

ENROLLED CAMPERS

FOR SUMMER 2017

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When your child returns from camp this summer there is one quality, above all others you should be looking for. It is subtle and not easily measured, but it is critical to the growth and maturity of your child. It is improved self-esteem.

In the 80's when I first sent my daughters off to camp there was always this "ah hah" moment when they returned. I would watch them descend the steps of the bus from Skylake and I always had the same reaction, "they were taller than when they left." No, they hadn't grown in inches, they had grown in self-esteem, and they truly stood taller. They were not the same children we had sent off to camp a month earlier.

Look at your child today, and count the hours they spend in front of a video screen or a keyboard. Although many of those hours certainly can be valuable as young people are learning with new tools a lot in this new information age. But with excessive use they are missing out on an essential tool of life-the opportunity to experience face to face interaction. Be honest, how many HOURS is your child locked away with a "device."

A residential camp environment is unique today in giving campers a time and place where a "time-out" exists from all social media. Campers do not look to their facebook page to find out how many "likes" they received for a recent post and there is no rush to check and recheck for recent text messages. Suddenly, and gloriously, the campers are freed from

this daily pressure. It is an instant adjustment for most. Simply not having access to a device, and knowing no one else in camp has access to a device, frees the campers up to experience the moment. Camp is a glorious place and the kids flourish in this environment.

There are many reasons why camp friendships can be much stronger and long lasting than friendships from home. Camp friendships are cemented with true emotions, face to face contact, and real life experiences. There really is no substitute for this kind of interaction. The 24/7 element of camp aids significantly in what makes camp so successful. Events and life play out in "Life's real time" at camp, not the instant gratification pace of maintained at home on social media. Your child may not return from camp with a backhand-cross court shot to rival the Williams sisters, but they will return with a feeling of self-worth and self- esteem that will light up your heart.



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torically Skylake attracted proximately 45% its campers from

from northern Ca. and
the balance from
all over the world.
Skylake has the same
number of campers of

From Hanoi as it does from
Park City, Utah. The cities with the largest numbers of campers include for the Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, Palos
Verdes, Calabasas, Santa Monica, La
Jolla, Encino, Newport Beach, Santa
Barbara and Sherman Oaks in the south,

and San Francisco, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, San Mateo, Burlingame, Hillsborough Berkeley, Piedmont, Mill Valley, San Anselmo, & Tiburon, in the

OVER 250 SCHOOLS ARE REPRESENTED AT SKYLAKE

A very interesting dynamic exists on what parents and campers are looking for in a traditional sleep away camp. One of the great treats is to be able to go away for the summer and be with all new friends. Although many campers are desirous of sharing their special place with friends from home. There is a strong desire however to not have too many friends from home.

Skylake has campers from at least 250 different schools. Some schools that are heavily represented while in most cases only one or two campers come from individual schools. The heavily represented schools include Crossroads Calabassas High School, Kent Middle, Lake Tahoe School Larchmont Charter, Mount Tamalpais School, San Francisco Day School, Brandeis, and St. Paul the Apostle.



CAMPER IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM ENROLLMENT SURGE

Incoming first year CILTs are required to obtain certifications in First Aid, CPR and AED at the Professional Level. On day one of camp, CILTs will come together to get an overview of the program. In summary, they will:

- 1) take part in three Leadership focused workshops each week;
- 2) Complete 6 hours each week of lifeguard training;
- 3) Join a four day backpacking trip covering approximately 20 miles;
- 4) Help plan & implement two camp wide carnivals; and
- 5) Participate as a group in a CILT project designed to enhance Skylake.

Before CILT I's are officially enrolled into the program they have an application process outside of signing up for camp. In addition to the certifications required, CILT applicants are required to answer essay questions, submit their most recent report cards, and sign a letter of understanding that outlines what the CILT program is about and the responsibilities that go along with the program. CILTs are expected to be role models in camp in the same way as their staff supervisors.

The CILT II program, for those campers who have successfully completed the CILT I year and have just finished the 10th grade, builds upon lessons learned during the first year and adds a strong emphasis on direct leadership with campers. There is no guarantee of space for CILT I graduates in the CILT II program. A combination of factors are employed including the number of years that a camper has been attending Skylake, attitude and performance during CILT I year, and the use of a controlled lottery system if there are too many qualified applicants.

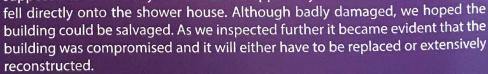
If you are an incoming CILT or CILT parent, you should have already received the additional elements of the application process. You will be receiving follow up information and a reminder how critical it is to get your paperwork in early. If you have any questions please contact Adrienne , at Adrienne@skylake.com.

