

SUMMER CAMP CAMPAIGN

For Esai, 13, there's a climbing wall to conquer

The vision-impaired teen from Compton counts down the days to Camp Bloomfield.

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doctors have treated by implanting an electronic device in his left ear and by wearing a hearing aid in the right. Yet another challenge is leg weakness caused by a neurological disorder, which he wears braces around his ankles and calves.

His parents, Esmeralda and Juan Mora, began attending Camp Bloomfield's family sessions four years ago. Last year, Esai attended camp alone, a major accomplishment. As Frank Cardenas, director of recreation

for Junior Blind of America, puts it, "Going to camp is a big leap. It's a big win-win just showing up on the first day."

This year, Esai will attend three camp sessions. His sisters, each year is always someone new. Camp is a huge boost to their confidence and they want to continue to build on that."

Emeralda says Esai's independence grows by assisting others and sharing his experiences. She says, "There's strength in one another."

With \$16 million raised last year by the Los Angeles Times Summer Camp Campaign, about 6,500 children will go to camp in Southern California this summer.

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