

Standing on Common Ground's



Griffith Park, California

As any educator knows, the most well intentioned instructional programs can be undermined by dysfunctional intergroup dynamics and cross-cultural misunderstanding. The **Day of Discovery** encourages participants to courageously navigate the tenuous waters of interpersonal understanding through developing strategies that improve the culture and climate of a campus: cultures of *mutual respect, empathy and inclusion*.

What

The **Day of Discovery** is a human relations workshop for students designed to “**promote human understanding**” and to reinforce the importance of balancing the academic and social/emotional aspects of the educational experience.

Why

The purpose of the **Day of Discovery** is to bring students together to bridge cultural, gender, linguistic, class and racial divides, and to develop strategies for improving the culture and climate of the participating school.

Where

Offered at the beautiful and centrally located Camp Griffio, a Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks facility in Griffith Park, the **Day of Discovery** workshop takes “promoting human understanding” to another level through award-winning activities and cutting-edge processes. Minutes away geographically but miles away from the frenetic energy of the city, this historic venue has played host to some of the preeminent human relations events in the City’s history.

Cost

The tuition per participant is \$100.00 with a 35 person minimum. The fee includes breakfast, lunch, materials and pre and post trainings.

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Edwin Markham Middle School
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"Friendship"

Day of Discovery Agenda:

- 8:00 Depart School
- 8:45 Welcome/Breakfast
- 9:15 General Session
- 10:00 Small Groups
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Reflection Hike
- 1:30 Action Planning
- 2:20 Presentations
- 2:45 Closing

*"We used the **Day of Discovery** to bring Latino and African-American students together in the wake of several large-scale incidents at our school. Out of the workshop, we started a school newspaper and mediation program that exists today."*

-High School Assistant Principal