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Staff Spotlight

This is Noah! Most of our summer campers know him affectionately as Zongo. Noah has served as an ODED guide for two 1/2 seasons and has served as a Summer Lead for the last 4 seasons. He is camp's biggest advocate, even when not on staff, he's volunteering at camp. He goes above and beyond for every camper. Especially our campers who really need a friend. He shows up for the team in ways that only he can. We are proud to share that Zongo will be moving on to his next chapter. He will be serving our country, and we will miss him tremendously. See you when we see you, Noah!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Treehouse Dates

November 6th, 8th, 12th December 4th, 11th, and 17th

Experience the thrill of multiple elements, including our rock wall and zipline. You can find details about our adventure course and register on our website. Starting this week, we will be opening our ropes course every Thursdays!



Get Outside Dates

November 12th

Join us for some cool fun! Let's hit our mark. Join us for an evening of archery. Learn the basics or continue building your skills. This event is FREE!

November 12th from 5-7pm.



Campy Christmas

December 12th & 13th

Join us for our 6th annual Campy Christmas event. We have lights, carnival games, canoeing, archery, and more in store. This event will run from 5pm-9pm and is for all ages. Presale tickets \$8 per adult - \$3 per student. Visit our website to pre-register.



Camp News

The Treehouse - Ropes Course

We are often asked if Camp RIO is only for IDEA. We are always happy to share that Camp RIO is for EVERYONE! Different organizations, families, programs can come to camp. The more the merrier. Why? Because camp changes people, camp makes us better, camp provides opportunity for growth, camp let's us be our most authentic selves.

This happens during our summer camp programs, retreats, our school trips, and even our events. We are excited to see how our newest addition will make that impact even bigger!

Our ropes course, or as we call it, The Treehouse, is Camp RIO's newest feature designed to challenge participants of all ages to reach new heights. The Treehouse features a rock wall, zip line, and a two-story high ropes adventure course for participants to climb and explore. It will be open throughout the Fall semester to all members of the community. Dates can be found on our website and tickets are now available for purchase.

Again, thank you Brownsville Community Improvement Corporation for the generous grant that allowed us to bring this to our community and its campers.

Message from the ODED Manager

Camp RIO's ODED program is grateful to have the ropes course as new addition to our program. The ropes course provides campers of all ages opportunities to develop their communication, teamwork and problemsolving skills. I've seen the real-life benefit with my own staff and myself - the ropes course has challenged us to grow as a team.

-Maya Rasmussen



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Summer Camp

ANNOUCEMENT! ANNOUCEMENT!

We have an announcement!!! We have our theme for summer 2026! It is.... PARTY IN THE USA! That's right! USA will be celebrating its 250th birthday. We are so excited to plan our evening events and theme days! Don't forget we have our EARLY BIRD SPECIAL in full swing.

As we prepare for the holiday seasons, please consider gifting your campers a summer camp week. It will be a summer they'll never forget! To reserve your campers spot, deposits are only \$25 for day and \$50 for overnight camp with biweekly payments available!



It's really eye opening to how much impact some people and experiences has on someone. And I like to believe from what I saw that someone being there to tell you it's going to be okay could help nudge them in the right direction. -Steph Ramos

This Month in Pictures



Our 5th Annual Fall Fest was a hit! There were laughs, adventures, and sweet treats all night long. Families also had the opportunity to play on our ropes course and join a few raffles!



Our camp guest, Jacob had a lot of fun playing on our rock wall! We are now opening our ropes course every Thursday. Come join the fun!



S-M-O-R-E-S are the best! We loved having our 6th graders experience their first overnight camp ever. Roasting marshmallows and singing songs make our overnight camp the ultimate experience.



Our Haunted Trails event sold out! We had a screaming weekend! Thank you to the brave souls who joined in on the haunting fun!



Outdoor Education

C-A-M-P-R-I-O, Camp RIO is the place to go!

ODED is celebrating our recent cold front and reflecting on all of the fun we had so far this semester. From roasting marshmallows with our overnight groups to dancing it out with our day camp groups,

our team is excited to see what the rest of the year has in store!

Want to join the fun? We can provide engaging experiences for your school group or retreat!

"Overall great experience, love we got to participate as well since kids enjoy watching us participate."

-IDEA Brownsville 4th grade teacher.

Get Involved!

Interested in helping out at camp! Want to help out at our events? Maybe assist in decorating? Maybe help with some of our gardening? Or helping in going out and share about our programs? Email anali@camprio.org to learn more!



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