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Understanding Mathematics Matters (Umm...) Camp: Improving School Students' Perception of Mathematics.

The Umm... Summer Camp is a week-long mathematics camp for upcoming 7th or 8th grade students. The main goal of the camp is to improve the campers' perception of mathematics by engaging them in hands-on activities written in the form of "here is a situation, think about it." The Umm... camp occurred for the first time in July 2019 at Jacksonville State University (JSU) in the State of Alabama. The camp was fully supported by the School of Education at JSU. In this session, I will discuss the Umm... Summer Camp experience and how it might positively change the campers' perception of mathematics. (Received July 29, 2019)