and fundraising events respectively. And thank you to the incredible young leaders who spoke at these events to share their stories of the positive impact that CampOUT has had in their lives.

It is with great respect that we lift up our partnerships with The Indian Residential School Survivor Society, The BC Teachers Federation, Trans Care BC, and YouthCO. Read ahead for how these organizations were key to our success in supporting youth and young adults from across the province again this year! We're excited to share stories, photos, data, and quotes with you - enjoy reading! And, a big CampOUT! cheer for the organizations and individuals who've shared their time, treasure, and talents to raise the funds for 2019 to make this educational community experience financially accessible for all youth across BC and the Yukon!

This project has a huge impact in lives and communities. We could not do this work without everyone's generous support which is helping queer, trans, and Two-Spirit campers, leaders, and organizations to grow their capacity and connections through the work of CampOUT!

On behalf of the participants this summer who came from literally every corner of the province, thank you to all our supporters who donate each month and each year to make this vision a reality.

Join us to imagine the next 10 years into being!



OUR VISION

We envision a community where we create a space where folks can bring their whole selves; cultivate a deeper self-awareness in our leadership practices; celebrate and affirm courageous risk taking; connect with each other and the land; and have FUN! FUN! FUN!!!!

How do we bring this vision to life?

Our work is done in a way that values capacity building, connecting communities, upstream prevention, healthy relationships, intersectional social justice, and accessibility. Grounded in the theoretical framework of the Social Change Model of Leadership (Komives, 2009), CampOUT! creates positive and meaningful social change by addressing root problems youth are facing. Research shows that the health and wellness of youth increases when they have strong support systems and feel connected. We facilitate those connections! CampOUT! provides a space for 2SLGBTQ+ youth to develop personal and interpersonal skills, group skills, support systems, and fosters resilient community development.

Our intergenerational leadership team is key to the sense of belonging that campers experience at CampOUT!. The diversity of age, race, identity, and experience creates an opportunity for youth to connect with a wide range of 'possibility models'. Stereotypes about queer, trans, and Two-Spirit communities that are reflected in the media are broken down and in turn campers' imaginations are set free. Campers make connections that impact their lives in positive ways beyond camp.







WHAT DOES CAMP LOOK LIKE?

We get on a boat together, travel to an island, set up a home away from home, and embark on a journey of self-discovery, community building, and learning! We also encounter challenges – being away from what is familiar, getting bitten by mosquitos, unlearning harmful language, and unpacking our privilege. At CampOUT! we practise key skills for being community members:

- Balancing our needs with others' while working towards a common goal
- Engaging in courageous conversations
- Taking risks and navigating social interactions with radical generosity
- Accepting and celebrating ourselves and each other while cultivating ongoing growth and learning

Why CampOUT!?

While most initiatives for queer, trans & allied youth are urban, CampOUT! is an opportunity to have a safe and fun experience in nature. The trust, honesty, humor, and openness that can be cultivated in a camping situation is empowering and inspiring. CampOUT! makes this type of community building possible for youth who may not feel safe or inspired to attend other queer & trans youth initiatives, or other summer camps. Parents report that campers experiences at CampOUT! have strengthened their whole family and community.

How much does it cost?

The 2019 camp cost us over \$1000 per camper to run the program. In order to bring campers from all walks of life and from all around the province, we commit to making the camp as financially accessible as possible. We fundraise to cover all participant travel, accommodation, food, and program costs. We only ask for a \$60 commitment fee from campers and waive the fee in lieu of communication about travel plans.

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Who are our Funders?

