

# VISION Young Leaders' Academy

## NEWSLETTER



VISION YOUNG LEADERS' ACADEMY IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MENTORING YOUTH IN VENTURA COUNTY.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE BY BUILDING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE.

OUR MISSION IS TO MENTOR YOUTH, GUIDING THEM TOWARD A STRONG SENSE OF SELF WHICH WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITY.

WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION BY BUILDING A STRONG, SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY WITH AN OPEN INVITATION TO OUR WEEKLY MEETUPS, MONTHLY HANGOUTS, QUARTERLY BOOK CLUB, AS WELL AS OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

### APRIL

#### WESTMONT COLLEGE

VISION had the opportunity to visit Westmont College on April 20<sup>th</sup> to watch a double-header baseball game and tour the beautiful campus. Our members enjoyed visiting a campus they had never seen before.



### JUNE

#### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Our Summer Reading Challenge begins on June 15<sup>th</sup>. It is free and open to all K-12 students. To register, visit our website and fill out the registration form. Each book you read and submit will enter you to earn prizes throughout the summer!



ITZEL S. – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Cesar E. Chavez School – VISION member since 2023

*Why did you join Vision?*

The reason I joined VISION was because I wanted to do something instead of being at my house. My teacher told us about it and invited us. It sounded like fun and then, I joined the VISION volleyball team.

*What are your favorite events you have been involved in with Vision?*

My favorite events have been the UCLA volleyball game and basketball game. I enjoyed seeing a college campus and how well college athletes play their sport.

*What keeps you coming back to continue being a part of Vision?*

The thing that keeps me coming back to Vision is being able to hang out and do different activities.

*How have you grown through your experiences with Vision?*

I have grown in VISION by being more kind, going out and learning about places and sports.

## FUTURE YOUNG LEADERS

It was an honor to have our high school members join us for our 5-year anniversary celebration at Del Sol Park. We had senior, Cecilia; juniors, Nelly and Valeria; and sophomore, Natalia in attendance. It was so great to speak with them about life, school, and future plans. These ladies exemplify all of the qualities VISION is trying to instill in our youth. They are dedicated students, who have grit and perseverance, are respectful, well-rounded individuals and we see nothing but the best for them in the future.



### VISION'S 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 5 YEARS & GLOWING WITH POSSIBILITIES!

This last month VISION celebrated our 5-year anniversary. We chose a neon theme with the slogan, 5 Years & Glowing with Possibilities. We had a celebration at Skating Plus with our members and dinner at BJ's Restaurant. We also celebrated the anniversary our first meetup on May 9<sup>th</sup>. A lot has been accomplished during these last 5 years. We have seen tremendous growth, started annual traditions, and are looking forward to the next 5 years.



**VISION YOUNG LEADERS' ACADEMY**

*Camping Retreat 2024*

Experience the great outdoors!

**JUNE 18 TO JUNE 20**  
**MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK**

Join us for a 2 night camping retreat where we will connect with other members. Some activities include nature walks, games, arts and crafts, and hanging out by the camp fire.

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**PACKING LIST:**

SLEEPING BAG OR BLANKETS  
PILLOW  
CLOTHES - INCLUDING SWEATSHIRT, LONG PANTS AND WALKING SHOES  
TOILETRIES  
SWIM SUIT  
BEACH TOWEL  
REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE  
FOLDING CHAIR

ALL OTHER NECESSARY ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED.

If you are interested in joining us, fill out the provided permission slip and return it by June 14th.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*June:*

- WALK-A-THON FOR SUMMER FIELD TRIPS
- SUMMER CAMPING RETREAT 2024

*July:*

- FIELD TRIP – UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
- FIELD TRIP – CARPINTERIA BEACH DAY

*August:*

- FIELD TRIP – VENTURA AQUATIC CENTER
- COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT
- FIRST MEETUP OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION