

# Co-Op Summer Enrichment

Where Opportunity Abounds!



SUMMER 2019 ANNUAL REPORT  
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# Our Team



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Our staff is a dedicated group of educators and young adults who are committed to making a difference in the lives of Co-Op campers and their families. Many staff members are former Co-Op campers who are eager to give back to a program that shaped their lives.



**Elementary Co-Op Staff**



**Middle School Co-Op Staff**





### *Dear Friends of Co-Op,*

Every June, as the school year comes to a close, one question fills the hallways: “What are you doing this summer?” There is jittery excitement as kids get ready for their BIG summer plans: travel, sleepaway camp, special tickets for a game or a show, long afternoons with visitors and more. However, as teachers, we often hesitate before asking some students because we are well aware that financial struggles limit options for those families. For those kids, summer opportunities are, quite simply, not the same. Co-Op changes that equation.

At its core, Co-Op is about creating opportunities and equal access to quality programs for all children regardless of need. Recently, we talked with Co-Op campers about their Summer 2019 experience. Looking back, they were filled with excitement about what they loved at Co-Op:

- “Getting to the ‘green level’ in swimming!”
- “Making slime and a volcano!”
- Going to the ropes course “because it was very scary but very challenging.”
- Stop Motion Animation where we used “little pieces to make something extraordinary!”
- Our trip to the Botanical Gardens because “Mom got to go!”

We also gathered our Sixth Grade Middle School Co-Op Campers together for a fall Co-Op reunion. The kids were immediately laughing and connecting. Building staff told Co-Op leaders that the students were noticeably excited in advance of the reunion saying, “It’s obvious that they feel like they belong to something. They were just so excited to connect to that again.”

Co-Op is about opportunity. The opportunity to learn, connect, get active, strive and maybe, just maybe, be on the winning Color Wars team. Everyone deserves that exciting anticipation of a wonderful summer and then the shared belonging of looking back on a summer experience where you were known and cared for. Thank you for supporting Co-Op - where opportunity abounds!

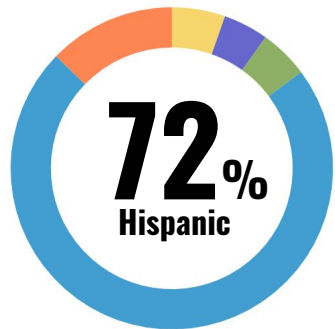
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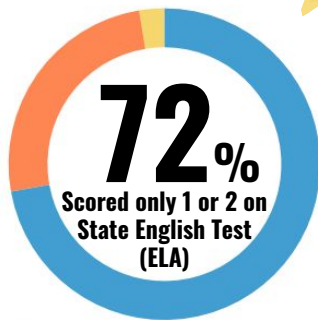


# Camper Demographics

Serving kids at risk for SUMMER SLIDE  
- a loss of learning during summer months -  
with annual, quality summer opportunities



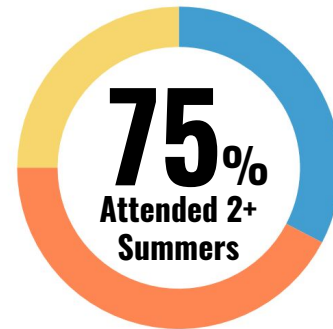
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Below Grade Level At Grade Level Above Grade Level



Free Lunch Reduced Lunch Full Pay



3 Summers 2 Summers 1 Summer



# Creating Opportunity for Academic Growth

Academics means hands-on exploration at Co-Op with each camper experiencing:

- 5 or more unique STEM “majors” like Chemistry Chaos, Newton’s Playground and Robo Buddies
- Daily reading
- Individual writing journals to promote integrated writing skills
- Math Cave to promote computation practice and Board Games to practice strategy

*“ :-) I learned how to program robots, I learned how to take good pictures and I learned about the six simple machines.”  
- Co-Op Camper*



# Creating Opportunity for Relationships

Co-Op emphasizes small group, personalized learning experiences. Learning happens through relationships that develop on various levels: between campers & counselors; between educators & counselors and between professional staff. The success is in the ratios.

## **EDUCATOR : CAMPER RATIOS**

Elementary Program 1:14

Middle School Program 1:12

## **YOUNG ADULT : CAMPER RATIOS**

Elementary Program 1:7

Middle School Program 1:6

*“Hiring young adults & observing them with the kids was more inspiring than I anticipated. It gives me faith in our future & in my community. The children need representation as well. They see themselves in the counselors & see their possibilities.”*

*- Co-Op Educator*





# Creating Opportunity for Summer Fun

We supplement academics with summer FUN! Field trips and organized swim instruction make up 15% of our program time and account for 35% of all non-salary spending. Additionally, all families receive at least two written swim assessments for their child. Field trips have included:

- BOUNDLESS ADVENTURE ROPES COURSE
- BOTANICAL GARDENS
- MARITIME CRUISE
- NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
- AND MORE!



# Creating Opportunity for Achievement

Our Badge Program allows campers to earn recognition for each learning area that they complete. With it, we promote self confidence and resilience while encouraging campers to strive for personal goals in areas like Fitness Challenges, our Core Values - **CARE, CREATE & COLLABORATE** - and our campwide Color Wars.

**HONORING LEARNING**  
**ENCOURAGING GROWTH**  
**CREATING MEMORIES**

# IMPACT STATISTICS

We measure our impact! We conduct parent, camper, and staff surveys in addition to maintaining swim statistics. These tools keep us focused on what works and help us develop “next steps” for growth. We also convene a Steering Committee of parents, staff, school professionals and interested community members to provide another layer of qualitative review of our program and our statistics.

