

JCLC/STEM CAMP

"THE ONLY PERSON YOU ARE DESTINED TO BECOME IS THE PERSON YOU DECIDE TO BE."
RALPH WALDO EMERSON.



STARTING OUR SUMMER OFF STRONG!

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From the 21st to the 25th of June, over 150 cadets from the SUSD JROTC schools attended our JROTC Cadet Leadership Camp (JCLC), which is combined with our STEM camp. Cadets had the honor to be able to house in the USD campus dorms. This allowed the cadets to get a taste of college life and at the same learning about life after high school.

On the morning that the cadets arrived on campus, they were immediately divided into their designated companies which were; Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, and Echo. As cadets were in formation, they were also given their keys to their dorms and their dining hall key where cadets were going to have the chance to eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Afterward-our first day began!



FUN LEADERSHIP TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Read about the main events hosted at this summer camp that SDUSD cadets were able to participate in for free!



SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY

Cadets had the chance to learn about various marine microorganisms at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography (SIO). They were able to talk to professionals and get to experience using equipment and tactics that are used by those professionals on a daily basis. Cadets collected their own specimens and did research regarding their living conditions and how and why it matters. One amazing piece of equipment that the cadets were able to utilize was a Thermo camera - they were all given 5-10 minutes to walk around and learn more about the different temperatures for daily things surrounding us such as trees and people. We hope that this sparked an interest in the field of Marine Biology, and inspired cadets to pursue careers relating to this pathway!

US MARINE CORPS

Cadets were taken to MCRD where they were given a tour of the museum, in which they gained knowledge of the history of the branch. and had time to have a one-on-one conversation with a drill sergeant to answer any questions they had regarding the branch. Cadets were also able to witness a Marine Corps Graduation Ceremony, where Marine recruits officially finished boot camp.

Some cadets were able to get a taste of what it's like being directed by drill sergeants. Even though some were scared at the beginning, they enjoyed the excitement that came with having to shout loud and clear when responding along with getting





MIDWAY

Fun at the Midway! Cadets were able to take a leadership course at the Midway from the Travis Manion Foundation. They were able to come together and familiarize themselves with the foundation and what it stands for. The activities had everyone completely hooked in regards to how to collaborate and work together as one.

Afterward, cadets were allowed to tour the Midway and explore the different activities provided. For many, this was their first time aboard the Midway, and for others who had been aboard before they were given the chance to guide and lead their fellow cadets to the different sightseeing opportunities. Overall each cadet ended their day with tools that they can begin to use in their daily lives on being strong leaders and asking themselves- "If Not Me, Then Who..."

CPR

As these future leaders were equipped with leadership skills they were also equipped with the tool for saving a fellow citizen's life. Cadets received a training course on performing CPR on adults and infants.

Cadets were able to use equipment to run through scenarios and were partnered with a fellow cadet to keep each other accountable for following the steps. After the training had finished cadets were tested on their knowledge in order to receive their certification in CPR. This was not just given to just anybody—these cadets had to demonstrate that they knew how to follow the procedure fully and confidently enough to use it out in the real world.

All cadets had a fun time experiencing this training and learning how to save a life in case of an emergency!



CYBERPATRIOTS

Echo company was able to learn and dive deeper into the world of STEM - in which they spent all camp attaining new information and putting it into practice with the scenarios, such as protecting websites from being hacked to creating their very own websites, of which they were given. All cadets were given the opportunity and chance to experience the STEM world - however, Echo company spend most time becoming stronger in the field of STEM during camp and learning new information in cyber security, specifically during these times when technology has improved so vastly and will keep doing so.



TALENT SHOW

A core memory was created for each cadet when it came down to Friday evening. Each company was given the instructions of having at least 1 act ready to perform in front of all the other companies by Friday evening. It was an amazing experience seeing different cadets singing and dancing and to even have our very own Brigade Staff perform the Titanic in under 5 minutes! We congratulate all companies and cadets for embracing one another but most importantly for being able to step up and put themselves out there- congratulations and hey, let's Viva La Vida this summer!



VEX ROBOTICS

Cadets also had the opportunity to work with Vex Robotics and they were able to work with professionals in that field. Vex Robotics sparked a light in the young cadets. Teamwork was key - cadets drove and created robots and the main lesson learned was teamwork and following instructions.



GRADUATION

Finally on Saturday 25th - each cadet graduated receiving a certificate, ribbon, and arch. These students arrived to camp as cadets however they left as leaders. Each one equipped with tools and tactics that can be applied in their every day lives and to their JROTCS at their schools.

Each company commander also had the privilege to recognize one cadet from their unit as a standout and call them upfront stage to award them a certificate along with a T-Shirt for their outstanding work and optimism in their everyday performance.

We were also able to recognize and acknowledge all the hard work put in by USD, Scripps, and MCRD for letting the cadets experience each activity to the fullest. So we thank you all for the commitment and dedication.

And last but definitely not least we would like to congratulate this year's JCLC outstanding company- Delta!!

From the very first day Delay Co was pumped up and ready to go so we congratulate each individual for the outstanding work but specifically for being ready to take on the world as strong leaders!