

[About Camp Chrysalis]

Now in its twenty-eighth year, our program has developed a distinctive approach to environmental education, offering children rich experiences that combine recreation, learning, and personal growth. We camp in splendid natural locales as a family of learners together. Our purpose is to explore and learn, as well as to play and enjoy. Around camp and on side-trips, we focus often on active study of the environment and wildlife, to develop natural science skills as well as appreciation, and on basic camping and wilderness skills. Our campers extend themselves in hikes and loaf at the swimming hole. Back at camp, they play chess and Capture-the-Flag, learn to whittle, sharpen knives, make jewelry, do art, and just hang out together.

Their exploration is as much of their own developing abilities as of what the world has to offer. One learns how to put his fork away and find it again; another, that she can make a tough climb. All learn to make new friends. On the cooking crews, they enjoy working together, taking care of us all. They deepen their feelings and friendships around the campfire with skits, stories, and songs from our rich heritage and complement their nature study with leaf painting on T-shirts, marble etching, and other craft projects. Group singing is a special pleasure, and campers take home our camp songbook and a rich introduction to our folksong heritage. We bring many guitars, and offer beginning instruction.

As a mature staff, well experienced working together, we've developed a rich context. Within it, the children learn as much from each other as from us. We enjoy helping them do both and pay close attention to group dynamics and individual needs for support. We've come to be particularly concerned with helping children locate and pass through appropriate transitional experiences, that leave them recalling camp, not only as a pleasant time but as a special place where they grew more mature.

Each session includes 32 campers (12 for backpacking). Fully half are girls; we *strongly* encourage their attendance. Big Sur is recommended for children new to camping or being away from home and many attend twice. It's the most relaxed session. Mendocino is often second and is the most varied session. And the Sierras is our longest session with the largest site and the most primitive accommodations. At all our sessions, the environment and experience are so rich that many attend twice or more before moving on to a different session. In our backpacking session, older experienced campers develop additional wilderness skills. In addition, Chrysalis veterans at 15 and 16, through our Counselor-In-Training option, return to camp as staff helpers.

[Camp Tuition Costs]

Big Sur	June 25 – July 1	\$740	(7 days)	<i>10% discount for second</i>
Mendocino	July 5 – July 14	\$1050	(10 days)	<i>session or child</i>
Sierra	July 17 – July 27	\$1150	(11 days)	Financial assistance
Backpacking	July 30 - Aug 6	\$840	(8 days)	is available

[On the Big Sur Coast, June 25-July 1 — ages 8 1/2-12]

We camp in six family sites in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park beneath redwoods and oaks, embraced by their ecology. Our pace is leisurely, as we explore the creek bed and the stories it tells and investigate the ecosystem's recovery from the fires of two summers ago. We spy on crawdads and lizards, gaze at owls peering down at us from the trees, and sketch pictures in our journals. We hike up a canyon to swim in the gorge, spend an afternoon at a beach, carve redwood staves and etch our drawings on marble cobbles gleaned from the river.

[On the Mendocino Coast, July 5-July 14 — ages 10-15]

We camp in a group site at Russian Gulch State Park, near the finest tidepools on the coast during extreme low tides, rising twice at dawn to investigate the rich invertebrate and algal life of the inter-tidal zone. We visit spectacular sand dunes to study their unusual ecology, hike coastal terraces to a pigmy forest, and canoe five miles up the tidal estuary of Big River to a rope swing. Beach games, cooking locally harvested treats (berries, algae and abalone), jewelry making and word-working highlight our in-camp activities.

[In the Sierra, July 17 - 27 — ages 11-15]

Our base camp is once again by Packer Creek in the Tahoe National Forest, near a "warm" pond for swimming. We explore the ecology of the beaver marsh, practice archery and pan gold, and enjoy an intense evening in the sweat lodge. We hike farther as we acclimatize, in leisurely tours through a wonder of wildflowers, on up to the wind-blown crest of the Sierra Buttes. At the end, we take our packs, sleeping bags, and kitchen gear, and set off on a gentle backpacking trip for three days, camping and playing beside a small mountain lake.

[Backpacking Session, July 30 - August 6— ages 14-17]

From a Sierra trailhead determined by Spring's weather, we'll hike lightly for eight days, covering about 30 miles, as we grow more familiar with the landscape, its ecology, each other, and our ability to move gently through it, self-contained. Expect lakes and swimming, solo time, peak ascents, a brief thunderstorm, and serious stargazing. This session is only for experienced backpackers!

[Durable Staff Team, Enriched by Well-Experienced Young Blood]

Lee Tempkin, founding director, and now a 6th grade teacher at NOCCS

David Siegel, science specialist, jeweler and wood-carver

Estrella Nash-Tempkin, 2/3 teacher at Aurora School and experienced backpacker

Ashley Daly, in Environmental Studies and an Outdoor Adventures Guide at UCLA,

Rebecca Nash-Tempkin, between colleges

Kay Buckley, still at Goucher College

Andy Risinger

Lucas Briffa, now at Oberlin College

Phoebe Bryson-Cahn, at UCLA

Nolan Deloison Baum, now at Macalester College

Jamie Lent, soon to be a Berkeley High School graduate

[Logistics and Style]

We leave in a big yellow school bus early on the first day of each session and return by late afternoon on the last day. The children bring sleeping bags, tents (optional), and personal gear. They help us with meal preparation and camp maintenance. We provide healthy, kid-friendly meals (some organic) and plentiful general resources, extra tents, caring instruction and supervision, and insurance. The campsites have tables and toilet facilities. Beyond this, we're roughing it; but the camp experience is pleasurable and not arduous. All activities are paced to enable younger and less-vigorous campers to complete them enjoyably.

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- () Big Sur session, June 25 - July 1 () Mendocino session, July 5 - July 14
() Sierra session, July 17 - 27 () Backpacking session, July 30 - Aug 6

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Child's name: _____ Gender: ____ Age: ____

Parents' names: _____

Address: _____ (Zip) _____

Phones (H): _____ (C) _____

Emails: _____

Please enclose a deposit of \$100 per session, made out to Camp Chrysalis. We'll refund it if you cancel before April 1. The balance is due by April 1. In May, we'll send you more detailed information with a supplies list, transportation logistics, and our get-acquainted meeting date in June, although you can always find it on our web site. Early registration will help secure the session you want for your child, since many sessions fill up by April. And please tell other families about our camp, for your positive word-of-mouth is our best advertising.

Return to CAMP CHRYSALIS, 2434 McKinley Ave, Berkeley CA 94703

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More information is available at our web site: www.campchrysalis.com