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## CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM- SUMMER 2023 CAMPERSHIP ENROLLMENT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Campership Program provides financial support for eligible children and youth **to attend one camp session per summer**. Additionally, there are two (2) **FREE** summer day camp options: the Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Beach Adventure Camps and the California Science Center Science Week Camps. Campership Program eligible children and youth are ages 6 through 17, must have an open DCFS case, and be assessed by their Children's Social Worker (CSW) as appropriate to participate in a supervised overnight or day camp experience. Camp vendors may have different eligibility requirements.

Children and youth must be in an open DCFS case when they are registered; however, the case can be closed after enrollment.

**Only the camps listed below are approved by the DCFS Campership Program.**

### CAREGIVER OR CSW

Caregiver or CSW are responsible to register directly with the Camp Vendor by completing a Camp Vendor Registration form for each child (found on the camp website below).

### CAMPERSHIP REIMBURSED CAMP SESSIONS

Caregivers may select **one reimbursed** summer camp session per child from the vendor list below.

- **Camp vendors will stop accepting Campership-reimbursed registrations once their maximum has been reached.**
- **Enrollment for Campership reimbursed camps will be on a first-come, first-registered basis.**

Note:

- Brave Trails, which serves LGBTQ+ children, is not listed below as there are limited slots and this camp will be filled by contacting Campership or Brave Trails directly:  
<https://www.bravetrails.org/summer-camp>

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## SUMMER 2023 CAMP SCHEDULE:

2023 CAMP VENDOR	Camp Type	Session Dates	Age Range
Camp Laurel Foundation Children and Families affected by HIV/AIDS	Overnight	June 25 to July 1	6-17
Camp Laurel Foundation: Mulberry Camp Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth and Families		July 29 to Aug 5	
Camp New Journey: <b>Team Building:</b> Different games and challenges, Learn healthy competition. <b>Adventure:</b> Rotations of camp activities, designed to help camper fall in love with camping and the great outdoors.	Overnight	July 17 – July 21 Team Building	8 - 12
		July 24 – July 28 Adventure	13 - 15
Happy Trails for Kids: canoeing, swimming, archery, hiking, rock climbing and more.	Overnight	July 2 – July 7	7 - 18
		July 9 – July 14	
Ready Aim Fire: Archery, Golf , Lacrosse	Day	June 12-June 30	6-17
		July 5-July 23	
UCLA UniCamp Has four (4) types of camps: Classic Camp (10-14 y/o) Arts & crafts, climbing, mountain biking, swimming, and more.	Overnight	Session 1 June 24 – 30	10-17
		Session 2 July 9-15, The Village Session (Focus on Black Culture/ Excellence)	13-17

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**UniCorps (15-17 y/o) Leadership development through specialized activities, working with younger campers, and other service learning activities.**

**CLIMB (15-17 y/o) Fundamentals and safety of rock climbing. Campers will learn to climb, belay, slackline, and more. No experience or special equipment is required.**

**WALL (15-17 y/o) Wilderness Adventures: an overnight 28-mile backpacking trip. Campers learn about outdoor survival skills, human impact on the environment. Backpacking equipment provided.**

**Session 3: July 15 – 22  
Session 4: July 22 – 29  
Session 5: July 29 – Aug 5  
Session 6: Aug 5 – 11**

10-17

### DCFS Summer 2023 Camp Vendor INFO

Camp Vendor	Website/Email/Phone #/Contact Person
<b>Camp Laurel Foundation (Overnight)</b>	<a href="https://laurel-foundation.org/programs/camplairel/">https://laurel-foundation.org/programs/camplairel/</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:Manderson@Laurel-Foundation.org">Manderson@Laurel-Foundation.org</a>
Phone Number	626-683-0800
Contact Person	Margot Anderson
<b>Camp New Journey (Overnight)</b>	<a href="https://campnewjourney.org/registration/">https://campnewjourney.org/registration/</a> <a href="http://www.CampNewJourney.org">www.CampNewJourney.org</a> <a href="mailto:info@campnewjourney.org">info@campnewjourney.org</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:dperry@campnewjourney.org">dperry@campnewjourney.org</a>
Phone Number	310-863-4624, or 877-846-2226

