





Alleycamp is an innovative summer program for children ages 11-14 that uses disciplined dance training, creative communication, and personal development to help campers develop a respect for themselves and others that will meaningfully impact their lives. Since its inception in 1989, this vital program has reached thousands of children across the country. AileyCamp provides direction and hope to children who are in need of inspiration towards a bright future. Alvin Ailey believed that "dance is for everybody," and was especially dedicated to using dance to enhance the lives of underserved youth. AileyCamp represents a vital continuation of Alvin Ailey's vision, using the power of dance to enrich and positively alter the lives of children.

AILEYCAMP BALTIMORE AT TOWSON UNIVERSITY BEGAN IN 2014. WE CURRENTLY SERVE 64 UNDERSERVED MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXPLORE THEIR BUDDING IDENTITIES. AILEYCAMP IS A PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DEMANDING PROGRAM THAT USES DISCIPLINED DANCE TRAINING, CREATIVE COMMUNICATION, PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, FIELD TRIPS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP SKILLS THAT IMPACT THEIR SUCCESS. EACH AILEYCAMPER RECEIVES A FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP, AS WELL AS UNIFORMS AND MEALS FREE OF CHARGE.

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION THIS CLASS PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CAMPERS TO EXERCISE OTHER ARTISTIC ABILITIES AND TALENTS. CAMPERS EXPLORE THE VISUAL ARTS AND CREATIVE WRITING THROUGH DIFFERENT FORMS (POEMS, PRINTMAKING, DIALOGUE, AND JOURNALING) BASED AND DEVELOPED ON IMAGINATIVE ASSIGNMENTS. ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PAST PROJECTS WAS TUTU MAKING. THE CAMPERS TALKED ABOUT TUTUS AND THEIR HISTORY WITHIN THE ART FORM. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN A HUGE SUCCESS BECAUSE EACH CAMPER TAKES THE TIME AND CARE TO BUILD THEIR OWN TUTUS. ONE GROUP EVEN PERFORMS IN THEM IN OUR CLOSING PERFORMANCE. AND OF COURSE, THE TUTUS GO HOME WITH THE CAMPERS AT THE END OF OUR CAMP SESSION. MANY SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED NOT JUST FOR TUTU MAKING BUT FOR THE OTHER ARTISTIC PROJECTS THAT ARE ASSIGNED.