



COASTAL CONNECTIONS

AN UPDATE FROM CAMP ARANZAZU

APRIL 2020

PROUD TO HAVE
SERVED MORE THAN
27,000 CAMPERS
SINCE 2006



Meet Camp Director **AMELIA HASLAM**

Born in Macon, Georgia

Years at Camp Aranzazu: 7

Education: Georgia Southern University

You are a certified therapeutic recreation specialist. How did you get interested in this field?

"I always knew I wanted to work with people and to have an impact on people's lives. While in college, I found out about therapeutic recreation and how therapeutic recreation specialists were able to help patients rehabilitate and give them tools to build on their progress using recreation and leisure activities. The idea of playfulness with purpose sounded like a dream job, and it really has been."

How did you end up at Camp Aranzazu?

"I was volunteering with YoungLife Camp in Jasper, Georgia, and my boss knew camp founder Tom Forney and told me about Camp Aranzazu. So I emailed Tom and got an internship at camp. I had no intention of staying beyond my internship, but here I am, seven years later."

What keeps you going?

"What we do is cool! I get to walk by and see kids kayak, fish, or even hold a camera for the first time. I also get excited when someone works at camp for the summer and then becomes

an enthusiastic advocate for special populations." She adds, "I also am particularly thankful when I get to be part of a really good week for campers who are in tough health battles outside of camp. They go through hard and strenuous medical treatments, but get to come to camp and enjoy delicious food, play with friends, and try new activities while building helpful intrapersonal skills and growing through the camp experience."

One of the things that our partners rave about most is the Camp Aranzazu staff. What do you think we do differently?

"I know that our smaller size allows our staff to have more personal connections and to spend more time with campers. We work hard to make sure every camper feels accepted and loved, which comes naturally to our team because of how incredible our campers are."

What was it like when you came back to camp after Hurricane Harvey and saw all the destruction?

"I remember looking at the land and hurting for the loss of the trees and plants and natural resources. Part of the joy

at Camp Aranzazu is seeing all the natural beauty. It was overwhelming to think about the amount of time and effort that would be needed for camp to ever look the way it once did.” She adds, “We had to shut down for several months. I mourned the loss of getting to do what I love. But it also made me extra grateful when we were finally able to host campers the following spring.”

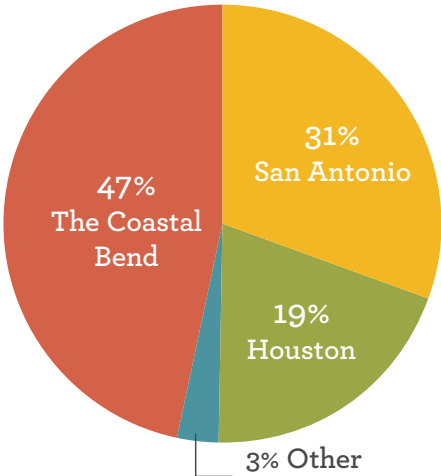
If money were no object, what else would you like to have at camp to better serve our campers?

“We already have an amazing facility, but I would expand our health center so we could host multiple groups of campers who have more intensive medical needs at the same time. I would love to have a truly accessible treehouse with an observation deck. Given our location on the coast, it also would be great to have a more extensive fishing program that included off-shore fishing trips, as well as to stock our ponds with different types of fish! Art and music therapy would be a great addition, and we could possibly partner with local galleries to showcase our campers’ talent. I also have dreamed of having therapy dogs to help campers who are struggling with being away from home or who need more attention in the health center than they’d like.”



CAMP ARANZAZU STATISTICS

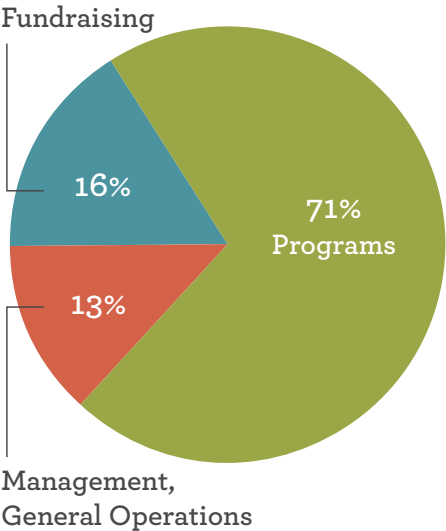
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"Camp makes me feel like I am not the only one."

- CAMPER FROM THE EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH TEXAS

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for everything yaull doand
* We love being here enjoy
the fun y ou are sweet Uh
kind loving people I am so
thankful I know we be
back next year! please
drive back home safe.
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PLEASE HELP US SERVE
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ADULTS WHO COULD
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When the new cabin is finished in May, we will have beds for 175 campers and their support staff. If you know of any organizations that might be interested in learning about Camp Aranzazu, please email Amelia Haslam at ahaslam@camparanzazu.org.



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-CAMPER FROM DRISCOLL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



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