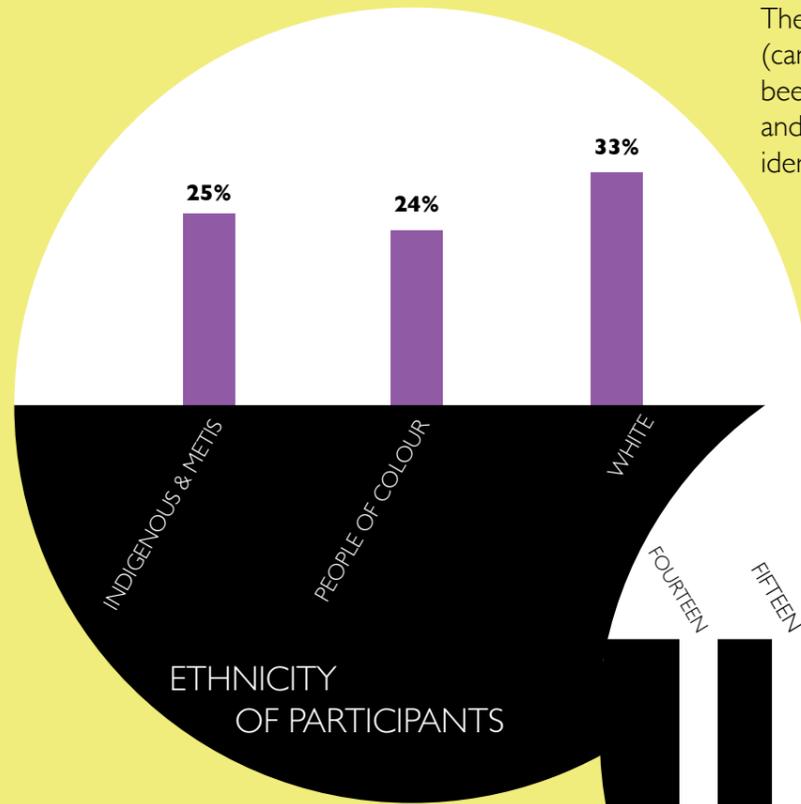
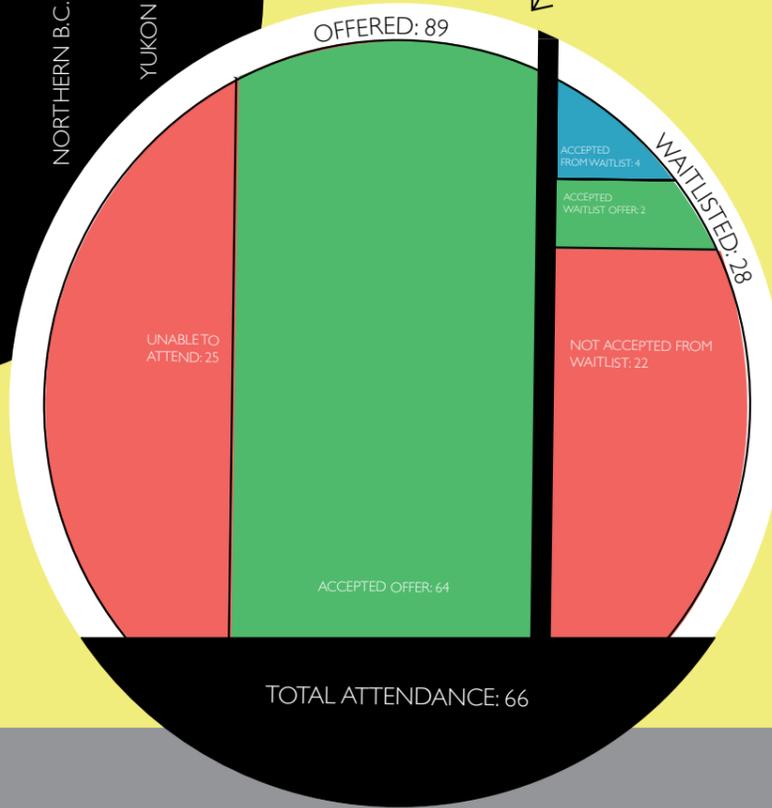
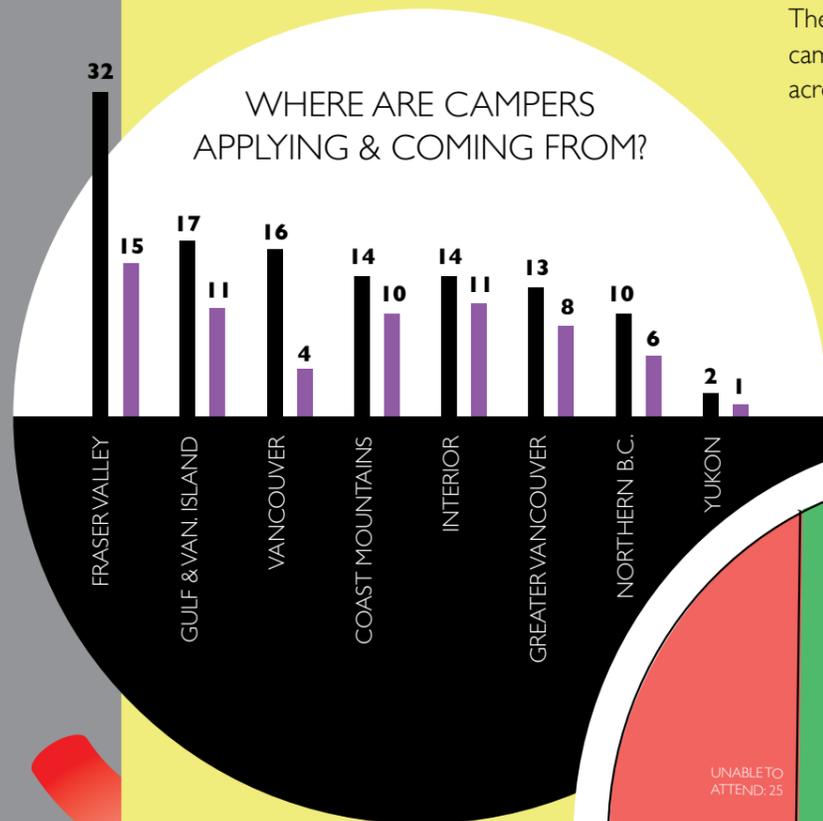
This year Scotiabank doubled their 10th annual donation from \$5000 to \$10,000 in honour of our tenth anniversary. We also received \$10,000 from The Sprout Foundation, \$3800 from The Tegan and Sara Foundation, and \$16,000 from Skittles for their first ever Pride Campaign. Our donors, sponsors and partners each year are a mix of Individual philanthropists who contribute funds at our annual fundraising gala. In 2019 community organizations like West End Slow Pitch Association, Victoria PFLAG, and Gilmore Park United Church donated to make this year financially possible! Every dollar raised goes directly to the CampOUT! program.

