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- **Generosity**
  - 92% of campers agree/strongly agree that they were encouraged or helped by counselors, staff or volunteers.

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- 53% improved in 9 or more skills.

**Source:** 2017 4-H survey of 1,272 campers and 384 camp counselors.

**2,065 YOUTH** (ages 8-18)

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