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Summer Leadership Camp For Phoenix Youth Trains Leaders



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A day at camp is not complete without a day on the water. Summer Leadership Camp participants get some equipment orientation before heading to the waterfront.

Edited by AZI Staff

A five week Summer Leadership Camp for male and female inner-city youth ages 13-18 concluded recently with an overnight retreat to Camp Colley in Prescott where canoeing, hiking, fishing, and sleeping in tents provided cross-

generational time for fun and reflection.

The three-day weekly sessions also included sports and activities designed to develop youth awareness of self, family, community, historically cultural context, journal writing, college preparation, responsibility and most importantly leader-

ship skills.

The summer camp was a first for Unified Progress International Education (UPI) and was conducted in partnership with the city of Phoenix Project B.R.A.V.E, Arizona State University, Peer Solutions, Black Poet Ventures and the Family Affair Project (FAP).

“We were extremely pleased with the results of our first ever Summer Leadership camp,” said Frank Crump, UPI founder and president. “Rod Ambrose, program education coordinator, did an excellent job at organizing and managing the process. The youth participants worked very hard during the various training sessions. In assessing their measured results, from start to finish, we found a spike in their personal development and comprehension. They were a great group of kids, each of whom demonstrated maturity and respect for each other and the program trainers. We look forward to our next camp and similar upcoming youth events.”

Rod Ambrose added, “Developing millennial youth leadership is tantamount to the long-term success of a community.”

Ambrose thanked the partner organizations dur-

ing a certificate graduation ceremony complete with back-to-school gift bags for the campers. Ambrose also thanked the donors for their contributions and the many adult volunteers for their support.

To learn about UPI Education, or to make a donation, contact Frank Crump at 310-597-8727; via email, frankecrump@gmail.com or visit www.upieducation.org

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