



Camp Ausome! Diana Reyes, Psychology, 2020

Service

SUMMARY

This Summer of 2019, I assisted in developing and organizing the first year of Camp Ausome! for Autism Community Network. Autism Community Network is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, dedicated in providing high quality, early diagnosis for children with autism spectrum disorder. My responsibilities during this project included everything from creating registration forms, informative handouts for parents, decorations, and finding activities for the camp. My goal was to create a camp that would be memorable for the kids and would allow them the flexibility to make friendships with other fellow campers. Professionally my goal was to improve my adaptability skills and project management creativity.



SPICES

*Service:
I assisted in developing and organizing a camp promoted to improve social engagement, social thinking, and social flexibility for children in the autism spectrum.*

HERBS

The two H.E.R.B.S that represent Camp Ausome! is benevolence and support. These two ethics were practice in every step of creating camp in order to create a fun environment for the kids.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- *Project Management: Planning allowed for the camp to be structured, but what truly allowed for an effective camp was being able to be adaptable to the current situation.*
- *Adaptability & Resilience: Every activity I planned had to be adaptable for every child and where they stood in the spectrum.*
- *Team/ Independent Learning & Decision Making: I had to work and help supervise over 23 people during camp.*



IMPACT

Organizations like ACN bring awareness and education to the community surrounding developmental disorders. At the same time activities like Camp Ausome! allow for children to create cherished memories they might have never had the chance to experience before. Through this project I decided that I wish to continue to be a voice for those with autism and to assist in my community by educating and bringing awareness about developmental disorders like autism.

ADVICE

Have confidence in yourself and your abilities. There is no better teacher than experience.