



Calaveras Big Trees State Park

# **SUMMER 2023**

# **PROGRAMS & EVENTS**



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# Here at Big Trees

We connect park visitors to resources like giant sequoias, history, and the forest community while inspiring stewardship. Interpretive programs this year ranged from volunteer led Creek Critters to spontaneous pop-up programs.



## **SNAKES!**

Kalysha Sierra Santiago leading a campfire about the slithery creatures with docent Linda Stack



Abby Davis



Karri Pearcey

# Meet the Team



Lillie Oravetz



Jack Podell



Corie Ross



Teddie Jackson



Johanna Lefever



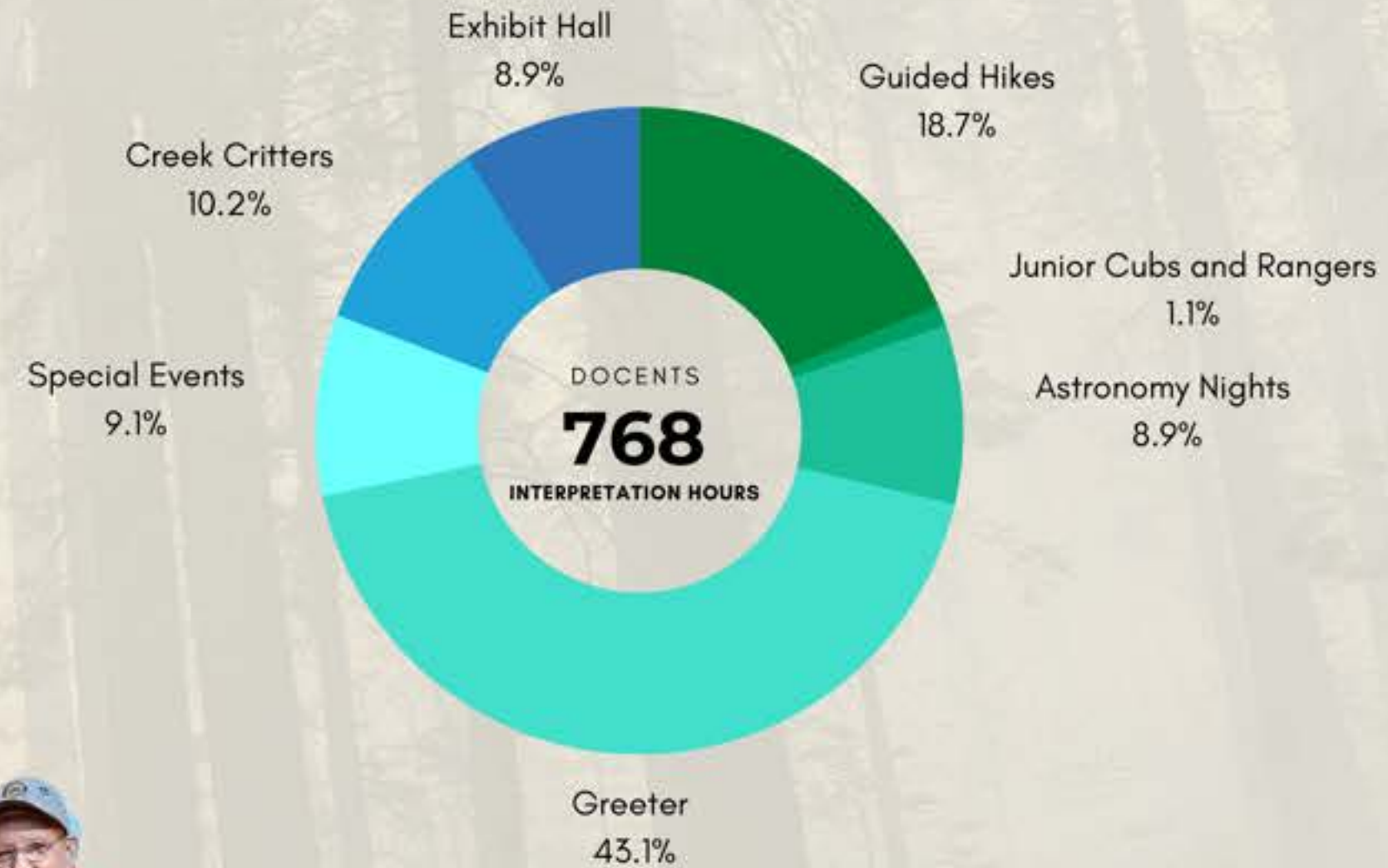
Kalysha Sierra Santiago



Wendy Miyazaki

# Docents

California State Park docents supported or led interpretive programs and events during the summer. We were able to connect with more visitors with their support.





