

Nâzım Hikmet Summer Camp

July 27 – August 4, 2025 | Büyükada, Istanbul

The Nâzım Hikmet Summer Camp, now celebrating its **10th anniversary**, aims to bring together young people of Turkish origin from the U.S. with their peers from the Princes' Islands and survivors of Türkiye's recent earthquake.

This **intercultural exchange** offers participants the chance to explore critical issues—such as literature and the climate crisis—through a solution-oriented lens. For those coming from the U.S., the goal is to experience Türkiye through the eyes of their peers, enjoy cultural excursions in Istanbul, and return home inspired to launch sustainable projects and build lasting networks for future collaboration.

Since its founding, the Nâzım Hikmet Summer Camp have welcomed **more than 180 university students**, providing space to reflect, connect, and develop new perspectives. Each year, the Camp focuses on key themes such as literature, biodiversity, and the climate crisis. Previous programs have also explored topics including **ecology, cultural heritage, art and culture, human rights, and identity**.

This year, by welcoming youth from earthquake-affected regions, the Camp seeks to foster hope, resilience, and mutual understanding—creating an environment where participants can discover their potential, learn from one another, and view the world through a renewed lens.

About the Princes' Islands Foundation

Founded in 1984, the Foundation of the Princes' Islands has been dedicated to preserving, developing, and promoting the natural, historical, and cultural heritage of Istanbul's Princes' Islands. To advance this mission, the Foundation works closely with residents, local organizations, and others who have an interest in the Islands.

The Museum of the Princes' Islands—Istanbul's first and only urban museum—was established 15 years ago as a key initiative of the Foundation. In addition, the Foundation's publishing arm, Adalı Yayınları, has produced numerous publications that showcase the Islands' unique natural and cultural heritage.

Over the years, the Foundation has launched a wide range of projects focused on environmental preservation, cultural promotion, and sustainable tourism. Among these is the Nâzım Hikmet Summer Camp, which has taken place for the past 10 years in collaboration with Toplum Gönüllüleri Vakfı (TOG) and Gündüz Vassaf, the official representative of the Nâzım Hikmet family.

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Nâzım Hikmet Summer Camp 2025 Draft Daily Schedule

July 27 – August 4, 2025 | Büyükkada, Istanbul

Day 0 – July 27, 2025 (Sunday)

- Arrivals in Büyükkada

Day 1 – July 28, 2025 (Monday)

Welcome & Orientation

- Opening & Introductions
- Icebreaker Group Game Session
- Exploring Nâzım Hikmet from Different Perspectives
- Evening Camp Chat

Day 2 – July 29, 2025 (Tuesday)

Volunteering and Civil Society

- Workshop: Volunteering and Civil Society
- Intercultural Learning Workshop I
- Intercultural Learning Workshop II
- Free Time

Day 5 – August 1, 2025 (Friday)

Community & Connection

- Literature and Intercultural Exchange
- Crisis, Hope & Solidarity II
- Living Together: Büyükkada Gathering (Intercultural Learning)
- Global Citizenship

Day 6 – August 2, 2025 (Saturday)

Istanbul Exploration Day

- Istanbul City Tour
- Free Time



Day 3 – July 30, 2025 (Wednesday)

Dialogue & Ecology

- Session with Gündüz Vassaf: "What Can We Do?"
- Intercultural Learning Workshop III
- Ecology Discussion
- Crisis, Hope & Solidarity I

Day 4 – July 31, 2025 (Thursday)

Literature & the Environment

- Literature Discussion
- Ecology Session
- Literature and Eco-criticism
- Free Time

Day 7 – August 3, 2025 (Sunday)

Reflection & Looking Ahead

- Nâzım Hikmet and Global Citizenship
- 2025 Camp Follow-up: Project Planning Session
- Evaluation & What's Next
- Campfire

Day 8 – August 4, 2025 (Monday)

Departure Day

Camp departure & goodbyes

