



## Trojan Kids Camp – My Story

I'm **Sinai Wence** and this is the story of my experience with Trojan Kids Camp. I went to camp in 2016, 2018, and 2019. My experience throughout the years have been marvelous. I've made astonishing memories with kids from every year. A day at camp is filled with fun and active sports. TKC allows kids to experiment with different sports to see if they interest us outside of camp. I'm glad I've been going to camp and not stayed home like a lazy bug! One memory that is stuck to the core is going to the next activity and all the kids laughing and talking on the way there. Someone makes a joke, and we all burst out and laugh. I must say meeting people is a great thing about camp. You don't just meet people in your own group, but you meet people from other groups and make strong bonds with them. When we play sports, sometimes we make groups and play competitively after warmup! Its super fun since everyone loves a little bit of competition here and there. The most random things make us laugh at camp. I made a friend at camp that if humor were a person, it would be him. Every day I looked forward to talking to him, that's how crazy he was! Apart from sports, there was also an informative academic class. To be honest, I and the kids looked forward to the air-conditioned building after a sport for the most part! The class itself was very great considering it is summer and most kids don't study or keep up with education whatsoever. The class freshens our minds by teaching math, writing, and other academics. We would go deep and write about important things to us like our values and beliefs. For example, last year, a kid in our group named Santino wrote a very heartfelt poem/writing that made everyone in class tear up a bit. We learned about his life and how we grow up in the LA area. It definitely felt good to cool down and take some time to exercise our minds for a while. I have to say that one of the things that makes camp so special is seeing carl there year after year. He truly brings the best in people even though he works us to the bone! I miss him giving us lectures on how we should always we aware because before you know it, you're getting beat up on the floor! Another thing about camp is the field trips. We go out near the end of camp to different places and it's great to experience a day out of camp. Last year, we went to Santa Monica beach and let me tell you it was probably one of my best memories of all my years of camp. Going out with friends itself is super fun but to the beach is so exciting. We left in the morning and spent the whole day there. We talked, laughed, ate a bunch of food, listened to music and of course got in the water. The beach is an iconic field trip but we also go to other places. I recall visiting the movie theater and boomers in past field trips. I'm still in contact with people I met two years ago. I've made great friendships with some people that will last a lifetime thanks to camp. I don't know if ill win the prize but after writing this I realize its good to look back and see the memories and fun times I had last summer since this year is extremely hectic. I don't think I'll be going to camp another year because of certain circumstances, but I definitely had a great experience in TKC 2019.