*266 student surveys*  
*102 parent surveys*  
*74 staff surveys*



## Impact Measurements

To evaluate our effectiveness, we conduct an annual Quality Self Assessment (QSA) as developed by NY State Afterschool Network (NYSAN). Programs that score well on the QSA are statistically proven to:

- Positively impact academic performance during the school year
- Produce multiple positive outcomes in other critical areas including: health, resilience, collaborative skills and decreased parental anxiety



# The QSA Tool measures 10 areas including:

## PROGRAMMING & ACTIVITIES



OUR SCORE:

96.22%

## OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION



OUR SCORE:

95.55%

## STAFF / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



OUR SCORE:

94.93%

## SCHOOL YEAR CONNECTIONS



OUR SCORE:

94.58%

## CAMPER ENGAGEMENT



OUR SCORE:

97.02%

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# Our Overall QSA Scores

**2017 89%**

**2018 89%**

**2019 96%**







## IMPACT: PROVIDING AN AFFORDABLE QUALITY PROGRAM SO KIDS ARE NOT HOME ALONE

**56%** of parents said their child would have stayed at home all summer without Co-Op.

**Only 12%** would have enrolled their child in another program.







## IMPACT: EMPLOYING TEENS/COLLEGE KIDS & PROVIDING THEM WITH LEADERSHIP QUALITY TRAINING



**91%** of counselors agree or strongly agree that Co-Op was a **POSITIVELY TRANSFORMATIVE** experience in their lives.



## IMPACT: PREVENTING DROWNING - TEACHING KIDS SWIMMING TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL WATER DEATHS

**19%** of campers could swim independently at Co-Op start.  
**48% of campers** could swim independently by the end of summer.







## IMPACT: GAINS IN READING, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL, ACADEMIC & OTHER SKILLS

**59%** of middle school campers said Co-Op helped them feel they could be themselves at school.

**41%** said Co-Op helped them communicate with teachers.

**ONLY 16%** of Co-Op campers showed reading summer slide compared to **31%** loss for low income kids without Co-Op.





# IMPACT: GROWING CAMPER SELF-ESTEEM THROUGH PEER & NEAR PEER CONNECTIONS & LEARNING



## CONSIDER THESE CAMPER SURVEY RESULTS:

When asked who helped them learn over the summer, campers replied:

**My friends** **53%**  
(117 of 219)

**My counselors** **88%**  
(193 of 219)

When asked to describe *what they learned*, **7%** of campers gave social/emotional answers like these:

*“I learned how to be myself.”*  
*“I learned how to share and  
how to make friends.”*  
*“I learned how to be patient.”*

# OUR REACH GOALS

High program standards means high performance for our campers  
We don't settle with where we are at. Look at where we are growing next.



## Enhance Young Adult Leadership Training

- ▶ Pilot *Leaders in Training* program for 36 seventh and eighth graders
- ▶ Redesign written feedback rubric for counselors and add small group mentoring
- ▶ Allow for tiered counselor positions to motivate young adult staff to return in new positions

## Further Develop Curriculum Goals

- ▶ Pair educators with 1:1 STEM coaches from NY Hall of Science (fully funded by \$26,000 grant)
- ▶ Enhance reading program including adding an “All Grade” read aloud
- ▶ Heighten Project-Based Learning experiences in Math



# A CO-OPERATIVE

## INVESTING IN CO-OP:

In Summer 2019, we made multiple program enhancement investments including:

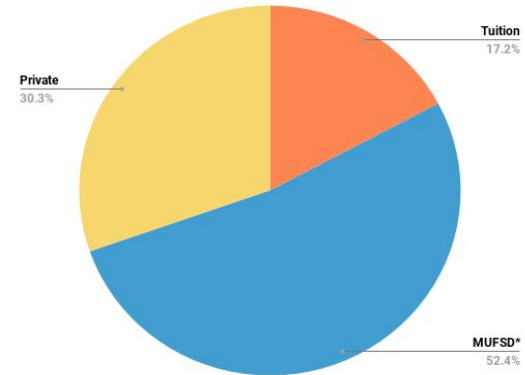
- Serving 14 more elementary campers & 12 more middle school campers
- Adding 20 campers to the pre-season swim
- Providing a plaque for each child with ribbons & badges for achievement recognition
- Adding advanced first aid training and professional development in conflict resolution
- Increasing staff to assist in the activity rooms

*“Co-Op keeps getting better and better!! Every year more is added! This summer was amazing between all the amazing field trips and the great swimming lessons and the cool art projects! Thank you to all for creating such an amazing summer for my kids!”*  
- Co-Op Parent

## FUNDING CO-OP:

Mamaroneck School District provides primary funding and hires the STEM Alliance to administer Co-Op. The program is increasingly relying on private funding of at least \$60,000 annually to fulfill our mission of quality programming.

### CO-OP SUMMER 2019 FUNDING SOURCES



*\*% of expenses covered by MUFSD funding was 58% in 2018  
\*MUFSD funds include monies from the Village of Mamaroneck & the Town of Mamaroneck*



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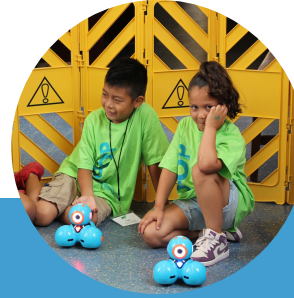
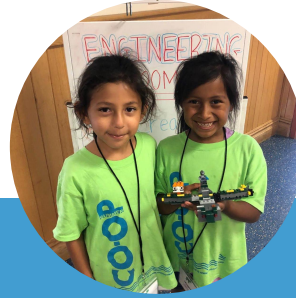
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