



ECO FRIEND SUMMER CAMP



- Outdoor Games
- Workshops
- Hiking
- Handcrafts

- 4 Groups
- 4 Weeks
- 4 Objectives
- 59 participants

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SOLENA Eco Friend Summer Camp 2026 was organized with the aim of promoting environmental awareness, sustainable living and active participation in nature conservation among children and teenagers of Gyumri community. Through interactive learning, creative workshops, outdoor activities and teamwork, participants explored ecological topics while developing practical skills and building friendships.

The camp welcomed children and teenagers across four age groups, allowing activities to be adapted to participants' interests and developmental stages.

The camp was divided into four groups:

- Group 1: Children aged 7–11 / July 1st week
- Group 2: Children aged 8–12 / July 2nd week
- Group 3: Children aged 8–12 / July 3rd week
- Group 4: Teenagers aged 12–15 / July 4th week

This structure enabled age-appropriate learning experiences and encouraged collaboration among participants.

A total of 59 participants attended the SOLENA Eco Friend Summer Camp 2026. The participants came from SOAR programs, families displaced from Artsakh and currently living in Gyumri, and children from the Gyumri community. The camp also welcomed children with special educational needs and disabilities, who were fully included in all group activities ensuring that every participant had equal opportunities to learn, participate and enjoy the camp experience alongside their peers.

Throughout the camp, participants took part in a variety of educational and interactive activities focused on ecology and environmental responsibility. The program combined learning with hands-on experiences, encouraging children to understand the importance of protecting nature through practical action.

Activities promoted teamwork, creativity, problem-solving and environmentally friendly habits while helping participants develop a stronger connection with the natural world. The participants also visited creative studios in Gyumri who make art works from natural materials like bijoux from dried flowers, wooden toys Gyumrik and picture from bottle caps.



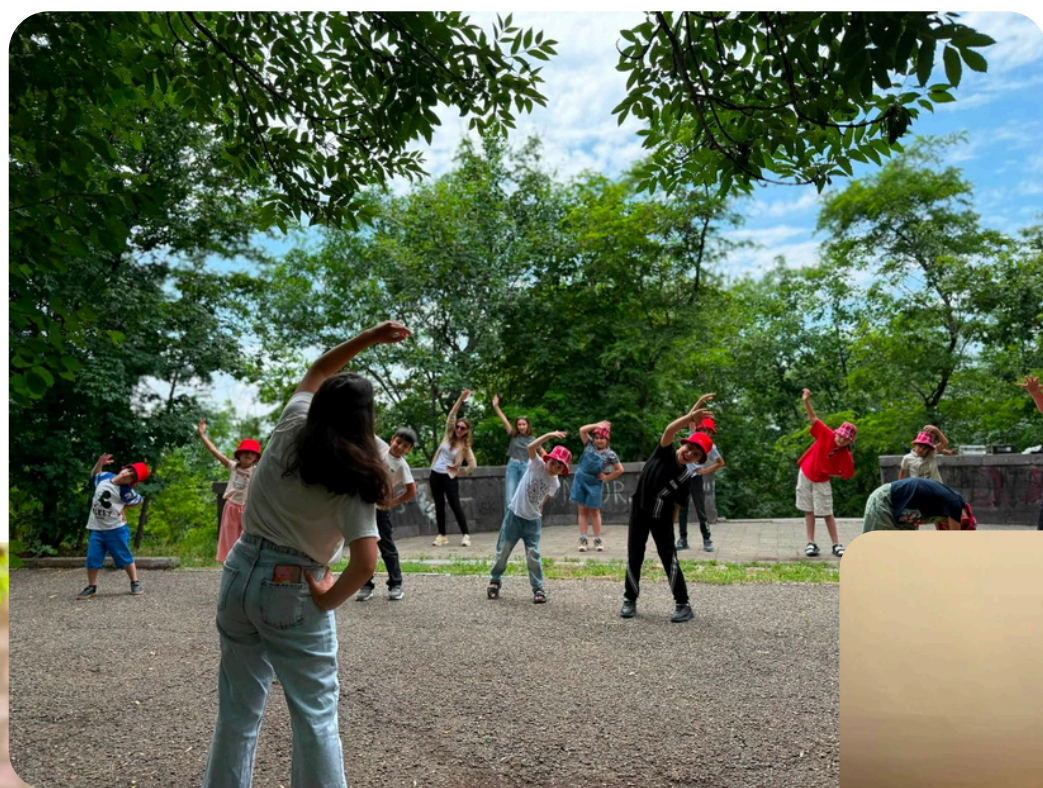
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A special highlight of the camp was the program designed for the oldest group (ages 12–15). The teenage participants took part in a hiking adventure, where they explored nature firsthand while practicing responsible outdoor behavior and strengthening their teamwork and resilience.

