



### **Description of Program/Purpose:**

Camp GID D UP provides an opportunity for inner-city and at-risk youth to experience a western style summer camp on a real ranch. The youth learn and interact with nature in a desert biome and observe astronomy in an unpolluted environment. Campers spend one 3-day weekend at the 20 acre Lake Hughes, CA ranch owned by Glynn and Jo-An Turman. They learn how to rope, ride horses, swim in a pond, catch tadpoles and frogs, toss horseshoes, do arts & crafts, archery, ride mighty bucky, hike, sing camp song, sleep under the stars, have campfires, share thoughts, make new friends, laugh, care for animals, star gaze, breathe fresh air & enjoy nature.

Many of these youth have serious academic deficits, have never been out of their communities and some have had experiences in the criminal justice system. This camp will introduce them to the concept of being good stewards of the environment who celebrate through recycling, replenishing and recreation.

This camp was founded as a promise at a peace conference by Emmy® Award winning veteran actor Glynn Turman and his wife, Jo-An to the late Mrs. Coretta King and Ambassador Andrew Young to bring peace among youth gangs after the riots of the 1990s. For more than nineteen years, the Turman's have operated this **FREE** summer camp through their non-profit IX Winds Ranch Foundation for inner-city and at-risk youth. Over 90% of the former campers have changed their lifestyles to reflect a more positive direction, gone on to college, became counselors, technical school, the military or employment. Camp Gid D Up is an IRS tax exempt 501 c 3 non-profit organization.

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## **Camp GID-D-Up Mission**

To provide an opportunity for inner-city and at-risk disenfranchised youth attend a free western style summer camp on a real 20 acre ranch. The youth learn to ride horses, rope, swim, toss horseshoes, do arts and crafts, hike, ride a Bucky, archery, sleep under the stars, enjoy nature, make friends and breathe fresh air.

