

PARTICIPANTS RESPOND: How was Builder Camp?



Nicolas Matthews, accounting freshman, holds up his team's Purple Storm sign during a chant battle with the other squads. (Hanna House/Staff Photographer)

What does Builder Camp mean to you?

To me, Builder Camp is a rite of passage. It's a one of a kind experience that will change your life forever. I can sit here and type until my fingers fall off or talk to someone until I am blue in the face but they still will not understand Builder Camp the way I do. Builder Camp sets up a foundation that the Southwestern community is built on. Without the strong bonds created at Builder Camp, our school community would crumble.

- Craig Lantz
computer science junior

Would you want to go back as an OL? Why or why not?

I think that it could be a good experience and I really liked Builder Camp and I think that I can be an orientation leader next year. Builder Camp helped me with communication and I was able to meet friends.

- Franco Poi
business administration
freshman

What were some of the differences from past years?

The number of first year students made it feel much more populated. It made the jobs of the OLs and OTLs much more important as the OTLs couldn't keep track of all the students and had to rely on the OLs to help delegate groups and keep an eye on the students.

- Seth Topham
biochemistry senior

Did you enjoy staying here for a couple days and settling in before going to Sky Ranch Cave Springs?

I definitely thought it was a good idea to stay here for a couple days and get moved in and get used to the dorm a little bit and then leave for a day or two and then come back and you already know what's going on.

- Tim Venske
education freshman

Would you want to go back as an OL? Why or why not?

I think I would want to go back as an orientation leader so that I could help people settle in the same way my orientation leaders helped me settle in. I know there were a few people who didn't like Builder Camp but overall I thought it was a really fun experience and it's really special to this school and I think everyone should be a part of it.

- Carson Davis
theatre freshman