Through active participation in workshops and outdoor activities, they:

- Developed a better understanding of ecological principles and environmental protection.
- Practiced environmentally responsible behaviors in everyday situations.
- Strengthened teamwork, communication and leadership skills through group activities.
- Built confidence by participating in practical challenges and collaborative tasks.
- Created lasting friendships while sharing a common commitment to caring for nature.

The success of the SOLENA Eco Friend Summer Camp 2026 was made possible through the active involvement of a dedicated team of volunteers / SOAR students and Transitional Center beneficiaries. Throughout the camp, volunteers played an essential role in planning and facilitating daily activities. They also designed and facilitated a variety of outdoor activities that encouraged teamwork, environmental exploration and active participation. Their creativity, enthusiasm and commitment significantly enriched the camp experience for all participants.





Based on feedback from parents, participants, volunteers and the camp team, there is strong interest in continuing to offer meaningful and engaging summer programs for children. The team recommends the following for the future year:

- Increase outdoor learning opportunities by organizing more excursions and educational trips that allow participants to explore Armenia's natural and cultural heritage. Access to a small bus or other dedicated transportation would greatly improve the ability to visit different locations, or
- Introduce an annual regional exploration program, where participants visit a different region of Armenia each year, including an overnight stay. This would help children discover the country's diverse landscapes, history, traditions and communities while fostering independence, teamwork and a deeper appreciation of Armenia's rich cultural heritage.
- Extend the daily camp schedule to provide participants with more time for educational activities and social interaction.
- Continue organizing thematic camps, each centered around a specific topic or message, such as ecology, culture, science or healthy lifestyles to provide a focused and memorable learning experience.

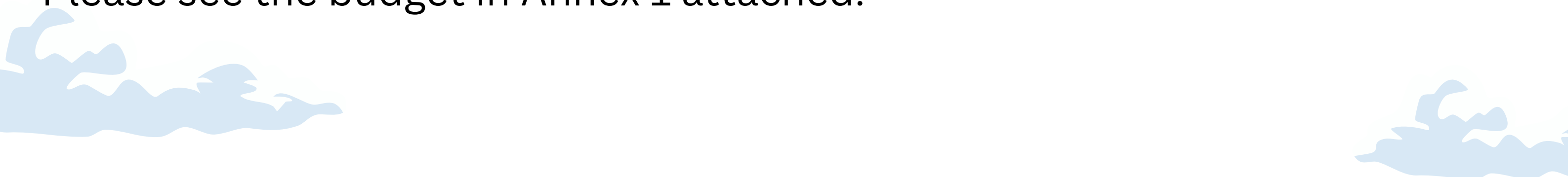
Thanks to SOAR supporters this successful implementation of the program contributed to another impactful summer camp, reinforcing SOLENA's commitment to youth development and environmental education.

Financial Report

Total: 333.128 AMD / 876\$

That includes hats, bags, water bottles for participants, breaks, workshop materials, medical kit and studio cost.

Please see the budget in Annex 1 attached.



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