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Contact Person	David Perry
<b>Happy Trails for Kids (Overnight)</b>	<a href="https://app.campdoc.com/register/happytrails">https://app.campdoc.com/register/happytrails</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:september@happytrailsforkids.org">september@happytrailsforkids.org</a>
Phone Number	<b>Direct:</b> 310-650-5943 <b>Office:</b> 310-452-7979
Contact Person	September Sucher
<b>Ready Aim Fire (Day Camp)</b>	<a href="https://readyaimfiresports.com/campership-program">https://readyaimfiresports.com/campership-program</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:readyaimfireca@gmail.com">readyaimfireca@gmail.com</a>
Phone Number	424-303-3878
Contact Person	Patrick Linton
<b>UCLA UniCamp (Overnight)</b>	<a href="https://apply.unicamp.org/login">https://apply.unicamp.org/login</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:mle@unicamp.org">mle@unicamp.org</a>
Phone Number	310-208-8252, ext 702
Contact Person	Megan Le

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAMBERSHIP INVOLVED PARTIES**

### **THE CAREGIVER OR CSW WILL:**

- Select **ONE** of the camps listed above.
- Complete the selected Camp Vendor Registration forms.

### **THE CAMP VENDORS WILL:**

- Submit a list to the Campership Program of DCFS children registered in their camp sessions for pre-approval.

### **THE CAMBERSHIP PROGRAM TEAM WILL:**

- Confirm eligibility of each child.

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- Send the approved and ineligible list to Camp Vendors.
- Create and update Campership Master List showing approved, ineligible and duplicate names of children (those enrolled in two or more camp sessions or who already attended a camp this year).
- Work with caregivers, CSWs and camp vendors regarding enrollment issues, such as confirming which camp a child will attend when duplicate enrollments are identified.

## **THE CSW WILL:**

- Assist Campership Program Team to confirm, as needed, the name and date of birth (DOB) for the child(ren).
- Notify Campership Program Team regarding concerns about a registered child's appropriateness for a camp.

## **PROCESS FOR POST-CAMP FOLLOW-UP**

### **CSW'S WILL:**

- As soon as possible, inform the Campership Program of any issues with the summer camp experience.
- Document in the Case Notes each child's camp experience.

### **CAMP VENDORS WILL:**

- Provide a Camp Satisfaction Survey with a stamped self-addressed envelope to the child/youth or caregiver at the end of camp; to be completed by the child or caregiver after the child returns home.
- Submit sign-in logs for all DCFS children showing the **children's** signatures, typed names and DOB for each camp session.

### **CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM TEAM WILL:**

- Review Sign-in signature logs and submit 250 Procurement requests for reimbursement to the vendors.
- Reimbursement checks will be paid directly to the camp vendors after sign-in logs are received with the children's signatures confirming camp attendance.

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## **FREE CAMP SESSIONS**

In addition to the Campership reimbursed camp sessions, Caregivers may enroll children in **each** of the following two free camp opportunities:

### **Beaches and Harbors Summer 2023 Beach Adventure Camps:**

The Department of Beaches and Harbor (DBH) is offering four free five-day Summer Beach Adventure Camps for up to **25** DCFS supervised children.

#### **Camp dates are from:**

**June 13 through June 16 – ages 7 to 12**

**June 20 through June 23 – ages 13 to 17**

**July 21 through July 28 – ages 7 to 12**

**July 31 through August 4 – ages 13 to 17**

#### **Beach activities may include:**

Surfing, Boogie Boarding, Sailing, Hiking, Kayaking, Stand-Up Paddle Board, Visit to Lifeguard HQ, dependent on the weather and surf conditions.

#### **Caregivers must provide:**

A sack lunch, swimwear (worn under street clothes and spare change of clothes), towel, beach shoes/sandals, backpack for each child and refillable water bottle.

Sun block should be applied to each child prior to departure by the caregiver.

DBH will provide up to two vans that can accommodate up to 13 passengers, with pick-up locations to be determined.

#### **Please submit to Campership Program team:**

- 1. Name and DOB of children who wish to attend**
- 2. Caregiver's Name, Cell Number and Email**
- 3. CSW's Name and Cell Number**
- 4. Beaches and Harbors Waiver (see attached pdf below, or contact below staff for blank copy)  
Each child must complete the waiver on or before 1<sup>st</sup> day of camp.**

**[Beaches and Harbors WATER Youth Program Waiver \(English\)](#)**

**[Beaches and Harbors WATER Youth Program Waiver \(Spanish\)](#)**

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**California Science Centers:** please use the link to review and register for one week of Science Camp:

- <https://californiasciencecenter.org/camp>
- And if you want to view it as a printable catalog, there is a [PDF here](#)

**Campership Program questions should be submitted to:**

- [CampershipProgram@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:CampershipProgram@dcfs.lacounty.gov); and
- Jonathan Sydes, CSA I Campership Program Monitor at (213) 336-2856, email at [sydesja@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:sydesja@dcfs.lacounty.gov); and
- Melissa Germain, STC at (818) 648-5811 email at [germam@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:germam@dcfs.lacounty.gov) .

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