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## Chamorro summer camp teaches culture

If you tried to imagine all the summer camps that exist in southern California, you probably would not think of the one I visited recently in Long Beach. Ta Fan Apatte, meaning “let’s share,” is a Chamorro-immersion camp that just concluded on July 31.

This unique camp is put together by the Kutturan Chamoru Foundation. Twenty-three people from age 12 to young adults spent three days and two nights in this cultural immersion environment.

“This year’s Ta Fan Apatte was based on the idea of ‘Leading with Identity,’” explains KCF Executive Director Heidi Quenga. “We wanted to teach the participants how to bridge the cultural values of Chamorus and use them to be successful in anything they do.”

Ta Fan Apatte took place from July 29 to July 31 on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, with assistance from Art Perez Medina, the Educational Opportunity Program counselor at the school. Instruction came from Chamorro leaders and experts that included John

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**Students learn weaving skills at a Chamorro immersion camp held in Long Beach, California, July 29-31.**