The mission of ASUA’s Bear Down Camp is to provide a supplemental and integrative introduction to the University of Arizona for incoming freshman students in order to improve their connection, retention, and overall success. BDC provides necessary survival tools while also acquainting students with an opportunity to cultivate valuable relationships with fellow Wildcats and faculty early on during their college careers.

Assessment Results: CAMP

The survey was sent to 56 students. 56 students completed the survey for a response rate of 100%.

- I am able to identify at least two ways to get involved on campus: 96% AGREED
- I gained a deeper understanding of others’ perspectives through conversations with fellow campers: 93% AGREED
- I developed an understanding of UA history and traditions: 100% AGREED
- I am aware of online resources such as D2L, Catmail, and UAccess: 100% AGREED
- I am able to identify at least two strategies to lead a healthy lifestyle as a student: 95% AGREED
- I developed a network of friends and mentors that I can turn to throughout my college career: 91% AGREED
- I am aware of resources on campus that will assist me personally and professionally: 95% AGREED
- I am aware of campus safety initiatives: 96% AGREED

Assessment Results: DAY OF SERVICE

Of the 56 students who completed the survey, 45 of the students participated in the Day of Service.

- Percent of students who feel more connected to the local Tucson community after completing their project: 80%
- Percent of students who will very likely do any type of volunteer service in Tucson after completing their project: 80%

Partnering Agencies:

- Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
- Grace Retreat Center Care
- Pima Animal Care Center
- Goodwill Futures
- Pima County Seed Library
- Valley of the Moon
- Tuscon Clean and Beautiful
- Gospel Rescue Mission
- Arizona AIDS Foundation
- Partnerships for Social Innovation
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth
- Tucson Choice and Beautiful

The purpose of the Day of Service is to (1) assist students in identifying themselves as part of both the University and Tucson community (2) make students aware of major social issues that exist in the Tucson community and to provide students with instruction on how to connect to volunteer opportunities. The Day of Service is supported and sponsored by ASUA VolunteerUA.

Top 3: Top Things you learned about or experienced at Bear Down Camp:

1. Made new friends & met new Wildcats
2. Strategies to be a successful college student
3. Wildcat history and traditions

Top 4: Best thing you learned about or experienced at Bear Down Camp:

1. Strong connection to the University
2. Diverse & Beautiful community
3. Community members are kind & friendly
4. Great community to get involved locally