

## One Heart High School Summer Retreat in California

Kevin Thompson  
July 2, 2016



The One Heart High School Summer Retreat continues to be a very popular week in the San Bernadino Mountains for Unificationist-born youth and their friends. The camp took place from June 26 – July 2, 2016, and this year and last have seen record numbers of participants and college age staff.

The camp is located near the heart rock, which is a very well known hiking destination for tourists. One Heart Camp has been in existence for 27 years, started by Unificationist families to give young people a place to discover God and True Parents and make lifelong friends. Pastor Kevin Thompson of the Bay Area Family Church has been teaching there for 24 years and was the main lecturer again this year, giving presentations and leading discussions throughout the week. The theme of camp this year was “Hearts on Fire”.

Participants came from North and South California as well as Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Alaska and Washington states. A total of almost 200 staff and high school students participated. The morning is dedicated to the study of the Holy Scriptures, morning service and lectures. The rest of the day includes time for fun through games, swimming, skits and entertainment. Staff also prepare challenges and group activities to keep everyone inspired and stimulated.

“Before we knew it, the week was over, tears were shed as we packed up and said goodbye and determined to stay in touch and help each other to stay on track,” said Rev. Thompson.

