

Canyon Creek



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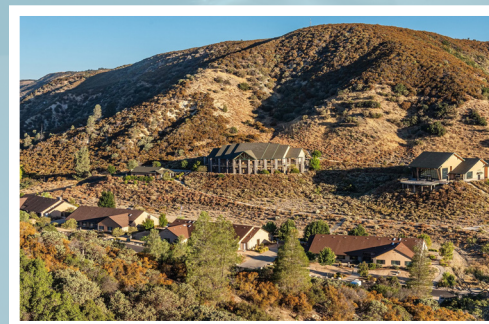
SUMMER 2024

The Ultimate Overnight
Experience for Boys and Girls Ages 7-16

Established 2001



WELCOME TO CANYON CREEK!



Nestled in the Angeles National Forest, Canyon Creek Summer Camp is a completely self-contained residential camp located about an hour north of Los Angeles and only 25 minutes from beautiful Castaic Lake. Our expansive camp site features prime athletic facilities, state of the art equipment, and the ideal setting for children to escape the distractions of city life. Through dedication to our camp families, and steadfast commitment to our campers, Canyon Creek is proud to be among the top campsites on the West Coast.

Canyon Creek Summer Camp provides a safe, non-competitive environment where boys and girls build confidence and independence, learn teamwork and develop problem-solving skills.



CAMP CREATORS & DIRECTORS

Camp Creators and Directors Daryl Moss and Nathalie Moss have over 70 years of combined camp and teaching experience and together have worked with thousands of families to provide a diverse camp program in a safe environment.

Daryl graduated cum laude from UCLA with a B.A. in Psychology in 1991. This summer will be his 40th summer working with kids in camps. Prior to starting Canyon Creek, Daryl was the Athletic Director at The Willows Community School in Culver City, California, and he spent 16 years as the Director of sports and camps at Cheviot Hills Recreation Center in West Los Angeles, CA. In May 2000, Daryl was commended by the Los Angeles City Council and the Department of Recreation and Parks by naming the Cheviot Hills Gymnasium in his honor.

Nathalie graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in English and earned her Masters Degree in Business (MBA) at Pepperdine's Graziadio School of Business and Management. This summer will mark her 30th summer working with kids in camp. Nathalie and Daryl got married at Canyon Creek in 2007 and are the proud parents to two young kids who love spending their summers at camp. In the off-season, Nathalie enjoys being the Lead Interior Designer for an architecture firm, and watching her kids play sports and perform in local theaters.

THE CCSC SUPPORT TEAM



**Shayla
Blackwell**

Executive Chef

Shayla Blackwell has over 27 years of food service experience. She grew up in the small town of Lake Hughes, just minutes from the campus of Canyon Creek. Her culinary journey began at the young age of 12, working at her grandparents' family restaurant. After selling the family business, Shayla transitioned to working in camp kitchens and had the privilege of training under two extremely accomplished chefs, both of whom graduated from two of the most prestigious culinary schools in the world. After 10 years working at The Painted Turtle, a camp for kids with life threatening illnesses founded by Paul Newman, Shayla joined the Canyon Creek team in 2016. Shayla quickly got promoted to our Head Chef and has been creating delicious and nutritious meals for our campers ever since - including her own son who started as a camper and now works alongside her in our kitchen. Shayla takes great pride and pleasure in being able to provide well-balanced, camp-friendly meals to campers and staff every summer!



**Jenny
Acosta**

Office Manager

Jenny was raised in the camp world alongside her siblings since the 90's, and was one of Canyon Creek's first campers in 2001! She later joined the team as Office Assistant and promptly earned her current position as our amazing Office Manager. As Office Manager, one of Jenny's favorite roles is to be a direct liaison between our Directors and our camp families. Her experience as a camper and learning the "ins and outs of camp life" for the past two decades have been instrumental in helping families feel confident both before and during their camper's time at Canyon Creek. Her camp expertise allows her to provide parents with information and tips so they know their kids will be safe and can experience all that camp has to offer. *There is no question Jenny doesn't have an answer to!*

HIGHLY ACCREDITED

Canyon Creek Summer Camp is proud to have earned accreditation from the American Camp Association (ACA). This means that all aspects of the Canyon Creek camp facility and program exceed close to 300 stringent standards as defined by the ACA.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CREEKER

7:00 AM – Zero Period (Optional): Our early risers can choose from a variety of fun activities before breakfast each morning. Counselors and specialists will lead yoga, stretching, running club, morning hikes, batting practice and other great choices that change daily!