Thank you everyone!

WHO ATTENDED CAMPOUT! IN 2019?

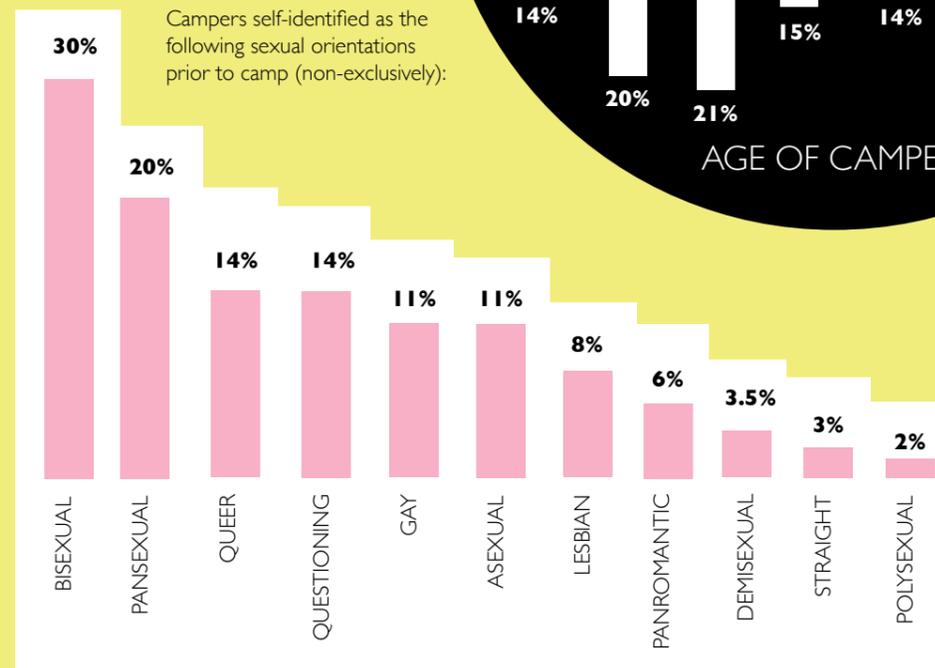
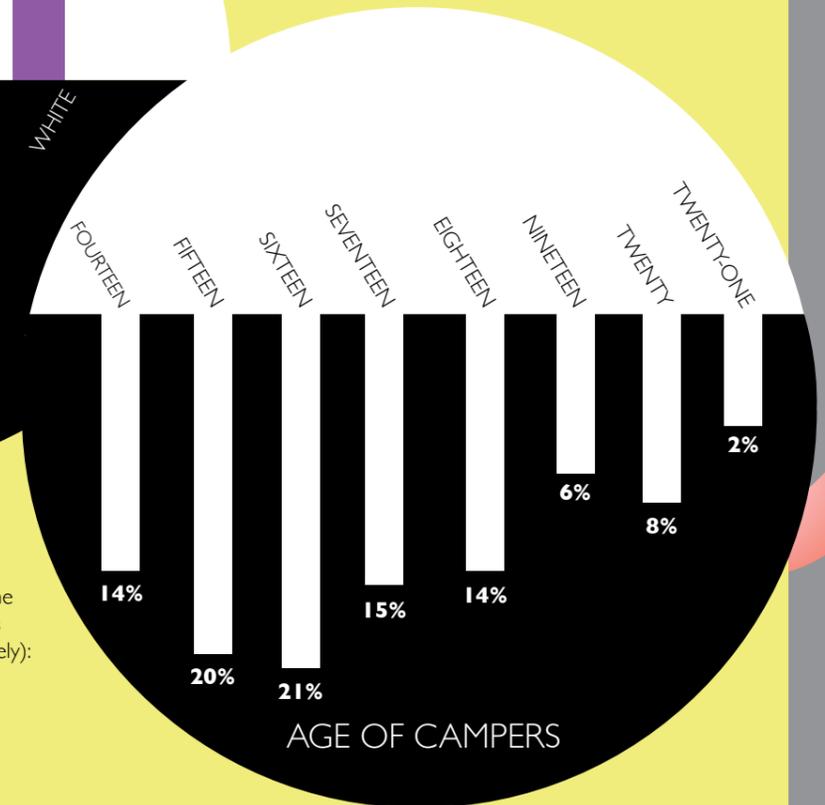
We received applications from across the province and prioritized applicants from communities where there are less supports for 2SLGBTQ+ youth than Vancouver. **93 applicants were offered a place at CampOUT! and 66 Campers attended the program.** 26 of the 93 campers offered a spot at camp required pre-camp safety check-ins to follow up about self-harm, suicidality, recent hospitalizations, and other mental health issues in order to create safety plans, connect youth with resources, and regular check-ins in the lead up to camp to support the camper a successful camp experience. Queer, trans, and two-spirit youth in BC have vastly different experiences from one another based on their communities, families, cultural experiences, support systems, school, and community resources.

The following data demonstrates how campers at CampOUT! reflect diversity across age, location and identity.



The race/ethnicity of all participants (campers + leadership team) have been simplified to the following groups and approximately half of each category identify as multiple or mixed ethnicities:

25% Indigenous, 24% non-Indigenous BPOC, and 33% white



Campers self-identified their gender* prior to camp using the following identities:

BROAD IDENTITY	IDENTITY DETAIL	PERCENT %
MEN TOTAL - CIS & TRANS		18%
	MALE	14%
	BOY	3%
	DEMI BOY	2%
WOMEN TOTAL - CIS & TRANS		23%
	GIRL	14%
	FEMALE	6%
	DEMI GIRL	2%
	WOMAN	2%
TRANS TOTAL		52%
	TRANS MALE	18%
	TRANS MASCULINE	6%
	TRANS MAN	2%
	TRANS BOY	6%
	TRANS GUY	6%
	TRANS NON-BINARY	9%
	TRANS GIRL	2%
	TRANS FEMALE	2%
	TRANS FEMININE	2%
GENDER NON-CONFORMING TOTAL		41%
	NON-BINARY	21%
	BUTCH	5%
	GENDERFLUID	3%
	ANDROGYNOUS	2%
	BIGENDER	2%
	GENDER NON-CONFORMING	2%
	GENDER QUEER	2%
TWO SPIRIT		5%
FEMME		2%
QUESTIONING		5%

