



# Empowered Sounds

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## CEO'S CORNER



Carol Houston

Students of Eagle Empowerment had a productive year. Jalen participated in the Deer Hill Expedition and developed leadership skills which will last a lifetime. He excelled beyond his personal expectations. This summer our first coding Camp was the highlight of our programs. Mr. Ryan Stong sparked interest in students by challenging them to be creative with new ideas and techniques. Coders are being birthed with an interest in developing games. Parents are enthralled with the opportunity to travel with their children next summer. This is the first travel experience for parents through Eagle Empowerment programs. Finally a team of students contributed to the success of a community festival. The festival was a tremendous success. Volunteerism is meaningful in the evolution of student character.

## A SUMMER ADVENTURE BY JALEN CARTER



Jalen Hiking

In Spring of this year, I was recommended for a scholarship program by my counselor. The purpose of this program is to develop leadership skills through outdoor activities. I traveled for three weeks between two states, Colorado and Arizona. It was my first time being away from home without familiar faces I knew. I had to work with a group of teenage strangers to survive each day.

There was one day during the trip that will always stay in my mind. We had our first backpacking hike and our camp counselors selected me the leader of the day. The entire day I lead the group on a 12 hour hike through a canyon.

This was my first time doing anything like this. Some of my responsibilities were making sure everyone was drinking water, eating snacks and using enough sunscreen. I had to guide them and explain the trail. Everything was going well until the

counselors called me over to explain the next step of the journey. We walked over to the side of the canyon and looked straight down. It seemed that we were a mile or two from the bottom of the canyon.

The rest of the trail consisted of going back and forth along the side of the canyon.

Saying this was hard would be an understatement. While going down the trail, multiple people were throwing up and passing out. While at a resting point, one of my group members passed out in front of me. At first, I thought she simply tripped and fell, but we quickly realized she was unresponsive to the calling of her name. I grabbed her by the fifty pound backpack strapped to her and sat her up. She came back to her senses, and I stayed with her and had her drink water and eat snacks. I continued to check on her and others throughout the rest of the hike. This experience taught me how to trust my instincts in dire situations. This is a skill that I think all leaders should have because it shows that they can effectively lead under any circumstance.



Jalen and Friends on the Trail

## STUDENT ADVOCACY CODING CAMP

Excitement was in the air in September as Eagle Empowerment hosted a coding camp presented by Mr. Ryan Stong. Students were excited to attend. Here are a few words of excitement from one of the attendees.

*“My name is Daijha Belisle. I am 12 years old and I go Los Angeles School for Enriched Studies. In September, I had the chance to go to coding camp. From the start I was very excited! When I got there I saw many computers and microbits. I knew we were about to have an action packed day. Our teacher, Mr. Ryan, began by having us access, **python.com**, a coding website. He already had a couple of codes waiting for us. He taught us what each one was and by the time I knew it I saw my name on the microbit. Later, he taught us how to make sound or music come out of the microbit. I would definitely tell people they should come to this coding camp. This is because you can learn while having fun.”*



Coding in Action

## ***SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH TOUR 2019***



Maleah was a leader for this year's student team who assisted in the planning of next year's excursion. Youth Tour 2019 is gaining momentum and is scheduled to depart Los Angeles July 21, 2019 and continue through July 27, 2019. This is Eagle Empowerment's first Youth Tour pairing parents and guardians with children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Students participating are ages nine to seventeen who demonstrate honorable conduct and maintain academic achievement.

Youth Tour 2019 begins with a flight from Los Angeles, California to Chicago, Illinois with visits to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and South Bend, Indiana. Many parents participating have children who enthusiastically toured with Eagle Empowerment in the past. For other parents and children this will be their first experience participating in Eagle Empowerment programs. Those on the Parent Advisory Council will be attending with their children. Parents of these students have not had opportunities to travel extensively. Many parents made tremendous sacrificial efforts to ensure their children are continuously exposed to educational experiences traveling across the United States.

**Maleah, Briahna, Aiyanna** Veronica Oliver is a board member and is extremely delighted to participate in Youth Tour 2019 with two granddaughters, Briahna Duhon (10 years old) and Aiyanna Duhon (9 years Old). To say they are beyond excited about this trip would be an understatement! They come from a family of seven (7) children and have not had the opportunity to travel outside of California. This will be their first time flying on an airplane. One of the requirements of students to participate in Youth Tour 2019 is that they maintain acceptable grades in school and receive good conduct reports. Briahna and Aiyanna are exceedingly motivated to stay on track to accomplish these requirements.



***Youth Tour 2019 Parents & Mentors***

The opportunity to see other parts of the country outside of their comfort zone will have positive lifelong effects for parents and students. They will be experiencing "EDUCATION IN MOTION" which is the motto of Eagle Empowerment.

## ***A COMMUNITY AFFAIR***



Saturday, October 13th was an exhilarating day in the lives of students of Eagle Empowerment. Several students volunteered to assist Peace Chapel (an amazing church ministry in South Los Angeles) and a community development organization called Rebuild California with their 4th Annual Unite Los Angeles festival. This affair brought together over 2,000 residents of our community. Three city blocks were filled with fun, entertainment, food and carnival games for a total of six hours. Our students assisted the entertainment team. Their duties included hospitality for the entertainers and stage coordination.

Eagle Empowerment students erected a tent to sell desserts to hungry attendees. They raised funds for Youth Tour 2019. Parents and mentors shared in the success of the day. Volunteerism is teaching children to be selfless. They are discovering that giving is empowering!

**Kevin & Malik**

### **OUR MISSION**

The mission of Eagle Empowerment, Inc. is to enrich the lives of youth and families through education, mentorship and travel to broaden their thinking, enhance their insight, and visualize life's possibilities.

### **CORE VALUES**

- Educational Enlightenment
- Leadership Development
- Integrity Building
- Quality of Service to Others

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