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## **CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM SUMMER 2025 CAMPERSHIP ENROLLMENT**

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Campership Program provides financial support for eligible children and youth to attend Campership-reimbursed camp sessions. Additionally, there are multiple **FREE** summer day camp options provided by the Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Beach Adventure and Sailing Camps available to eligible DCFS children and youth.

DCFS eligible children and youth are ages six (6) through seventeen (17). They must have an open DCFS case (but not Kin-GAP and not ICPC with a different state) at the time of registration. Children must be assessed by their Children's Social Worker (CSW) as appropriate to participate in supervised overnight or day camp experience. Please note that camp vendors may have different eligibility requirements.

Only the camps listed below are approved for reimbursement by the Campership Program.

**Either the caregiver or the 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 summer camp sessions from the vendor list below. Unlike prior years, Campership MAY be able to reimburse multiple camp participation per child **if sufficient funding is available**. DCFS approval will prioritize the FIRST camp selected from the list below as the child's "first choice." Additional camp sessions for the same child will be reimbursed only after all "first choice" camp selections for all other children have been approved.

- Camp vendors will stop accepting Campership-reimbursed registrations once their maximum available slots have been reached; however, some camps may establish waiting lists.
- Enrollment for Campership-reimbursed camps will be on a first-come, first-registered basis.
- Non-refundable registration fees may be charged to encourage follow-through regarding attendance.

### **SUMMER 2025 CAMP SCHEDULE**

Camp Vendor	2025 Camp Session Dates	Slots	Age Range	Session Themes	Registration Fee *
BRAVE TRAILS	Session 1: June 16 - June 24 "Sportz"	6**	12-17	Overnight leadership camp for LGBTQ+ youth and allies. Various activities such as poetry, craftivism, photography, drag, zines, archery, rock climbing, swimming, dance talent show, and much more.	None
BRAVE TRAILS	Session 2: June 30 - July 8 "Mount GAYlympus"				



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	Session 3: July 14 - July 22 “Barbie’s Dream House”			Leadership development through social justice group projects and workshops.	
**If more than six (6) youth wish to attend, caregivers will be responsible to pay the camp fee up front. Caregivers will be directly reimbursed by Campership once proof of attendance is received.					
Camp New Journey	July 1 - July 11	40	8-12	Team Building	\$30
	July 14 - July 18	40	8-12	Team Building	\$30
	July 21 - July 25	40	13-15	Adventure	\$30
Happy Trails for Kids	July 27 - Aug 1	FULL—WAITLIST ONLY	7-12***	Multiple activities, including pool, and horseback riding	None
	Aug 3 - Aug 8			Multiple activities, including pool, and horseback riding	None
***Happy Trials for Kids accepts children over twelve (12) who are returning campers. Youth 16+ can only attend if approved as a Junior Counselors.					
Laurel Foundation	July 6 - 12	20	6-17	Camp Mulberry - Trans and gender-diverse youth	None
	July 27 - Aug 2	20	13-17	Camp Laurel Teen Adventure - vulnerable youth - Low income, LGBTQ, minorities	None
READY AIM FIRE—DAY CAMP	July 7th - July 18	20	6-17	Daily workout sessions, archery, weekly field trips.	\$15
	July 21st - Aug 1	20	6-17	Daily workout sessions, archery, weekly field trips.	\$15
	Possible Aug 4th - Aug 15	20	6-17	Daily workout sessions, archery, weekly field trips.	\$15



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Camp Vendor	2025 Camp Session Dates	Slots	Age Range	Session Themes	Registration Fee *
<b>UCLA UniCamp</b>	June 29 - July 6: Session 2 - "The Lorax Session"	15	10-14 15-17	Traditional UniCamp Session ages 10 - 14  Older Camper Programs available for campers ages 15 – 17: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UniCorps (Service Learning/Jr. Counselor Program)</li> <li>• W.A.L.L. (Outdoor Adventure Program)</li> </ul>	None
	July 6 - July 13; Session 3 - "The Village Session"	15	13-17 15-17	Session focused on Black excellence and the Black experience  Older Camper Programs available for campers ages 15 – 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UniCorps (Service Learning/Jr. Counselor Program)</li> <li>• W.A.L.L. (Outdoor Adventure Program)</li> </ul>	None
	July 13 - July 20: Session 4 - "Finding Nemo Session"	15	10-14 15-17	Traditional UniCamp Session ages 10 - 14  Older Camper Programs available for campers ages 15 – 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UniCorps (Service Learning/Jr. Counselor Program)</li> <li>• W.A.L.L. (Outdoor Adventure Program)</li> </ul>	None
	July 20 - July 27: Session 5 - "UniCamp ROCK"	15	10-14 15-17	Traditional UniCamp Session ages 10 - 14  Older Camper Programs available for campers ages 15 – 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UniCorps (Service Learning/Jr. Counselor Program)</li> <li>• W.A.L.L. (Outdoor Adventure Program)</li> </ul>	None



