Since the 1960s, the Pacific Southwest Institute of Religious Liberals has gathered at Camp de Benneville Pines each summer. Originally meeting at Camp Radford in the 1950s, it was PSWIRL that instigated the purchase of Camp Arataba from the Boy Scouts. Arataba was to become, in time and with a great deal of volunteer labor, our Unitarian Universalist Camp de Benneville Pines.

PSWIRL continues each summer to provide an interesting and stimulating program for adults. The cornerstone of their week is the Theme Speaker. Each morning, the specially invited speaker discusses his or her topic, with a talk-back session after.

The 2009 speaker will be Reverend Jim VanderWeele and the topic “The Secret of Working Together in Time of Crisis”. As Minister at the Community Church Unitarian Universalist in New Orleans, Rev. VanderWeele has spent the last several years aiding in the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts. His experiences and insights will be part of the discussion during his PSWIRL talks.

After the morning Theme Talk, the rest of the day is available to enjoy the pool and hot tub, as well as a variety of workshops and activities. Workshops scheduled for this summer include Astronomy, Brain Education, Creative Writing, Dream Work, Guitar, Healing from Within, Journaling, Qi Gong, Spirituality & Tarot, Watercolor, Yoga and Massage. In addition, there will be Nature Walks in the early morning, Folk Dancing each evening, video programs, a trip to the Big Bear Solar Observatory, an opportunity to canoe or kayak on Jenks Lake, the Talent Show and a Social Hour each evening.

There are two new programs added for this summer. The Landscape Photography module will be taught by Big Bear professional artist and photographer, Greg Zook. Each morning, there will be a photographic safari and each afternoon instruction in photographic techniques. The goal will be to learn how to take an excellent digital image.

The Kayaking & Hiking program will offer explorations of the beautiful areas surrounding the camp. The hikes and kayak trips will be moderate with the goal to explore, experience and enjoy the forest, streams and lakes.

Both programs will be in addition to the PSWIRL activities, allowing campers to participate in both programs. Because of the specialized nature of the modules, there will be an additional cost to participate.

The dates for PSWIRL this summer are Sunday, August 23 - Friday, August 28, 2009. More information about the 2009 camp as well as the modules can be found on the PSWIRL website at http://pswirl.org.

This spring’s 13th annual Women’s Retreat will feature the award-winning storyteller, Karen Golden.

Karen has been to camp several times, but this will be her first Women’s Retreat. She will lead us into our theme, Women as Storymakers, by telling her stories—a tapestry of tales from the fabric of her life, her rich Jewish heritage and world folklore. Later, she will offer a workshop where participants have the opportunity to share their stories, explore the stories of women who have been influential to them, learn what makes a memorable story and practice improving their storytelling skills.

The rest of the retreat includes workshops and activities, each a sharing of the leader’s individual story. Some of the offerings include Being Green, Belly Dancing, Calligraphy, Drawing Our Stories, Laughter Yoga, Speak Out! Telling Our Stories in Public, Telling our Stories Online, Writing from the Inside Out, and the Zen of Photography.

This is a retreat from your everyday world. A chance to play, explore, share and relax. For additional information, updates on workshops and the schedule, go to http://sn.im/womensinfo.
Camp de Benneville Pines

Calendar of Events 2009

April 2009

3-5  San Diego UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (858) 755-9225 or office@uusd.org

6-16  Facility Not Available - Maintenance Project Underway

17-19  UU Men's Retreat
See advertisement on page 3 for additional info

20-23  Camp for Homeschooling Families
See advertisement on page 4 for additional info

24-26  UU Women's Retreat
See advertisement on page 3 for additional info

May 2009

1-3  Camp Recovery
See advertisement on page 4 for additional info

8-10  Work Weekend
See advertisement on page 7 for additional info

Craig's Cabin Available for Lease

14  Diamond Bar High School - Pathways Academy (Private)

15-17  Monte Vista/Riverside UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (909) 626-0520, mail@montevistauu.org
or (951) 686-6315, uucr@juno.com

22-25  Camp Bravo Theater Arts Educators' Weekend
For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org

29-31  First UU Church San Diego Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (619) 298-9978, mail@firstuusandiego.org

June 2009

2-4  New City School (Private)

5-7  PUC/Orange County UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (310) 378-9449, admin@pacificunitarian.org
or (714) 999-1077, judy2write@yahoo.com

