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Tall Turf Ministries is more than summer camp to me; it's my developer. I have been involved with Tall Turf for 3 years and have grown tremendously. My first year I was completely terrified with the idea of leading a group larger than nine in activities. Today, I have spoken at banquets, talked in rooms filled with adults, lead groups larger than 50 adults, and lead 60 teens in a bible study. My social anxiety went from the size of the Empire State Building to the size of a hill because of Tall Turf.

Accepting my calling has been greatly accelerated because of Tall Turf and its people. Encouragement is abundant. God has used this ministry to remind me that He always has a plan. I began writing music at about eight years old, but never shared it. God moved me to share a song I wrote last summer at camp. I had prolonged it for as long as I could, but I knew that I had to share my song before the summer ended. The minute I stopped playing the last chord, my fellow staff looked up astonished that the girl they knew for years wrote *that song*.

Through devotions and people at Tall Turf, God has reminded me that I can do all things because I am simply a vessel. My time at Tall Turf has allowed me to be part of multiple worship teams, interact with adults & peers for planning city-wide worship events, and connect with my community more. Now, I freely express my music to show not what I can do, but what God gave me to touch others. To me, Tall Turf is a nest of undiscovered game-changers. I, Noemy Parra-Cano, have walked out of self-doubt and into my purpose. As an obedient daughter of Christ, I seek to obediently serve through passion filled worship in order to restore the relationship between man and God.