8:00 AM – Breakfast: Start your day off right with a variety of yummy options to give you energy for the day ahead!

9:00 AM – Cabin Clean-Up: Head back to the cabin and straighten up to make sure your group wins “cleanest cabin of the week.” And, don’t forget to grab what you need for your morning activities!

9:30, 10:30, 11:30 AM – Morning Periods: Designated groups leave camp to have fun at the lake water-skiing, innertubing, waverunning, and wakeboarding. Other campers will participate in any number of activities with their cabin or pair up with another cabin for some fun together!

12:30 PM – Lunch: Take a break from running around and re-fuel for the afternoon activities.

1:30 PM – Free Choice Sign ups, Rest, Letter Writing: Rest up back at the cabins or write a letter to your family and friends. Visit the camp store for a quick snack or to replenish your camp supplies. And, don’t forget to sign up for your Free Choice Activities!

2:30, 3:45 PM – Free Choice Activities (FCA): Plan out your own afternoon activities. Enjoy a sport, craft, challenge or water activity that you choose from the FCA list – choices change daily! This is a great way for you to take an active role in both your daily and overall camp experience.

5:00 PM – Cabin Time: Take a break and get cleaned up for a yummy dinner!

6:00 PM – Dinner: From chicken to steak to BBQ to pasta, you’ll enjoy something different every night of the week.

7:00 PM – Evening Program: As the sun begins to set, enjoy different planned events with the whole camp, including Lip Sync, Camp Idol, Theme Nights, and more!

8:15 PM – Nightlights, Campfire: Join everyone in our outdoor amphitheater for your favorite camp songs and listen as your counselor recognizes you and your camp friends for positive camp achievements. Then watch – or maybe even find yourself the star of – one of our hilarious CCSC skits!

9:00, 9:30, 10:00 PM – Bedtime: Lights out so you can rest up and be ready to do it all again tomorrow

A LOOK AROUND CAMP

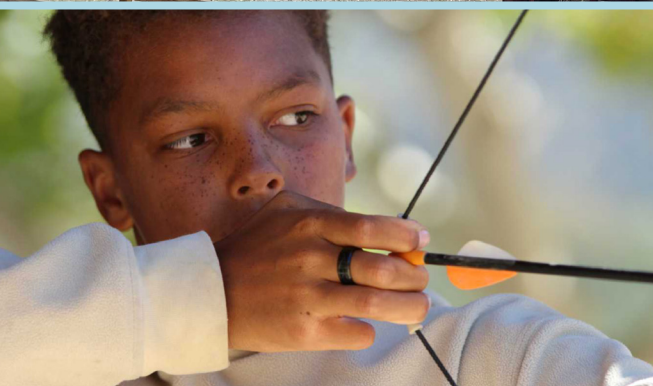


Sports: Baseball, basketball, football, soccer, hockey, cheerleading, volleyball, skateboarding, ultimate frisbee, ga-ga, relay races, ping pong, capture the flag, horseshoes, lacrosse, mountain biking, paintball, laser tag, go-karts, gymnastics, tumbling, and more!

Water Activities: SCUBA, waverunning, water-skiing, wakeboarding, innertubing, swimming, kayaking, paddle-boating, and more!

Challenge Activities: Ropes course, climbing wall, zip line, archery, rock climbing, tree climbing, ax-throwing and more!





Arts: Arts and crafts, photography, drama, woodworking, ceramics, jewelry-making, and more!

Nature: CCSC Community Organic Garden, hiking, science, camp outs, astronomy nights, firemaking, primitive crafts, primitive cooking, compass direction, shelter-building, and more!

All Camp Events: Camp tournament, color run, campfires, cookouts, dances, lip syncs, theme nights, talent shows, and more!







CANYON CREEK CHALLENGE ACTIVITIES

The Canyon Creek Challenge Course – which includes the ropes course, climbing wall and zip line – is specifically designed to build camper self-confidence, trust, teamwork and unity. Before campers ever leave the ground, each group is led through various team-building exercises that establish the necessary support and cohesiveness that allow campers to successfully accept these challenges.

Climbing Wall: Our climbing wall specialists gauge camper skill levels and teach strategies and techniques to help campers successfully traverse their way through the increasingly challenging components of our wall. Interested campers also have the opportunity to take their climbing to new heights as they make their way up some of our forest trees and mountainsides!

Ropes Course: With various elements to choose from, campers will never tire of putting their skills and confidence to the test on our hilltop ropes course with a gorgeous view of the entire canyon below!

