

What is Camp Jenny?

Camp Jenny is NFTY's Southern Area and Southern Tropical Regions' year-round initiative to give children from an impoverished Atlanta community the opportunity to receive tutoring and support throughout the year which then culminates in a 4-day long camp experience at URJ's Camp Coleman over Memorial Day Weekend. The students receive the love of big "brothers and sisters," three nutritious meals a day, and encouragement for the future. They also enjoy activities such as Science Lab, water play, ziplining, arts and crafts, and a variety of sports and team building activities.

Who are the campers?

Camp Jenny partners with F.L. Stanton Elementary School, which is part of the Atlanta Public School system. Campers are selected based on their achievements during the school year in 4 categories that spell the word CAMP: C: Come to school, A: Awesome attitude, M: Make an effort, and P: Parent participation. Throughout the year, Camp Jenny teens and adults visit the school and run assemblies to motivate the students to "earn their spot on the bus." Camp Jenny also assists with a tutoring program in March and April to help students prepare for important system-wide testing. According to the F.L. Stanton principal, Camp Jenny has helped the school **make measurable gains in both attendance and test scores!**

Who are the camp staff?

NFTY teen volunteers, alumni, and adult volunteers run every aspect of Camp Jenny. Each year, NFTY-SAR and NFTY-STR each elect a social action vice president, and those two teens serve as the co-directors for the next Camp Jenny. They oversee a highly competitive application process, and then work with over 130 teens who serve as counselors, specialists, and leadership staff to both plan and execute Camp Jenny. The teens are joined by around 100 adults—alumni of our programs, former co-directors, and youth professionals, who mentor the teens and coach them through the entire experience. Both the teens and adults are empowered and inspired by the lasting impact they make on these children's lives.

Learn more and make a donation at campjenny.nfty.org!