



## What's Poppin', 4th of July?

Celebrating our Independence Day, many Americans partake in traditions that include barbeques, pool parties, and fireworks. During IPCP, we wanted to give the students a taste of American culture. In the day, they were free to explore as they had no classes. There was a carnival to go to, a beach to lay on, or food to go eat. At night, we decided to put on a party that brought the mentors and all of the students together.

It was a blast! This party was hosted in "The Berk," one of the housing complexes. We played in the game room and outside patio. Those in the game room enjoyed rounds of ping pong and played some pool. Outside, there was an abundance of snacks provided, including delicious foods such as chips and salsa, ice cream, popsicles, watermelon, etc. Some students and mentors played a fun game called Mafia, in which cards are given out that assign a person one of the following identities: werewolf, witch, civilian, and seer. The point of this game is to figure out who the werewolves are. Looking back, it was a fun night where everyone could take a break from summer session and enjoy the holiday that is the Fourth of July.



## Tech Inspired Tourist attractions in the Bay



### The "Silicon Valley"

I'm sure many of you have heard this term from the mouth of your tech or business friends as their eyes light up, or even mentioned in movies. The Silicon Valley is a nickname for the southern portion of the San Francisco Bay Area. Hearing other people refer to it, always sounds like the stuff of legends, an elite group everybody hopes to enter, basically a mix between Disneyland and Narnia. For many, the Silicon Valley is just that as it hosts many of the world's largest high-tech corporations and thousands of startup companies of companies including Google, Apple, and Tesla.

### Fun Facts:

- The word "valley" refers to the Santa Clara Valley, where the region has traditionally been centered, which includes the city of San Jose and surrounding cities and towns.
- The word "silicon" originally referred to the large number of silicon chip innovators and manufacturers in the region.



The term "Silicon Valley" eventually came to refer to all high tech businesses in the area, and is now generally used as a synecdoche for the American high-technology economic

sector. It was in the Valley that the silicon-based integrated circuit, the microprocessor, and the microcomputer, among other key technologies, were developed that has changed technology today.

Although you may not enter the main buildings of tech corners there unless your friends or relatives are employees of one company, you can take a walk through the beautiful campus of the tech corners---full of exuberant plants, special leisure areas for playing games or exercising, and symbols of each company, such like colorful apples, Android Robots. If you want to choose Computer Science as your major, you must come here with dreams, since you may be the host of Silicon Valley one day!

## SFO Bound: Session D Airport Pickup

On the morning of July 1st, half of the session C & D mentors came together at 8am in order to pick up the session D students from the San Francisco International Airport. From the very beginning we knew this airport pickup would be more difficult than the last, as instead of 50 students it was almost over 150 students.

We all departed from Berkeley Downtown Bart at around 8am and arrived at San Francisco International Airport. It was going to be a very long exhausting day but we were all excited to welcome the new students. As soon as the first student got off the plane we knew they would be tired and jetlagged. Who wouldn't be after almost 12 hours on a flight?



However that didn't deter us from engaging with the students the most that we could. Once they left their gate, the students would check in with Rachel, the program supervisor, who would introduce the students to their mentor, and help situate them with

other students. As more students came, more friends were made! Fast forward 5 hours as we start to depart we made our way downstairs to the parking garage where two buses awaited our arrival. We boarded the buses. As we headed home we noticed that there was a couple of bushes on fire on the highway! However we were in no danger and we drove right past it. We passed by the beautiful city of San Francisco where we briefly saw the skyscrapers as well as the bay bridge before we arrived at Berkeley. Although jetlagged, the students were able to appreciate the views of their new city.



One bus went to Stern Hall in Foothill and the other went to Telegraph Commons where more of the mentors eagerly awaited their prospective students. As soon as everyone got off the bus, they began making themselves at home. The students were happy and you could tell they were going to enjoy UC Berkeley. Thankfully the overall process was successful which would not have happened without the help of Rachel as well as many of the mentors.

## Catching up in Cal-



### Short Interviews with students about their 4 weeks in Berkeley!

#### Junbo Fu -

Junbo's favorite part of being in the program is how he has been given the opportunity to hang out with all of his friends! He enjoys that the program has provided him with useful resources such as the tutoring and enjoys being in Berkeley, even if he finds the campus a bit too large.



**Zeyu Feng -**

Zeyu enjoys the time the program provides him to play basketball with his friends after a hard day of classes. He finds the classes difficult, however, he appreciates Berkeley's weather and food. Also the many ping pong games he's shared with his groupmates helps to make things better!

**Shuyuan Chen -**

Even though this is Shuyuan's first time living with roommates he is finding the experience to be a lot more enjoyable than he expected. By being in this program it's allowed him to make great new friends. He admits to finding his courses hard, however, he does enjoy the professors he has had the chance to meet. To Shuyuan the campus is lovely. By having a large campus it allows him to meet many new people.



## Let's embARC on a Fun-Filled Summer!



Students who are part of embARC, a one-month design academy with the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley, are a unique group of highly motivated and talented individuals. These students hail from various states within America as well as around the world, creating a diverse population for the program.

Despite their different backgrounds and life experiences, they share common interests in architecture, urban design, and sustainable city planning. The program provides allows students to experience campus life as a Cal student. This comes with a plethora of hard work and dedication, but we think students should take a break and have fun, too! After an intense week of adjusting to life in the dorms and taking classes on campus, we set off on a well-deserved trip to Emeryville, a nearby town with a shopping center this past Sunday.



We started our day by experiencing local public transportation on AC Transit buses. After arriving at Bay Street, the main shopping plaza, students split off into groups to enjoy some free time. Some watched movies such as *Incredibles 2*, *Ant-Man and the Wasp*, and *Ocean's 8* while others spent time shopping and exploring the area.

It was a neat experience to show students how to navigate the bus system and to take them to a local place for some leisure time. This weekend, we're setting off to Stanford and in the coming weeks, to the Palace of the Fine Arts and the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in San Francisco. We can't wait to update you on the students' progress in the program and the fun activities we'll be having!