Zip Line: Climb up to camp's tallest point and then fly over the canyon on our thrilling zipline!

WATER PROGRAM AT CASTAIC LAKE

Water-lovers can choose to participate twice each week in our water program held at Castaic Lake. Camp vans leave in the morning and return back to camp in the late afternoon. While at the lake, campers receive expert instruction in wakeboarding, water-skiing, innertubing and waverunning. All campers are required to wear life vests while in the water and on the boats and are supervised by camp counselors and waterfront specialists.

Our ratio of counselors to campers while at the lake is one to three and all waterfront specialists are first aid, CPR and lifeguard certified.



Our water program provides campers with an excellent opportunity to discover their off-land talents!



CANYON CREEK CAMP LIFE

Accommodations/Groups

Campers are housed in our hotel-style cabins with no more than 10 campers and 3 counselors per room. Campers sleep on comfortable bunk beds. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, and have 2 full private bathrooms per cabin. We honor one request for a friend to be placed in the same cabin group provided they are within one year in age and/or grade, and it is mutually agreed upon by both families.

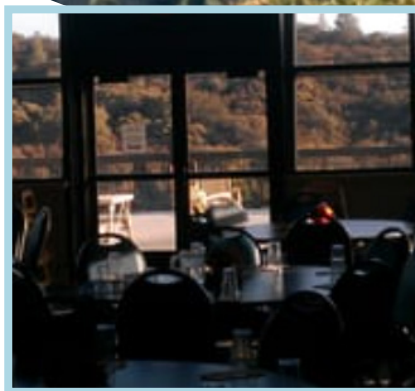
Dining

Campers dine in our air-conditioned dining hall with a full-service kitchen. Our professional chef prepares well-balanced meals that appeal to our campers and satisfy parent expectations for nutritious meals. A fresh fruit and/or salad bar accompanies each meal and all of our menus offer many healthy choices. Our chef works closely with families to accommodate special dietary and allergy needs.

Health Services

To ensure the highest standards of health and safety, our camp infirmary provides camp doctors and/or registered nurses that are available 24 hours per day. Our "Camp Mom" works with our nurses to help administer daily medications and ease the transition for our younger campers. Hospitals, medical assistance and fire services are all close to camp in case of an emergency.





STAFF

At Canyon Creek Summer Camp we know our staff is the key to a positive camp experience. Our energetic, responsible and caring counselors are the people who make it all happen. All counselors must pass a written evaluation as well as a lengthy interview process. In addition, comprehensive, professional background checks are done on all employees. Counselors attend an intensive week-long training that includes first aid and CPR certification, child psychology and counselor conduct seminars, conflict resolution strategies, situational role playing exercises and introductions to the newest games and activities. Our counselors are 18 years and older and have demonstrated a sincere interest in child development. In order to maintain the ideal camp environment, our overall staff-camper ratio is approximately one counselor for every three campers.



At Canyon Creek Summer Camp your child's safety is our number one concern.

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

The Canyon Creek CIT program is for boys and girls 15 and 16 years of age who have a genuine interest in working with children. CIT's primarily work with our youngest campers and assist counselors in various activities throughout the camp day. The program is structured to prepare CIT's to become assistant and head counselors and is an excellent opportunity to build and improve leadership skills. CIT's who successfully complete the leadership program may be eligible for a paid position as an Assistant Counselor the following summer. Enrollment in our CIT program is limited.



HOW TO ENROLL

Sign-up today by completing our online form at www.CanyonCreekSummerCamp.com
Multiple Session and Sibling discounts available!

Summer 2024 Dates

SESSION	DATES	LENGTH	TUITION	EARLY TUITION (Before 1/15/24)
Session 1	June 16 – June 22	1 week	\$2,375	\$2,275
Session 2	June 23 – July 6	2 weeks	\$4,750	\$4,550
Session 3	July 7 – July 20	2 weeks	\$4,750	\$4,550
Session 4	July 21 – August 3	2 weeks	\$4,750	\$4,550

CCSC Open House & Camp Tours

Want to visit camp before you arrive this summer?

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and games at our Open House held in early May. Call us today to be put on our invite list!

Can't make Open House but would like to see camp?

We have scheduled tours each month for you to see the camp facilities and meet some of our friendly camp staff! Call for more details or to schedule your tour. If you are interested in signing up for camp, we highly encourage you to sign up for camp before coming to our Open House or taking a tour. Sessions will fill up so we don't want you to miss out on all the fun this summer has in store!





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