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CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM SUMMER 2026 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 Beach Adventure camps provided by the Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors and a Sailing Camp (which is not free) available to eligible DCFS children and youth.

Eligible children and youth have an open DCFS case at the time of registration (but not Kin-GAP and not ICPC), and are ages six (6) through seventeen (17). Please note camp vendors may have different eligibility requirements. Children's Social Worker (CSW) must assess children for appropriateness to participate in supervised overnight or day camp experience. Please do not refer children who have recently been psychiatrically hospitalized or are demonstrating violence or other serious behavioral issues.

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

For other camps, individual caregivers may also seek reimbursement thru Level-up or STOP. Legible proof must be provided of payment and of actual camp attendance (usually with a sign-in log signed by the child, with the child's name and DOB clearly legible). Submission of payment and attendance does not guarantee reimbursement through Level-up or STOP.

CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM REGISTRATION PROCESS

The caregiver or CSW are responsible to register directly with the camp vendor by completing the Vendor Registration form (found on the individual CAMP websites listed below).

CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM APPROVED CAMP SCHEDULES

Caregivers or CSWs may select summer camp sessions from the vendor list below. Children may attend one camp session per summer. 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 wait lists.
- Enrollment for Campership-reimbursed camps will be on a first-come, first-registered basis.
- Non-refundable registration fees may be charged by individual camp vendors to encourage follow-through regarding attendance.



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SUMMER 2026 CAMP SCHEDULE

Camp Vendor	2026 Camp Session Dates	Slots	Age Range	Session Themes
RM PYLES BOY CAMP	Session 1: June 22- July 3	90 BOYS ONLY	Ages 12 thru 16	This is a two-week overnight camp which includes a backpacking component, available to young men only.* Activities include horseback, archery, high and low ropes challenge courses, backpacking, crafts, and nature. For those over 16, we'd love to welcome them into our Trailblazer program which focuses on budgeting/lifeskills in addition to hiking and some of the above traditional camp activities. *A similar leadership camp program is under development to serve young women.
	Session 2: July 6 - July 17			
	Session 3: July 20- July 31			
UCLA UNICAMP	July 26 - Aug 2: Session 6 -	4	Ages 10 thru 14 Boys Only (bc the girls cabins are full)	Overnight camp program that has most of our normal activities (canoeing, swimming, archery, arts & crafts, etc.). Our primary focus is social-emotional learning through living together and accomplishing goals together. We also have nature and STEM programming that connects campers to nature.
	Aug 2 - Aug 8: Session 7 -	40	Ages 10 thru 15	Overnight UniCamp program that has all our normal activities (alpine climbing tower, canoeing, swimming, archery, arts & crafts, etc.). Our primary focus is social-emotional learning through living together and accomplishing goals together. We also have nature and STEM programming that connects campers to nature.
HAPPY TRAILS FOR KIDS	June 6 - June 11 Session 1	W A	Ages 7 thru 15; Leadership Program: Ages 16 thru 17	Overnight camp offering: hiking, swimming, horseback riding, archery, rock climbing, arts and crafts. Junior Leadership opportunities for campers ages 16 thru 17.
	June 13 - June 18 Session 2	F I O U T N L L L L I Y		
	June 27 - July 2 Session 3	S T		



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REGISTRATION (can occur anytime using the links below and 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: JUNE 11, 2026

Camp Vendor INFO: Please use the following links:

RM PYLES BOYS CAMP

[Thursday, June 11, 2026 10am-11am](#)

[Thursday, June 11, 2026 5pm-6pm](#)

UCLA UniCamp

[Thursday, June 11, 2026 10am-11am](#)

[Thursday, June 11, 2026 5pm-6pm](#)

CAMP VENDOR WEBSITES FOR DIRECT REGISTRATION

Camp Vendor	Website/Email/Phone #/Contact Person
RM PYLES BOYS CAMP (Overnight)	https://www.pylescamp.org/register-for-camp
Email	gadget@pylescamp.com
Phone Number	661-600-9504
Contact Person	Monica "Gadget" Mendoza
Happy Trails for Kids (Overnight)	https://app.campdoc.com/register/happytrails
Email	september@happytrailsforkids.org
Phone Number	Direct: 310-650-5943 Office: 310-452-7979
Contact Person	September Sucher
UCLA UniCamp (Overnight)	https://apply.unicamp.org/login
Email	mle@unicamp.org
Phone Number	310-208-8252, ext 703
Contact Person	Megan Le



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FREE BEACH CAMP SESSIONS

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

- **The Department of Beaches and Harbors Summer 2026 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.

2026 CAMP DATES ARE FROM:

For youth ages 7-12

- July 13 – July 17
- July 27 – July 31

For youth ages 13-17

- July 20 – 24
- August 3 – 7

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):

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 one week prior to the camp start date.

Beaches and Harbors Summer 2026 Sailing Camp:

For youth ages 11-17

Participants in the Sailing Camps must pass a swim test which consists of four (4) timed laps in a 25-yard length public pool, administered by a pool Lifeguard. These swim tests should be completed as soon as possible because Sailing Camps are first come/first enrolled.



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SAILING CAMP SESSIONS (up to fifteen youth per session):

BEGINNING:

June 15 to 18
June 22 to 26
July 13 to 17
July 20 to 24
Aug 3 to 7

BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE COMBINED:

Aug 10 to 14
Aug 17 to 21

INTERMEDIATE:

June 29 to July 2
July 27 to July 31

ADVANCED (twelve youth maximum for the advanced class):

July 6 to July 10

Cost: \$375 Caregivers must pay up-front but can be reimbursed by Campership with proof of payment and child attendance. Sailing Camps use a daily roll-sheet to document attendance.

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.

For Beaches and Harbors camps, caregivers must provide:

Lunch will not be provided and a sack lunch must be sent with the child. Lunches **CANNOT** be purchased during the day. 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.

FOR BEACH ADVENTURE CAMPS ONLY: Door-to-door transportation is available for children in out-of-home care only. Caregivers must provide transportation for the Sailing Camp sessions.

Campership Program questions should be submitted to

- CampershipProgram@dcsf.lacounty.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this release, please email your question to:

Policy@dcsf.lacounty.gov