Camp Glimmer gives youth in need the opportunity to experience the joys of a first-class summer camp.

Through sports, arts and music, team building and leadership activities, we create a safe place that allows children to be themselves and learn in a supportive environment.

Community
Our campers come from nonprofit organizations across Austin. For many of our campers, this is the first time they have experienced life outside of their neighborhood.

Adventure
Campers explore nature and build self-confidence with the positive guidance and support of our counselors, volunteers and guest speakers.

Outside Play
Candelight Ranch, based in the Texas Hill Country, is the perfect setting for getting kids outdoors. Time outside provides opportunities for emotional and physical growth.
Camp Glimmer hosted 556 children from the Austin area for outdoor adventures in the Texas Hill Country.

We work with children who are struggling with challenges from poverty to food insecurity to refugee resettlement.

We use fun, new experiences, like kayaking and ziplining, to encourage campers to get outside their comfort zones, approach challenges with a positive attitude and build self-confidence. Team and partner activities cultivate communication and leadership skills. Time out in nature and interaction with animals provide an emotional outlet and teach responsibility.

Campers climbed the rockwall, interacted with animals, kayaked, and created bonds with other campers through a variety of outdoor activities.
Together, Candlelight Ranch and Karavel Shoes helped us impact children in need.

11 non-profit organizations attended camp including: Austin Angels, African American Youth Harvest Foundation, Bliss Kid Yoga, Central Texas Tennis Association, Central Texas Table of Grace, Life Changers, Roving Leaders, River City Youth Foundation, Interfaith Action of Central Texas, Just Community, and Texas Preparatory School.

556 campers received new shoes. Thanks to our generous partners at New Balance and Karavel Shoes, every camper that attended Camp Glimmer went home with a new pair of tennis shoes.

85 campers stayed overnight. For many excited campers from Austin Angels, Central Texas Tennis Association, Central Texas Table of Grace, and Life Changers, this was their first overnight camping experience.

“I’d like to thank you for everything you’ve done for us, the kids had a great time and can’t stop talking about their adventures at Camp Glimmer.”

SARAH PERNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CTTA
Camp Glimmer serves a diverse representation of children, varying in age and race.

55% of campers fall between the ages of 10 and 14.

47% of campers who visit Camp Glimmer identify as Hispanic or Latino, followed by Black or African American at 30%.

70% of 2019 Campers were first time visitors to Camp Glimmer.

100% of overnight campers reported that they enjoyed their stay.
90% of campers reported learning something new in their visit to Camp Glimmer! Here it is in their own words:

“I realized I can do something that I didn’t think I could.”
Camper from Central Texas Tennis Association

“I can face my fears if I just try!”
Camper from Bliss Kid Yoga

“I am brave.”
Camper from JUST

“I have a lot of confidence and am very encouraging.”
Camper from River City Youth Foundation

“I learned the importance of nature.”
Camper from African American Youth Harvest Foundation

“I can do anything that I put my mind to.”
Camper from Austin Angels
“A big lesson that I learned from this summer is to value the small moments that last forever. With the help of a great team and even better youth groups, we beat the weather and had another successful Camp Glimmer.”

MA‘DARIUS TYLER, CAMP GLIMMER ASSISTANT
“My kids came home with beaming faces, full of excitement and exhaustion, eager to go back the next day. I can’t express our happiness and gratitude!”

PARENT OF BLISS KID YOGA CAMPERS
Camp Glimmer is hosted by Glimmer Austin, a nonprofit supporting innovative solutions to the biggest challenges facing youth and seniors in Austin, Texas.