

Cali Camp Announces 2026 Summer Season, Highlighting Premier Art and Craft Summer Camp for Kids

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Topanga, California Jan 29, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Cali Camp, a staple of the Southern California summer experience for 70 years, is officially opening enrollment for its upcoming summer season at Big Rock Ranch. Spanning 21 acres of lush, oak-canopied terrain in the Santa Monica Mountains, the camp continues its mission of providing a "home away from home" where children can disconnect from screens and reconnect with nature. This year, Cali Camp is placing a special spotlight on its creative and physical arts curricula, solidifying its reputation as the most comprehensive [art and craft summer camp for kids LA](#) while offering an unparalleled [aerial arts camp for kids in Los Angeles](#) through its professional circus partnership.

Founded in 1955, **Cali Camp** operates under the philosophy that "success is in the doing." Located in Topanga Canyon, the facility serves campers ages 4 to 15, offering a landscape of rock formations, running streams, and historical charm. The camp's leadership, including Executive Directors Ariel "Kahuna" Abt and Kassandra "Blaze" Wilsey, emphasizes a culture of kindness and "Cali Spirit," ensuring that every child feels seen and supported while exploring new interests.

The Creative Arts program at **Cali Camp** is designed to let the imagination roam free in an outdoor setting. Unlike indoor classrooms, the camp's arts and crafts sessions take place in a "sky-ceilinged" environment where kids engage in ceramics, basket making, weaving, drawing, and painting. Guided by specialists, campers learn that art is a tool for self-discovery and confidence-building. By focusing on the process rather than just the final product, children are encouraged to experiment and find their unique voices within the beauty of the canyon.

For those seeking high-flying adventure, Cali Camp's specialized Aerial Arts camp offers a professional-grade experience in collaboration with FOCUSfish specialists. Aimed at campers ages 5 to 13, this program provides three hours of daily instruction in an outdoor pavilion. Participants master the trapeze, silks, lyra, and Spanish web, alongside ground-based skills like acrobatics, juggling, poi, and hula hoop. This specialty program balances rigorous technical training with the joy of traditional camp life, including daily recreational swimming and group games.

Safety and community are at the forefront of the Cali Camp experience. As an ACA-accredited facility, the camp maintains high standards for its staff and grounds. To accommodate families throughout the region, Cali Camp provides convenient bus transportation with various pick-up points across the Los Angeles Valley and City areas, making the retreat to the mountains accessible for all.

In addition to arts and aerials, the camp offers over 50 activities, including go-karts, horseback riding, rock climbing, and archery. Whether a child is a first-time camper or a returning veteran, Cali Camp remains dedicated to the growth of the "whole child" through play and natural exploration.

About Cali Camp: Cali Camp is a premier summer day camp located at Big Rock Ranch in Topanga, California. For seven decades, it has provided children ages 4-15 with diverse outdoor activities, specialized arts programs, and a supportive community environment designed to foster lifelong memories.

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