

## CYO CAMP IN OCCIDENTAL IS OFFERING AN ENRICHING DAY CAMP PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AT OUR OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND RETREAT CENTER!

As Sonoma County Schools open for the fall during these strange and challenging times, CYO Camp has shifted from our Caritas Creek Residential Environmental Education program for the fall to providing Day Camp programming to support local families with childcare needs. CYO Camp completed eight weeks of Huckleberry Day Camp this summer. Our eight-week summer program was a huge success and provided enriching experiences for over 100 Sonoma County kids.

With the resource of a 215-acre redwood forest, lake, stream and miles of trails, as well as large indoor spaces for schoolwork, we are offering elementary and middle school-aged children in grades 2-8 several options for Distance Learning coupled with Outdoor Enrichment during the fall semester. We are also offering an afternoon-only Outdoor Enrichment option for students in Grades 1-8.

**Full Day Program:** Children will participate in small groups of 10, in socially distanced activities, with study time for schoolwork and plenty of learning in a beautiful natural environment. We will plan activities around your student's distance learning schedule so they can complete their on-line assignments. Students engaged in distance learning will be given additional times each day to spend on schoolwork or other quiet individual activities such as reading or drawing. For the remainder of the day, the students will be outside, engaged in outdoor activities and exploration with experienced college educated staff acting as facilitators of learning. **This program is available for students in grades 2-8.**

**Outdoor Enrichment Program:** This program will be available from 12:30PM - 5PM and will be focused on outdoor recreation and activities that will not include Distance Learning support. There will be a time set aside each day for the students to do homework, read a book or have quiet time. **This program is available for students in grades 1-8.**

## ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Can we take a tour of the facility and meet the director?** Absolutely! Call our office at 707-874-0220 to schedule a tour.

**What are the days and hours for the programs?** Our programs will begin after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 8th. The **Full Day Program with Distance Learning** is from 8:00-3:30, with a 2, 3 or 5 day per week option. The **Outdoor Enrichment Program** is from 12:30-5pm with a 2, 3 or 5 day per week option.

**With the 2- and 3-day programs, can we pick the days of the week our child(ren) will attend?** Yes, if choosing either a 2- or 3-day program, you can submit a request for specific days of the week during the enrollment process. We will honor your request if space is available on those days.

**What is the cost for the different programs?** We have broken down the cost by day, week and month, but registration will be by the month only. For September, registration will be for the date range of 9/8 through 10/2. For October, registration will be for 10/5-10/30. Registration for November will be available soon. Each month can be paid in full or by the week, with payment required for each week by the Friday prior.

**Full Day Program (8:00AM-3:30PM)**

2 Days per week: \$65/day, \$130/week, \$520 per month

3 Days per week: \$60/day, \$180 per week, \$720 per month

5 days per week: \$55/day, \$275 per week, \$1045/month for September, \$1100/month for October

**Outdoor Enrichment Program (12:30PM-5:00PM)**

2 Days per week: \$56/day, \$112/week, \$448 per month

3 Days per week: \$52/day, \$156 per week, \$624 per month

5 days per week: \$48/day, \$240 per week, \$912/month for September, \$960/month for October

Partial scholarships are available to families on a case by case basis. The Financial aid application is available on our website and under "Parent Forms" in your family account. Please email the completed form to [daycamp@catholiccharitiessf.org](mailto:daycamp@catholiccharitiessf.org) or fax it to 707-874-0230.

**How can I register my children?** [Online Registration](#) is now open and will be on a first come/first serve basis. Registration is by month, with the month of September being the date range of 9/8–10/2. The month of October will be 10/5–10/30. Registration for November will be available soon.

**What is your cancellation policy?** If the camp were to be shut-down due to a case of COVID19, we will refund 75% of fees for the weeks of closure. **Voluntary cancellations must be made two weeks from the start of each month of your child's session to be eligible for a refund of 75% of fees.**

**Can we form our own group or cohort?** We encourage parents to communicate with each other to form their own cohort/group if possible. **During the registration process, you will be able to list the children that are in your child's group.** If a group formed by parents is not full, we may add additional children up to a maximum of 10 per group. If we are adding additional children to a group formed by families, we will inform you of this in advance.