## Astronomy



Two different types of docent led astronomy programs - telescopes & stories

## Campfire



Fridays, Saturdays, and Sunday, with volunteers from Search and Rescue on Monday

## Creek Critters



Docent-led program on most Saturdays and some Tuesdays

## Guided Grove Hikes



North Grove Guided Hikes daily and South Grove guided hikes Friday-Saturday

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### Other Guided Walks

Guided Meadow Walk Tuesdays and Saturdays  
Guided Bird Walks Thursdays starting in August



### Junior Rangers / Cubs

Wednesday - Monday  
Rangers 7- 12 years  
Cubs 3 - 6 years



### Pop-up Stations

Themed interpretive activity  
stations

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# California State Parks Week

Together we celebrated the second annual California State Parks Week.



- Special Guided Hikes
- Connections with Save the Redwoods League
- Beginner's workshops
- Community building events
- Kid's Career Fair

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# Special Events



Besides State Park's week, volunteers, CBTA, and staff came together to provide visitors special events.

- 91st Birthday
- Teacher's Open House
- Arnold 4th of July Parade
- Discovery Day
- S.T.E.A.M.

*"I enjoyed helping out again this year"*

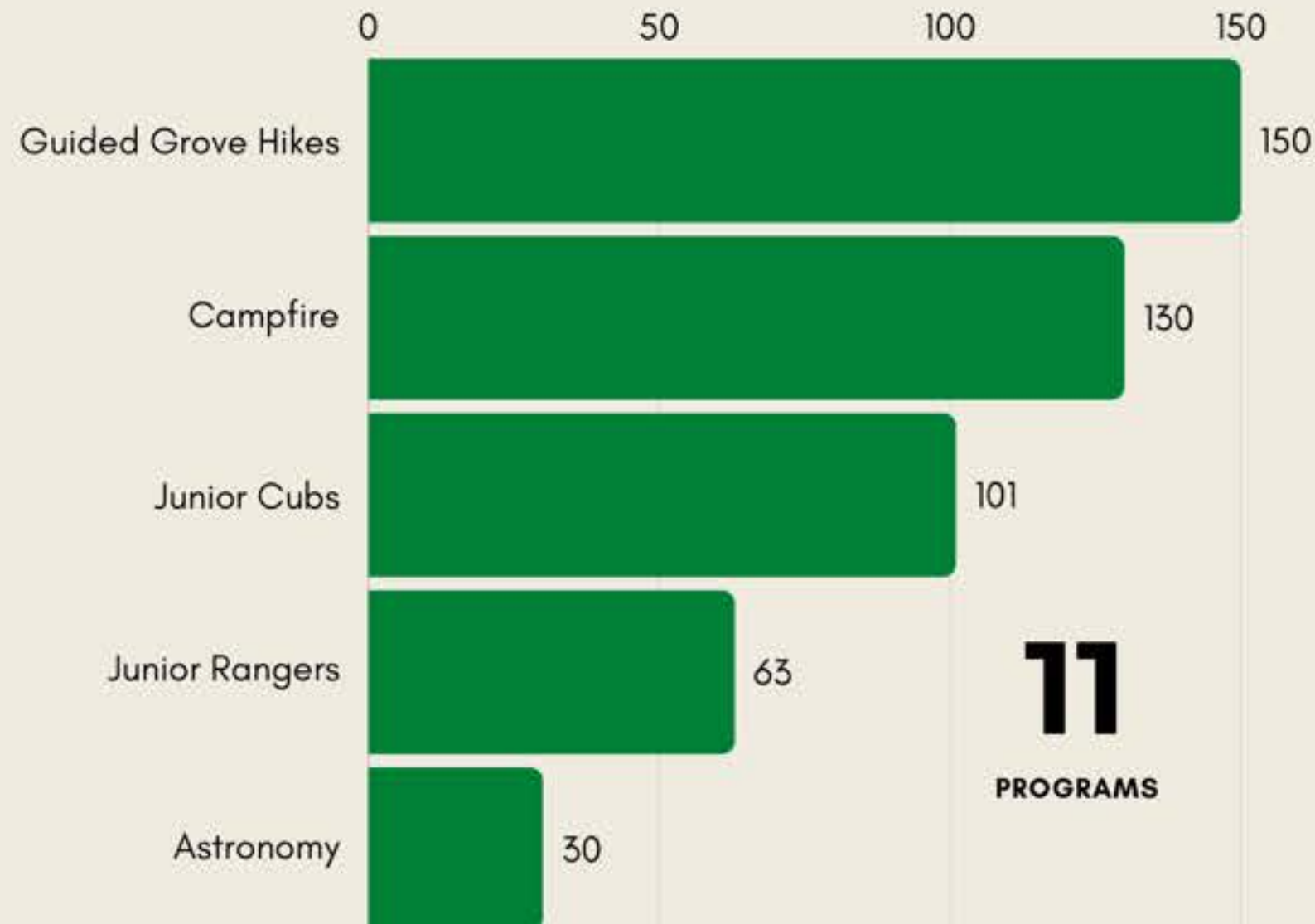
*“Fun event!”*



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# Memorial Day Weekend

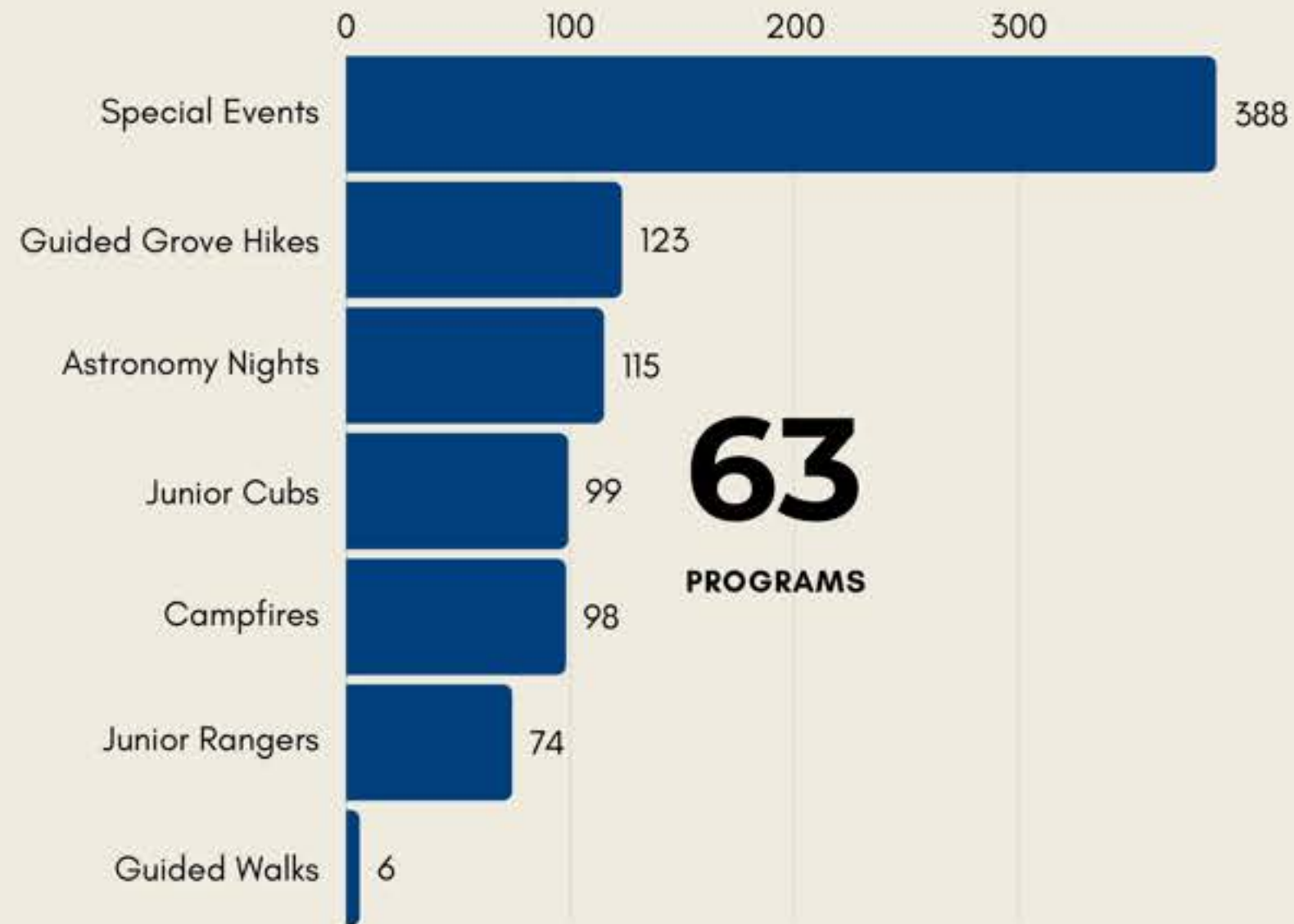
## Visitor Count



Memorial Day weekend had the highest individual program attendance all season, such as 54 Junior Ranger kids on that Sunday. Before that