

2025 Encampment: July 1 – 22, Thousand Oaks, CA

Are you ready to work for justice in your community?

Concerned about attacks on education, racial and gender equity, our climate, and undocumented, BIPOC, & LGBTQ+ communities?

This summer, join us at the Encampment in Thousand Oaks, California, to learn firsthand how to confront these challenges. Through interactive experiences, community building, and engaging workshops, you'll connect directly with activists and other youth leaders from across the country while sharing your own skills and perspectives!

"The Encampment is about community – both the community we create, spending three weeks with our fellow Encampers and forming close bonds, and the EFC approach that we go into the local community and we actually talk to the people so we get a good sense of the community." – 2023 Encamper



Working Across Differences

- Learn how to listen, question respectfully, and collaborate with those who see the world differently.
- Practice curiosity and critical thinking.



Field Trips

- Oxnard: Volunteer at a sustainable farm
- Limuw Island: Visit a sacred place of the Chumash people and learn from them.
- Los Angeles: Engage with grassroots organizations in LA.

Community Building

- Create your own community.
- Enjoy living, working, and having fun together.
- Build solidarity with peers from across the country.



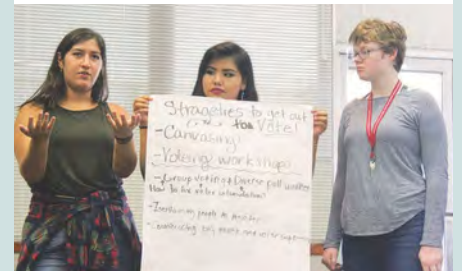
Welcome to the Central Coast!

- Engage with the members of the Chumash community and learn about decolonization efforts.
- Connect with farmworkers in Oxnard, and engage with activists tackling critical issues across Ventura County.



Arts As Activism

- Use creative expression: spoken word, music, theater, and visual arts as powerful tools for change.
- Discover how storytelling and the arts inspire action.



Practical Activism Skills!

- How to organize safely and effectively.
- Role-play challenging scenarios
- Understand power and recognize propaganda.
- Defend your rights and the rights of others.

Program Information

Apply if you:

- Want to make a difference in your community;
- Want to participate in a summer residential program with peers from around the U.S. and beyond;
- Want to become a part of a national intergenerational community of social justice activists and leaders from across the country.

Program Dates and Location

July 1–22, 2025

Cal Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA

Admissions Process

Applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee. We will call your references as you move forward in the admissions process. We will talk with you and a family member about the Encampment and will answer any questions you may have. Please contact our office for more information.

How to Get There

Each Encampment family is responsible for arranging transportation to and from Cal Lutheran U. We will gladly help Encampers contact each other so they may travel in groups. We will bring Encampers from and to the airport, train or bus station.

“Meeting peers from all over the country has been invaluable. We shared our diverse perspectives and experiences which has broadened my understanding of the issues we face and strengthened my resolve to be an advocate for change.” – 2024 Encamper

Accommodations and Meals

Encampers share rooms in a secure college dormitory. Staff are on site and available 24/7. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in the main dining room. There is always a vegetarian option on the menu; we can work with you to accommodate other dietary needs.

Program Fee*

The program fee (\$4,500*) covers room & board, activities, staffing, and materials for the program. **Full and partial fee waivers are available. *No one will be turned away for lack of funds!**

OK, I want to go! What now?

Apply online:

www.encampmentforcitizenship.org

Or, get your application form. Contact the

Encampment at: 831-515-6775

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