**What are the age ranges for the Outdoor Enrichment Program?** Since this program will be focused on outdoor recreation and activities that will not include online learning, the program is available for students in grades 1-8. **We may be able to accommodate a few kindergarteners if they are attending with a sibling, please contact us for more information.**

**What are the age ranges for the full day program?** This program is for elementary and middle school aged children in grades 2-8 that are able to access their online school assignments independently. Staff will be there to assist but will not be able to give direct one-on-one attention for prolonged periods. Due to the challenges associated with online learning, we feel this program is not appropriate for Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade.

**Will students be able to complete online school assignments?** We will plan camp and outdoor activities around your student's distance learning schedule so they can fulfill their on-line requirements. We will provide high-speed internet access, but students must bring their own devices including headphones. Students will need to be self-directed and work independently and be responsible for their work. Staff will be present and available to help them with technical support on their devices, answer basic questions, and ensure students stay on task. If they do not have schoolwork to complete, students may also bring materials for other quiet individual activities, such as reading, board games, or drawing.

**What are the goals and objectives for this program?** Our goal is to provide children with a safe, healthy environment to accomplish their on-line learning while interacting with peers. They will also expand their independence, strengthen their sense of identity, develop interpersonal skills and interact with the natural environment. We will provide fun and engaging camp activities around their distance learning schedules to provide lots of exercise and time in nature.

**Will CYO Camp provide meals or snacks?** Not at this time. Students will need to bring two snacks and a lunch each day.

**What will the student need to bring each day?** Students will bring appropriate clothing and shoes for outside play, a bathing suit, a lunch, 2 snacks, water bottle, laptop or personal devices for schoolwork, headphones and any school assignments. They also need to bring their own mask each day. We do have disposable masks available if needed.

**Where is this program located?** The CYO Retreat Center is located amidst 215 acres of towering redwood forest and open meadow in historical western Sonoma County, just six miles from the Pacific Ocean and a short walk away from the town of Occidental.

The property includes:

- A spacious 6,000-square-foot lodge with multiple rooms and surrounding decks.
- A large playing field with a regulation size softball field with a short backstop.
- A large sports court with six basketball courts and a volleyball court.
- A "sand" volleyball court and horseshoe pit.
- A lake for canoeing.
- Two heated pools.
- Two large campfire areas that each have bench seating for up to 100 people.
- Multiple hiking trails.

**How many students would be enrolled?** We can accommodate up to 6 groups beginning in September. Each group will consist of up to 10 children and 1 instructor. The groups will be independent of each other and will not share space with any other group throughout the day. The current health order, permits stable groups of 12 to congregate in day camp programs. We encourage families to communicate with each other and assist us in forming these stable groups. In order to keep the groups stable, we are asking for a commitment of a month at a time.

**Would the students be all together throughout the day?** No, each student will be assigned to a small group of 10 or fewer students. This stable group will continue together for the month or for the duration of their enrollment.

**What would a daily schedule look like for the Full Day Program?** We will create a sample daily schedule for each cohort that accommodates the students' distance learning schedule and requirements. Below is a sample schedule based on Twin Hills School District Distance Learning Schedule for Fall 2020:

8:00	Check-in and health checks
8:30-1:15	Distance learning / Breaks / games / short hikes / Lunch / homework
1:30-3:30	Nature Based Activities / Swimming / Canoeing / Archery / Art
3:30	Pick Up

**Can you guarantee that my child will get all their school work completed during your program?** We cannot guarantee that the students will complete all assignments. Much of this depends on their efforts and the amount of work they are assigned. We will ensure they are doing school work during the times scheduled by their schools.

**Is there any religious content in your programs?** No, this is a secular program whose goal is to support the community's needs during this difficult time.

**How will the program work with mask and social distancing requirements?** The health and safety of children, CYO Camp staff and their families is critical. Our program will necessitate social distancing and all of our staff will be required to wear masks according to the directive set by the Sonoma County Health Department. Further, children will be required to wear masks and will maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from other students and staff, however mask breaks will be taken frequently.

**What happens if someone tests positive for Covid19?** We would communicate the situation with families and work with the Sonoma County Health to determine the best course of action.

Our [website](#) has information about our program along with the link to our registration page. Please contact us if you have any questions that we have not answered.

We are looking forward to providing this exciting and enriching program for our community.

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