high visitation time, we kept busy, wrapping up school programs, onboarding an intern, training docents, and participating in the Dogwood Festival and the Calaveras County Fair.

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# JUNE Visitor Count



Full summer programs began mid-June but what dominated our visitor count were all the special events. We offered many unique programs with California State Parks Week, Celebrating 92 years, and the Teacher's Open House.

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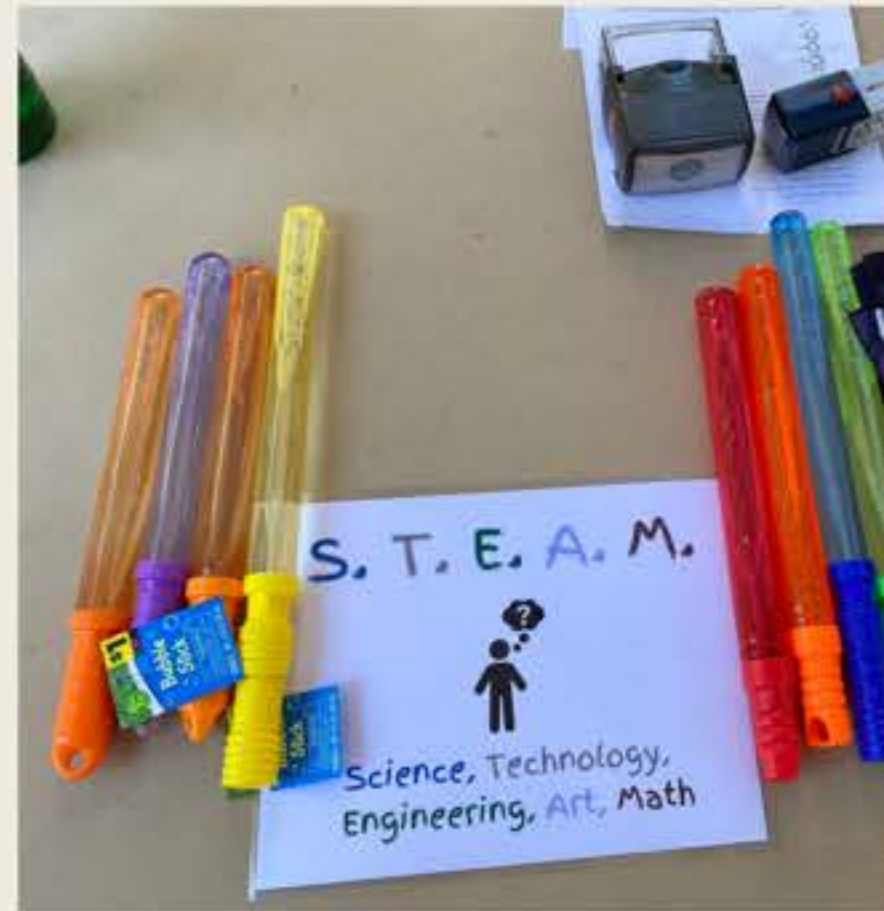
# JULY Visitor Count



July was the busiest summer month. We had one special event (Discovery Day) plus a parade and high attendance for all of our daily interpretive programs. Creek Critters had a late start this year with the high water levels.