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	July 27 - Aug 3: Session 6 - "Wall-E Session"	15	10-14 15-17	<b>Traditional UniCamp Session ages 10 - 14</b>  <b>Older Camper Programs available for campers ages 15 – 17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UniCorps (Service Learning/Jr. Counselor Program)</li> <li>• W.A.L.L. (Outdoor Adventure Program)</li> </ul>	None
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**\* Registration fees are non-refundable**

**REGISTRATION (can occur anytime using the links below and/or before or after Campership Fair)**

## THE CAREGIVER OR CSW MAY:

- Attend the virtual Campership Fair to ask questions and/or register a child directly with a camp vendor during or after the Fair.
- Contact an approved camp vendor from the list of camps listed below.
- Complete the selected Camp Vendor Registration forms using the links or via the Campership Fair.

**THE CAMBERSHIP VIRTUAL FAIR WILL BE HELD May 21, 2025.**

**Camp Vendor INFO: Please use the following links:**

### Brave Trails

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 9am-11am](#)

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 4pm-6pm](#)

### Camp New Journey

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 9am-11am](#)

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 4pm-6pm](#)

### Laurel Foundation

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 9am-11am](#)

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 4pm-6pm](#)

### Ready Aim Fire

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 9am-11am](#)

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 4pm-6pm](#)

### UCLA UniCamp

[Monday, May 21, 2025: 9am-11am](#)

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## CAMP VENDOR WEBSITES FOR DIRECT REGISTRATION

Camp Vendor	Website/Email/Phone #/Contact Person
<b>Brave Trails (Overnight)</b>	<a href="https://www.bravetrails.org">https://www.bravetrails.org</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:info@bravetrails.org">info@bravetrails.org</a>
Phone Number	323-300-4401
Contact Person	Kiersten Short
<b>Camp New Journey (Overnight)</b>	<a href="mailto:info@campnewjourney.org">info@campnewjourney.org</a>
Phone Number	310-863-4624, or 877-846-2226
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	Direct: 310-650-5943 Office: 310-452-7979
Contact Person	September Sucher
<b>Laurel Foundation (Overnight)</b>	<a href="https://laurel-foundation.org/programs/camplaurel/">https://laurel-foundation.org/programs/camplaurel/</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:Manderson@Laurel-Foundation.org">Manderson@Laurel-Foundation.org</a>
Phone Number	626-683-0800
Contact Person	Margot Anderson
<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	424-303-3814
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 703
Contact Person	Megan Le



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## **FREE CAMP SESSION**

In addition to the Campership reimbursed camp sessions, caregivers may enroll children in the following free camp opportunity:

- **Beaches and Harbors Summer 2025 Beach Adventure Day-Camps:**

The Department of Beaches and Harbor (DBH) is offering free, five-day, beach adventure camps for up to twenty-six (26) DCFS-supervised children for each summer session. **Registration is first-come; first-served.**

### **CAMP DATES ARE FROM:**

#### **For youth ages 7-12**

- July 14 – July 18
- July 28 – August 1

#### **For youth ages 13-17**

- July 21 – 25
- August 4 – 8

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

Surfing, boogie boarding, sailing, hiking, kayaking, stand-up paddle board, visit to lifeguard HQ, is dependent on the weather and surf conditions.

### **Enrollment:**

Please submit to Campership Program team ([CampershipProgram@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:CampershipProgram@dcfs.lacounty.gov)):

1. Name and DOB of children who wish to attend,
2. Caregiver's Name, Cell Number and Email,
3. Placement Address,
4. CSW's Name and Cell Number.
5. Signed Beaches and Harbors waivers are required to complete the enrollment process. **A waiver for each child must be signed by the caregiver and submitted to Campership staff at least two (2) weeks prior to the camp start date.**

### **Beaches and Harbors Summer 2025 Sailing Camp:**

#### **For youth ages 11-17**

- **Multiple Camp Sessions and different skill levels**

Participants in the Sailing Camps must pass a swim test which consists of four (4) timed laps in a public pool, supervised by a Park Lifeguard.



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Youth interested in the Sailing Camp can contact Department of Beaches and Harbors, Laurie Cordobes WATER Program Aquatics Manager, Lifeguard; Community and Marketing Services Division; via email: [LCordobes@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:LCordobes@bh.lacounty.gov).

**For all Beaches and Harbors camps, caregivers must provide:**

Lunch will be provided but a sack lunch can be sent with the child, which meets the child's preference as needed. Other requirements: 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 by the caregiver prior to departure.

Door-to-door transportation is available for **children in out-of-home care only**.

**Campership Program questions should be submitted to**

- [CampershipProgram@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:CampershipProgram@dcfs.lacounty.gov).

If you have any questions regarding this release, please email your question to:  
[Policy@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:Policy@dcfs.lacounty.gov)