



A + BEE



Welcome to the QPOC Speakeasy Takeover!

Welcome to The Speakeasy takeover of the A+ Bee. The Speakeasy is Autostraddle's QTPOC space. This space was created at A-Camp 2014 out of the need for POC folks to get together, spark conversations about our experiences and build community at camp.



Through our Facebook group The Speakeasy group quickly grew into an international community of QTPOC Autostraddle readers that engage daily in critical conversations. We are now proud to have voices of the Speakeasy also a part of content on Autostraddle, ensuring that our QTPOC stories and experiences are visible. This year at camp we had an amazing meetup and then took over Klub Deer which was EPIC! And now we are taking over the Bee!

Choose Your Own Gaydventure: Speakeasy Morning Edition!

Welcome to Speakeasy chooses your gaydventure for you! Rise and shine and start your day with fresh chompers by brushing your teeth with whiskey. Then head to the pool in your birthday suit for a refreshing swim. Afterwards walk directly into the woods in your natural state for some self-reflection in nature. Enjoy.

Social Space

#qpoCspeakeasy



Soon we will be butterflies you just WAIT #autostraddlecamp



Speakeasy Spotlight: Trent



Describe yourself in 25 words or less.

I once danced "like a stripper" at a slumber party in the 4th grade. One day, I will actually drop a mixtape. I love to laugh.

When did you start singing?

I've been singing since I was a little girl in the church. I had my first solo the age of 5, the negro spiritual, "Hush".

What did you like most about the Speakeasy on the mountain?

I love the fact that it exist. Life is different for people of color. Life is different for queer people. Being both makes it especially different and being able to exist in a space where you do not feel like "the only one (of your kind) in the room, where people are truly able to relate to and understand you... that is something special.

Do you ever go anywhere without your selfie stick?

Not really... I keep it in my backpack and I take my back pack everywhere, so...there's that.

What was your last reflection of your mountain experience?

I'm glad I went. I had many mixed emotions going up to the mountain, but the experience proved to be memorable and unmatched. #Beyhive4Life

Lunch (1pm):

Menudo / arroz con grillos (rice with crickets)

Dinner (6:30pm):

Enchiladas con pollo or enchiladas enspinaca / red beer (Tecate with V8)

Breakfast (9:30am, Wednesday):

Huevos Rancheros / Horchata

Dear Power

by **Brittani**

*Dear Power,
How can I get my crush to notice me?*

Listen my strong sister, brother, or otherwise identified individual. Please do not be lulled into thinking that you need the approval of anyone else to thrive on this here mountain. Raise your fist in the air and condemn the white man’s version of heterocentric Euronormative love. Go outside and get a tan BECAUSE YOU CAN. Also, try winking with peace, power, and love.

Sex Advice

by **Alaina**

I hope to faintly hear Miguel’s “Arch + Point” from iPhone speakers in the early hours of the morning. Here’s a reminder from your friendly neighborhood mom: use protection! Did you remember condoms? Does your activity partner have them if not? Check with someone in your cabin, I bet they remembered. Also, twigs are generally uncomfortable in butts, so bring a towel.

Camp Haiku

Woke up in my clothes
The showers are freezing cold
So much day drinking

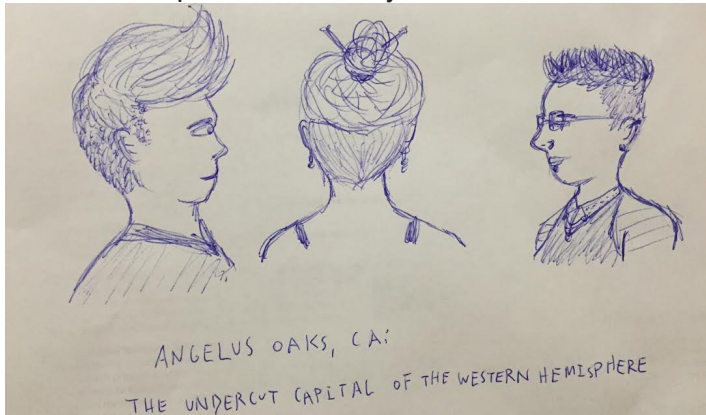
Meetups

Take the Gringo Out of Your Lingo

Learn the proper pronunciation of common Spanish words

Salsa Two Ways

Dance and dip the hours away.



Horoscopes

Aries: You have the will to make things happen. Like staying hydrated.

Taurus: Embrace your free spirit and get the most out of that water.

Gemini: Share your water bottle with a cutie.

Cancer: Best way to wash away those feels is with some water.

Leo: Why you so salty? Drink water.

Virgo: The impossible is possible. Drink that water.

Libra: Dress up today. You’re worth it, like that one beauty brand says.

Scorpio: Slow your roll. Pick up that glass of water.

Sagittarius: Brush it off, bro. Drown your sorrows in a tall glass of water on the rocks.

Capricorn: Drink that water without regret.

Aquarius: Grab something new. Like that water bottle.

Pisces: Take some time and take in nature.

Drakecast

by **Carmen**

wear shorts



MISSED CONNECTIONS

I couldn’t help but be attracted to your shining personality. I wanted to get to know you better, but you ran away screaming. Next time we meet, I will leave my wings at home. (Anonymous)

I saw you at the benches, glistening in the warm sun. You pulled out your water bottle and took a long swig. I swooned. Your concern about your health and hydration was hot. (Anonymous)

I have curly hair. You have curly hair. We should totes hang out. (Anonymous)

No, that wasn’t a rogue squirrel. I tried to get your attention by throwing pine cones at you and got nervous and scurried up a tree. Call me. (Anonymous)

QPOC Sees Microaggressions

1. Invading the QPOC Speakeasy.
2. People talking about color blindness.
3. “Do you need the hot sauce?”
4. “I didn’t think black people camped.”
5. “Where are you really from?”
6. “You don’t have an accent.”
7. “Can I touch your hair?” / “You have good hair.”