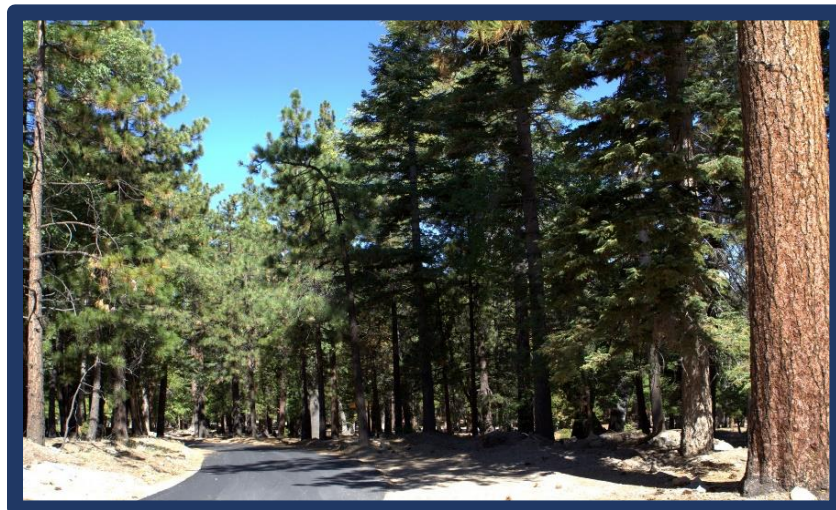


## **Young Adult Camp, September 4-7, 2020**

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During Labor Day weekend, de Benneville Pines UU Young Adult (18-35 year old) campers attended Virtual Young Adult Camp Connections 2020. A place where UUs and like-minded friends came together virtually to renew, recharge, reflect, and reconnect, all from the safety and comfort of their own home. Now, more than ever, we needed to connect with others, remember to be grateful, and share our thoughts. Through sharing discussions on "Community Care", the YA community strengthened their connections to themselves, our Camp dBP, UU, and wider communities.

Like our Unitarian Universalist faith, Virtual YA Camp Connections was an evolving community. Although they were sad to not be at our beloved camp, young adult campers were a part of the unfolding camp journey together online! All were welcome to participate in leading workshops during their time together. Highlights of the Labor Day weekend were games and icebreakers, workshops from drawing to self-care, covenant groups, worship, and the bridging ceremony! Thank you to our amazing Co-Deans, Athena and Matt along with Buudha for leading and organizing a wonderful and meaningful weekend of connecting with fellow camp lovers!!



YA campers' hearts were in the mountains this summer