*Identities are not exclusive. This chart represents the percentage of the 66 campers that identified with each of the above identity terms. Total percentage does not equal 100%





HERE'S WHAT CAMPERS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT CAMPOUT! 2019



I LIKED FEELING SAFE. I RARELY FEEL SAFE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD. I LIKED THAT I COULD JUST BE. AND I LIKED CONNECTING WITH OTHER CAMPERS, SEEING MYSELF IN THEM AND THEM IN ME

CAMPOUT HAS HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON MY LIFE, HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND SELF- WORTH. THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE I AM SO FREE TO BE ME WITHOUT ANY FEAR

I LIKED ALL THE CONNECTIONS I MADE THE MOST, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WILL STICK WITH ME FOREVER – THAT AND THE CAMPFIRE!

I LIKED HOW ACCEPTING AND CARING THE OTHERS WERE. THE CELEBRATION AND DANCE WERE DEFINITELY A HIGHLIGHT

CAMPOUT FOR ME WAS A PERFECT BLEND OF FUN AND LEARNING. I BOTH ENJOYED MYSELF IMMENSELY AT THE DANCE, CAMPFIRE ETC, AND LOVED ALL OUR SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS, TRANBS GROUP ETC

I LIKED MEETING AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS. I LIKED LEARNING ABOUT MY INDIGENOUS CULTURE



WHAT HAPPENED AT CAMP THIS YEAR?

In consultation with Squamish Nation we chose the Squamish word Nch'u7mut (pronounced "in-cho-moot") as the 2019 theme, which roughly translates as to 'coming together as one, 'unity', or 'one piece of something bigger'. The idea behind this theme suggests that we need everyone to be part of our LGBTQ2+ community building. Everyone who shows up plays a key part in creating what happens and shapes how we are dreaming forward together. Participants gained new perspective, built community, and celebrated our many strengths and differences. Creative and experiential workshops were held in the following program streams:

Outdoorsy & Land-Based

- Stand-up Paddleboarding
- Ocean Canoeing
- Artful Nature: getting creative with nature!
- Ocean swimming
- Stargazing
- Night Walk
- Campfire
- Field Games & Sports

Wellness

- Sexual Wellbeing and Relationships
- Trans Community Space
- Sunrise Yoga
- Communities of Care, Circles of Protection
- Learning to Live with Loss Through the Mind and Body

Leadership & Allyship

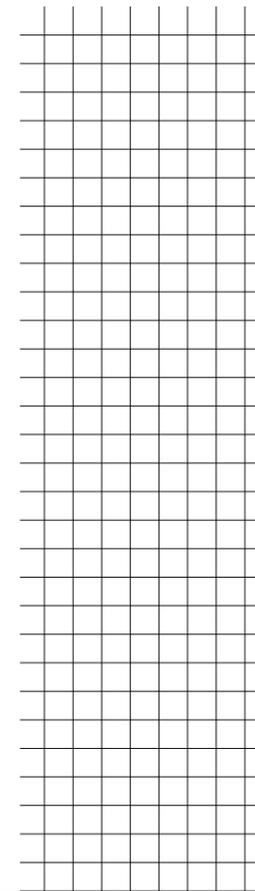
- Theatre for Social Change: using playful theatre games to practice transforming moments of conflict into learning and liberation!
- Lens Kit: connecting with nature & art to explore how we each see the world uniquely!
- Affinity Groups: A chance to connect with folks who share similar relationships to the land we are on and/or ancestry. Indigenous, QTIBPOC and White Spaces for cultural learning, unlearning, and connecting!

Arts & Campy

- Writing Personally to Care for your Community: creative writing practices to transform personal healing into community and connection
- Finding the Words: reading and writing 2SLGBTQ+ poetry
- Do the Twist: imaginative balloon twisting basics!
- Button making
- Happy Note Envelopes
- Drawing, painting, and pyrography

Camp Wide Activities

- Anti-discrimination response training: experiential intersectional anti-oppression training
- Sexual Health Q&A
- Indigenous ceremony and teachings
- Community Celebration and Showcase
- Community Dance



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