

QT CAMP



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Dear QT Summer Camp Family,

As I reflect on the summer, it is with immense gratitude and joy that I reach out to you. This summer was nothing short of extraordinary, and it is all thanks to you.

This summer was full of outdoor adventures and educational programs, creating friendships and a community that encouraged growth and self-discovery. It was incredibly heartwarming to see campers flourish in an environment that celebrates their unique identities and talents.

Sage and Joy were amazing camp counselors! They created a safe, inclusive, and supportive space where campers could be themselves, take risks, and embrace new challenges. See page 5 for Caregiver Survey results.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of our donors and sponsors. Your contributions enabled us to provide full scholarships for every camper this summer. Your belief in our mission and your commitment to supporting the QT Camp experience have been truly inspiring.

We are already excited for next summer, and for new opportunities to connect with our QT families. Thank you once again for being part of QT Camp. Together, we have created something truly special, and we look forward to continuing this journey with all of you in the seasons to come.

With heartfelt thanks,

Kyndra Luce
QT Summer Camp Director

SUMMER DAY CAMPS AFFIRMING QUEER AND TRANS YOUTH

QT Camp is designed to support and affirm campers who identify as LGBTQIA+ gaining confidence in themselves through outdoor adventure. Teen Connections empowers campers with information about navigating identity and self-advocacy.

	Population Served	How it's going	Goals for next year
22	22 Campers attended two camps	Camp was the highlight of the year, of course	Planing now for 2-4 weeks of camp, accommodating 26-52 LGBTQIA+ youth
104	Individual Donors, 7 corporate donors, and a grant from AFFA	People are fired up to support this population	QT Camp needs help with office tasks, including a longterm marketing plan
62	Caregivers and adults involved	We hosted a Trivia Night and parent dinner this year	QT PIES and continuing caregiver involvement programs also need support



“Jaron loved the camp. It was so great to see him able to be himself, without judgement. Everyone was so kind and open. The learning activities definitely brought out topics for us to discuss at home and build his confidence.”

-Jessica, camp parent

2024 CAMPS

Adventure Camp

Grades 3-7

June 10-14, full day camps

11 campers attended at no cost



In partnership with [Famous Adventures](#), campers visit Charleston Aquapark, Surfing with Isla Surf School, Scavenger Hunt, day trip to Botany Bay, and Whirin' Waters. We are outdoors all day, rain or shine. Each afternoon will feature a lesson from Teen Connection's Get Real.

Action! Camp

Grades 9-12

June 24-28, full day camps

11 campers attended at no cost

Intersectionality, Self-Advocacy, & Summer Fun! Activities included workshop with Sunshine Bella, IAAM Museum, Education program at Caw Caw, LGBT History Tour with Walk and Talk Charleston, and a cosplay workshop. Students also completed the Teen Connection's INcluded program and earned \$100.

Lunch was provided by Teen Connections and QT Camp, thanks to the grant from AFFA. All campers attended for free



Looking ahead to 2025

When asked what campers and caregivers want for next summer, they answered:

- More groups, with smaller age ranges
- Year-round activities, after-school programs
- Camps in the Upstate
- More dates to choose from

We are making plans to launch registration in January! Look for these new camps, as we are able!

2024 EVENTS

Post and Courier, July 1, 2024

We are beyond grateful for the thoughtful, kind words by Kenna Coe, who captured Joy’s story in the Post and Courier, with carefully crafted photos by Andrew Whitaker. Check out the full story:



<https://tinyurl.com/aaabknkx>

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Sexuality Education

QT Camp collaborated with Planned Parenthood’s Teen Connection program to ensure that campers got the inclusive sexual health information they deserve. The sessions offered were evidence based, age appropriate, and professionally facilitated.

Younger campers had fun practicing healthy communication, learning about their identities, talking about boundaries and values, and finding trusted adults. Older campers participated in the “In-Clued” curriculum, learning about STI & pregnancy prevention and being a self-advocate when visiting the doctor. Teens even earned \$100 from Teen Connections for graduating the program!

“I think that both my kids experienced this kind of growth, and enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about themselves and others in a safe and supportive environment. So much new information was gained, and they reference conversations that they had, and people that they met and interacted with during camp, all the time. It had a big impact on them.”
-Camp Parent

Trivia Night & Caregiver Dinner

Over 50 community members came out support QT Camp with a “Parents Vs Kids” Trivia Night. The evening was filled with lots of laughter shared between generations. SC United for Justice and Equality and Teen Connections collaborated to sponsor this family game night at Commonhouse Aleworks with Tip of Tongue Trivia! Thank you to everyone who helped make it great!

Camp caregivers also joined the QT Camp Board of Directors for a night out at Bakers Bar. In partnership with Teen Connections we hope to build community throughout the year through QT PIES (Parent Inclusion and Engagement), with seasonal events to support our families



CAREGIVER SURVEYS

Camper Highlight:

I spoke with the parent of a camper, let's call the camper Maddy, during camp registration. Maddy and their parent were interested in QT Camp, but Maddy had never been successful at camps, in part because of their ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder).

"Let's try it out," I offered. "If Maddy wants to try half a day at first, or sit out when they feel overwhelmed, we'll accommodate them." Maddy and their parent were on board.

Maddy not only completed the first day, they participated in the activities, formed friendships easily, and interacted with the camp counselors regularly. They completed the entire week of camp, and Maddy's parent said they came home happy each day!

The next week, Maddy attended our sibling camp, Famous Adventures, with great success. Then they spent three weeks at overnight camp. Maddy's parent said it was never even a consideration in the past. Their success at QT Camp translated directly to increased confidence and success in similar spaces.

	No Evidence	Decreased/ Diminished	OK/Some Growth	Wow! Lots of Growth
Did your camper feel that their LGBT+ identity was confirmed?	0	0	23%	77%
Did your camper gain confidence at camp?	0	0	33%	66%
Did your camper learn more about their identity?	11%	0	33%	56%
Did your camper learn about the intersectionality of different groups of people?	0	0	77%	23%
Did your camper learn more about self-advocacy?	0	0	44%	56%





FINANCES

Current Assets

Cash	\$4,731.13
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Funding Summary


Individuals	\$6,688.73
Corporate Donors	\$3,633.93
Grants	\$4,000

Expenses

Bank & Filing Fees	\$2035.41
Marketing	\$596.29
Program: Camp Supplies	\$504.12
Program: Staff Pay	\$3.564
Program: Van Rental	\$785.48
Program: Snacks/Lunches	\$545.28
Program: Parking & Gas	\$152.20
Program: Activities	\$3,166.90

Estimates and Actual Costs

Estimated Cost of Camp	\$10,763
Estimated Cost to Campers	\$290
Actual Cost of Camp	\$9,849.68
Amount Raised	\$14,322.66
Actual Cost to Campers	\$0

 All Campers attended for free in 2024

“I feel like I was handed this gift - a chance for my kids to be their true selves and spend time with people who accepted them for who they are. They also got to see what community is, the value of that, and that they have a place within it.”

-Camp Parent

WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

AFFA (Alliance for Full Acceptance) generously funded Action! Camp in full for all participants. Thank you for your confidence in QT Camp and your dedication to LGBTQIA+ youth

104 individual donors contributed between \$5 and \$1000! Thank you to everyone who supported us in our first summer

Corporate Sponsors:

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- The Citadel Multicultural Counseling Course
- Kaylee's Kamp Foundation
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- Commonhouse Aleworks

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