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Title: Summer At The Center

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female: Summer at the Center is a one-of-a-kind arts program

that takes place every year

at Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa.

For 2 weeks at the end of July,

selected students from all over Orange County

get to work with professional artists

to learn different types of music, dance,

and acting techniques.

At the end of the program, there are 4 performances that show off eventhing you have accomplished

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during the 2 weeks.

And students who complete the 2 weeks,

receive 5 credits that can be applied towards graduation.

This program provides the opportunity to be creative,

break out of your shell, and take some healthy risks.

My name is Nicole, and I was fortunate enough

to be selected for the program last year.

I remember walking in on the first day

and feeling really nervous, but also excited.

Once I got to know some people

and started working on the singing and dancing,

I realized we were completely supported

and encouraged by the staff every step of the way.

instructor: You're doing great.

Move the chairs and we'll start in 1 minute, guys.

Nicole: And of course, the food.

We got catered meals from restaurants every day.

My personal favorite was the day we had pizza and salad.

For many of us, we had never done anything like this before.

We had different backgrounds and different stories,

but it was amazing to see what we could achieve together.

And at the end of the program,

we had created friendships that I will remember forever.

I wish I could go back.

Summer at the Center was the best 2 weeks of my life.