UPPER BOY'S SHOWER HOUSE DAMAGED BY TREE

The day before Thanksgiving was a crazy day in camp. Skylake was continuing its tree removal program due to the bark beetle. In addition to the trees removed in 2015 we were busy removing additional trees that had died this past summer. Many of the trees were in and around the cabins and shower houses.

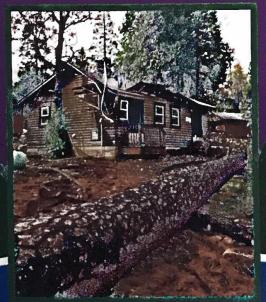
The removal of trees in and around buildings is always challenging. Even though the tree cutters are very skilled and can usually drop a tree precisely where intended, sometimes that is not the case. The trees are very heavy and they can twist and shift while they are being cut.

Unfortunately, on this day, a tree that was supposed to fall directly in front of the upper boys' shower house shifted and



We are currently waiting to see how the Forest Service is going to administer the process. We are hopeful of starting the remodel in February. However, if the Forest Service determines more regulations are involved, we may have to submit plans to the County. If that is the case, we will level the building, use temporary trailers (such as are used at music festivals) and then rebuild the building in the fall. Stay tuned for updates.

As a side note, we are adding two showers on the boys' side of camp. They will be curtain enclosed, but they will actually be outside. In the 100 degree heat these should be very enjoyable. This will bring our shower count to eleven on the boys' side of camp. The girls have 12.





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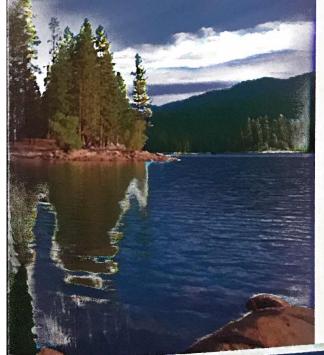
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Lake Level & He new docks

2016 was a glorious year for Bass Lake. After years of the lake being kept artificially low because of damn construction and then four years of drought, Bass Lake finally returned to being full. The full lake was accomplished with a normal years' rainfall of 25 inches. As of January 10th and the amount changed to 30". There is every indication Bass Lake will be full again in 2017.

The multi-year project of replacing all of the old wooden dock sections is now complete. The entire dock is now the upgraded EZDOCK. This is a splinter free dock system that is easy to maintain and very functional. A new 20' metal ramp is being constructed and will be installed prior to the summer. The old concrete step system down to the water should be a thing of the past.



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WHAT IT MEANS TO CAMP

The trend of legalizing marijuana has now spread to California. Whatever the arguments are pro and con, it is clear that marijuana will be much more accessible. It will be accessible legally only to those over 21, but it will be much more accessible to all of our young people. Skylake will continue to be a "safe zone" working hard for the exclusion of drugs among our staff and campers.

Everyone needs to be aware that marijuana is no longer only available as something to be smoked. THC, the active drug in marijuana is now available in candy, cookies, skin cream, breath spray, pills, and every other edible category imaginable. Concealment and usage can now be undetectable.

Although marijuana is now legal in California this does not preclude employers from continuing to bar its use from its employees. Skylake has always maintained a rigid anti marijuana and alcohol program. Because marijuana can be detected in an individual's system for weeks after use, the Skylake policy is that an employee must arrive on day one with no THC in their system and must remain free of THC for the entire summer. All staff are tested on arrival and random testing continues throughout the summer. Our policy applies both to medicinal and recreational use.

The availability of marijuana to campers is of course also an issue of concern. Please share with your campers that marijuana use or possession in camp will result in the camper being sent home. That would not only be very expensive it would also be a very traumatic event.



TWO WEEK VS. FOUR WEEK CAMPERS

The trend towards longer stays at camp is beginning to pick up steam. Skylake offers an \$800 discount for the additional two weeks as both an incentive and as a reward. The First Session, (Sessions A and B) has traditionally been the strongest in terms of the numbers of four week campers. In 2016 over 50% of the campers for these sessions were enrolled for four weeks. The number was closer to 40% for Second Session (Sessions C and D). In 2017 the number of four week campers will exceed 60% for First Session and remain constant at 40% for Second Session. Although we really have no room now for our girl campers to add additional weeks to their stay, all of our boy campers should consider adding two weeks and take advantage of the \$800 discount.





SKYLAKE WITH A SIBLING IS TRADITIONAL

There is one very strong factor in Skylake attaining 100% enrollment for the past 20 years. Skylake campers love camp and share their love with their younger brothers and sisters. The number of siblings at Skylake is off the charts. We have almost 120 families with two children attending Skylake. We have 11 families with three children attending, and, even more special, we have two families with four campers attending. We also have many families such as the Bjorklunds who send nephews, grandchildren, and assorted neighborhood kids. We are definitely one big happy family.

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