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SCOPE Surpasses 30,000 Camperships, Expanding Access to Opportunity for Children Nationwide.

National nonprofit announces record \$2.2 million investment in Summer 2026 camperships and launches new West Region

NEW YORK, NY, [June 23, 2026] – This summer, more than 1,600 children and teens from under-resourced communities will head to overnight camp through SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education), a milestone that pushes the organization beyond 30,000 camperships awarded since its founding in 1991.

The Summer 2026 allocation of \$2.2 million will fund 1,606 camperships at 81 nonprofit, American Camp Association (ACA)-accredited partner camps across the country. The announcement also marks the launch of SCOPE's new West Region, expanding the organization's reach to five regions nationwide and creating new pathways to opportunity for young people.

For nearly 35 years, SCOPE has worked to level the playing field of possibility by providing access to overnight summer camp for children and teens from under-resourced communities who commit to staying in school. What begins with a summer camp experience often becomes something much bigger: increased confidence, stronger social-emotional skills, lasting friendships, and a foundation for success in the classroom and beyond.

"Thirty thousand camperships represents far more than a number," said Molly Hott Gallagher, Executive Director of SCOPE. "It represents 30,000 young people who have the opportunity to discover new strengths, build confidence, experience belonging, and see new possibilities for their future. Every campership is a reminder that when we invest in children, we help create pathways to potential that extend far beyond a single summer."

SCOPE's growth comes at a time when access to enrichment opportunities remains uneven for many families. While overnight camp has long been recognized as a place where young people develop independence, resilience, leadership, and social-emotional skills, financial barriers continue to place those experiences out of reach for many children.

The addition of SCOPE's West Region reflects growing demand and the organization's commitment to reaching more young people nationwide. With five regional networks now supporting campership opportunities, SCOPE continues to strengthen partnerships with camps, donors, corporations, foundations, volunteers, and community leaders who believe every child deserves access to opportunity.

"This achievement belongs to an entire community of supporters who have made camp possible for thousands of children over the past three decades," said Jill Kleinman, President of the SCOPE Board of Directors. "Surpassing 30,000 camperships is a powerful reminder of what can happen when people come together around a shared belief that every child deserves the chance to learn, grow, and thrive."

As SCOPE looks ahead to Summer 2026, the organization remains focused on its mission of creating pathways to potential through Camp, Classroom, College, and Career.

To learn more about SCOPE's impact, support camperships, or explore opportunities to get involved, visit scopeusa.org.

About SCOPE

SCOPE (Summer Camp Opportunities Promote Education) is a national nonprofit funder of overnight summer camp and college scholarships, creating pathways to potential through Camp, Classroom, College, and Career for children and teens from under-resourced communities who commit to staying in school.

Campership recipients commit to staying in school in order to gain access to attend nonprofit, ACA-accredited, overnight SCOPE partner camps at no cost to their family.