

GSA Network Activist Camp 2025
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where is Activist Camp taking place this year?

- UC Santa Cruz – the exact campus location where we will stay will be shared with those accepted to the program. For safety purposes, we advise those who are accepted into Activist Camp only share the location with their parent and/or legal guardian.

2. Does applying by the deadline guarantee me a spot at camp?

- While we would love to accept everyone, currently, we have limited spaces available. Don't let this discourage you from applying! Should more slots open as we get closer to camp, we will reach out to applicants who were not accepted in the first round.

3. Is there a cost to attend Activist Camp?

- Activist Camp is FREE! Food, lodging, and transportation expenses will all be covered by GSA Network. Camp attendees will need to bring their own toiletries and individual snacks. If this is a barrier to attendance, please let us know in your application, and we may be able to support with some hygienic toiletries for the time at camp.

4. Are meals included during our stay at UC Santa Cruz?

- Yes, all meals are covered. On Sunday, June 22, we will provide lunch and dinner and some snacks during travel. For the full days, June 23-24, breakfast, lunch and dinner is provided for us by the school in their dining hall. On the travel day back home, June 25, breakfast will happen in the dining hall and will also cover lunch with a take-home box. Food allergies need to be included in your application.

5. Will transportation be provided?

- Yes, transportation will be provided to and from the camp via bus shuttle. Parents are welcome to drop off their child at UC Santa Cruz, but we will have transportation to and from camp for those who need it. Buses will pick up/drop off camp attendees at three central locations.

6. Where are the pick-up and drop-off locations for those who need transportation?

- For Northern CA, attendees will meet in Oakland.
- Central CA will meet in Fresno.
- Southern CA attendees will meet in Los Angeles.
- Exact meeting location will be shared with those accepted into the program.

7. How do I submit my accessibility needs requests?

- Include your necessary accommodations in your activist camp application. This will allow our staff to coordinate with UCSC staff to meet your needs. Please keep in mind that some accommodations can take several days or weeks to coordinate, the sooner we know the easier it will be to arrange and meet your needs.

8. Are computers, phones and tablets allowed on this trip?

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- We encourage members to bring their phones, but generally, we encourage folks to keep electronics at home. We want to promote members staying present during this event, and devices might distract you. If you don't have a phone and need your tablet or computer, only bring what will allow you to keep in touch with those back home. Headphones are also welcome, but we will ask attendees to keep them in their rooms during our workshop session, unless you notify us beforehand that you will need them for your accessibility needs.

9. Will youth have their own room or share a room with others?

- Currently, because of limited space, attendees will share a room with other youth leaders from our program. We will stay in one of the school's dorm room buildings, which have rooms of up to 3 beds each. There are shared bathrooms with multiple private showers and stalls. Staff will have separate rooms and a floor than the youth leaders. However, adults will have periodic night checks, to make sure everyone is in their room.

10. What are some activities, workshops, etc. that will take place at activist camp?

- I AM Power: Identifying systems of power and oppression
- Gender Justice: Exploring the language and impact of genders and sexualities, Racial Justice, LGBTQ Movement History
- Organizing 101: Taking action on your school campus or in your community
- Talent Show & Open Mic!

11. What are the benefits of attending activist camp?

- **New friends and community** of LGBTQ+ youth and GSA leaders
- **A deeper understanding** of the ways that homophobia and transphobia are connected to racism, sexism, classism and other oppressions
- **Knowledge and tools** to challenge systems of power that hurt and marginalize trans and queer youth of color

12. Can my parent/guardian, sibling or partner attend?

- No, Activist Camp is for TQ2S+ youth in California ages 13-18 and while it would be great to share space with our loved ones, this space is a closed space to those who get accepted into the program and sign our waivers and forms.

13. Who can parent/guardian contact for questions or emergencies during camp?

- During camp we will have several adult staff point of contacts. Contact info will be provided to parent/guardian once you are accepted into the program.