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# AUGUST Visitor Count

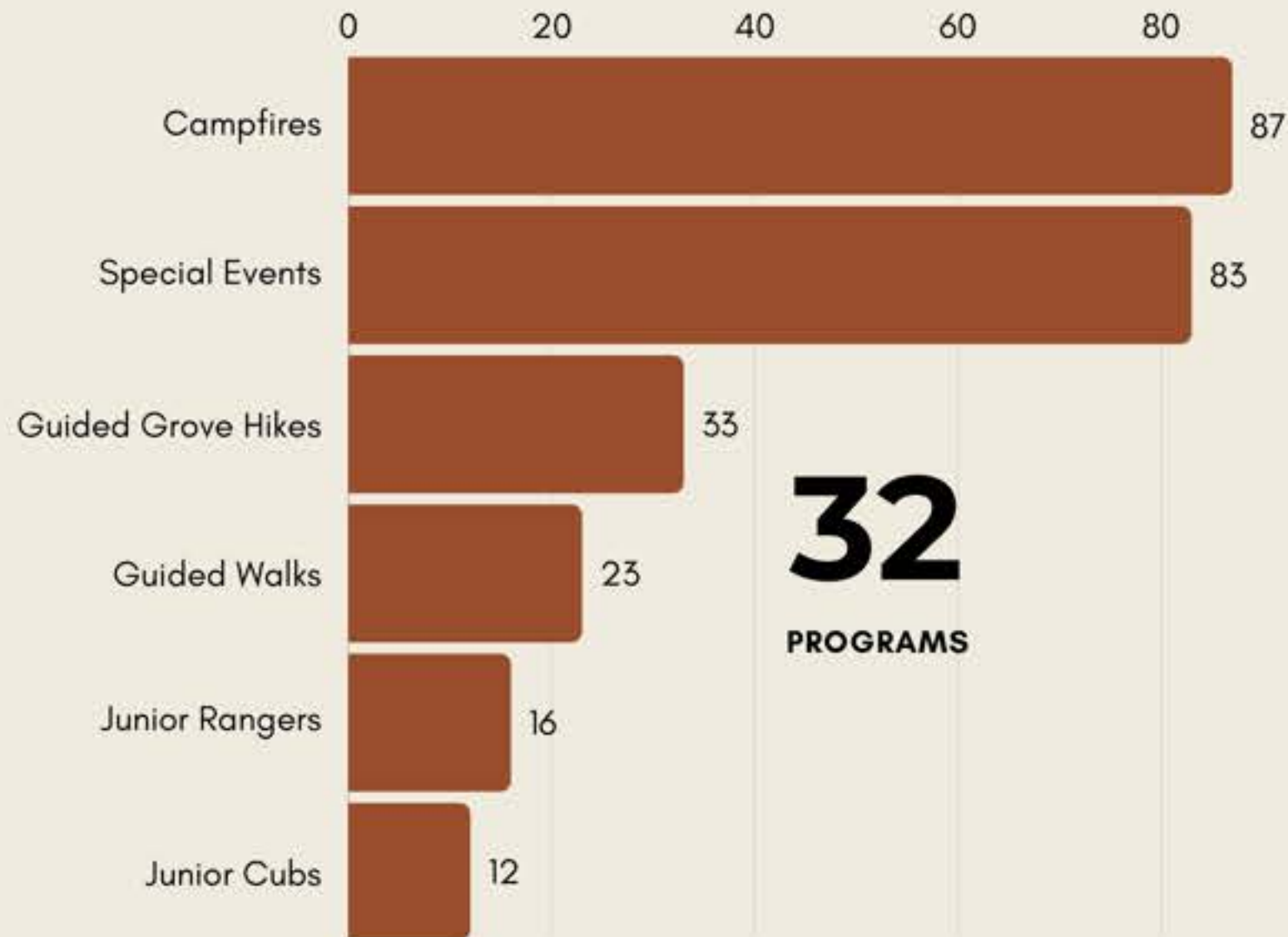


The full week schedule of summer programs ended on August 13th. However, we continued to run the programs on the weekends through the rest of the month. We had one special 2-day event (S.T.E.A.M.) which was a great success.

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# Labor Day/Biodiversity Week

## Programs Visitor Count



Labor Day weekend was our final huzzah for summer programming. However, we participated in CA Biodiversity Week the 2nd-10th, and celebrated with a couple pop-ups, an ongoing BioBlitz, and a daily guided bird walk. Those numbers are included here under Special Events.



**273**

SUMMER PROGRAMS

**5,992**

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

**98,611**

INFORMAL CONTACTS

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JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS

**508**

PARTICIPANTS

JUNIOR CUB PROGRAMS

**518**

PARTICIPANTS

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

**1,261**

PARTICIPANTS

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