8-10  Ocean Charter School (Private)

12-14  Early Summer Weekend (Open to All)
See advertisement on page 6 for additional info

Family Reunion (Private) Craig's Cabin & Cabin 6

19-21  Santa Monica/Chalice UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (310) 829-5436, office@usum.org
or (760) 737-0193, office@chaliceuu.org

24-27  Camp Available for Lease

28-7/4  Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Middle Schoolers (Wk 1)
For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org

July 2009

5-11  Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Teens (Wk 2)
For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org

12-18  PSWD YoUth!U! Camp - Elementary (grades 2 - 6)
PSWD Counselor-In-Training Program (ages 15 - 18)

19-25  PSWD YoUth!U! Camp - Jr High (grades 6 - 9)

26-8/1  PSWD YoUth!U! Camp - Sr High (grades 9 - 12)
PSWD Adult Advisor Training (ages 25+)
See advertisements on page 5 for additional info

August 2009

2-8  PSWD UU Family Camp
See advertisement on page 4 for additional info

9-15  Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Teens (Wk 3)

16-22  Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp for Teens (Wk 4)
For info, contact (888) 442-7286 or www.campbravo.org

23-28  PSWIRL Summer Camp for Grownups
with Landscape Photography & Kayaking/Hiking Modules
See advertisement on page 6 for additional info

Art Camp
See advertisement on page 6 for additional info

28-30  Neighborhood UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (626) 798-1375
or Melinda.Goddard@clearmansrestaurants.com

September 2009

1-4  PSWD Youth Leadership Training (Craig's Cabin)
See advertisement on page 5 for additional info

4-7  PSWD Young Adult Retreat
See advertisement on page 4 for additional info
PSWD Wilderness Journey Program
See advertisement on page 4 for additional info

11-13  Yoga & Wellness Retreat
See advertisement on page 6 for additional info

18-20  12-Step Fall Mountain Retreat
For info, contact (805) 311-9880 or samuel3@gmail.com

21-25  Camp Bravo-La Jolla Country Day School (Private)

25-27  Channel Cluster UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (805) 415-4919 or david@barker.net

October 2009

2 - 4  Camp Getaway for Mothers & Others
For info, contact (310) 471-3138 x103
or www.campgetaway.com

9-11  Valley Cluster UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (661) 273-1068 or caroline@uucamp.org

11-14  Camp Bravo-El Rancho Middle School (Private)

16-18  Tapestry/Orange Coast UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (949) 581-0245, admin@tapestryuu.org
or (949) 646-4652, info@vuee.org

19-23  Odyssey Charter School (Private)

23-25  Women Together (Private)

29-31  PSWD Renaissance Module
For info, contact (626) 840-5412 or srols@att.net

30-11/1  Work Weekend
For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org

November 2009

6-8  Music in the Mountains Folk Music Weekend
See advertisement on page 7 for pre-registration

9-12  Camp for Homeschooling Families
See advertisement on page 4 for additional info

13-15  Fullerton/Las Vegas UU Congregational Retreat
For info, contact (702) 437-2404, admin@uclv.org
or (714) 871-7150, www.uclv.org

20 - 22  Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance (Private)

27 - 30  Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration
See advertisement on page 7 for pre-registration

December 2009

4-6  PSWD Jr High Fall Camp & Coming of Age Retreat
PSWD Adult Advisor Training
For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org

7-25  Camp Available for Lease

26-1/1  PSWD/YRUU Jr High Winter Camp
For info, contact (909) 794-2928 or caroline@uucamp.org

Registration information for any of the retreats listed may be obtained by calling the camp office at (909) 794-2928, e-mailing caroline@uucamp.org, or from the camp's website at www.uucamp.org.
Most event details can be found in this newsletter. Registration forms are on page 7.
Embracing Change in Uncertain Time$

UU Men’s Fellowship Spring Renewal  April 17-19, 2009

Do you have uncertainty in your finances, relationships or with power?
Are you facing change in the money, love or power areas of your life?
We will explore uncertainty and life changes, while providing opportunities to share experiences and ways to cope, in the safe space with Brothers. As usual the weekend will include workshops, deep sharing, music and drumming, silence, ritual, sweat lodge, songs, laughter, and great food.

It is our policy to support attendance by men who may have financial difficulties. For information about the retreat or scholarship assistance, please contact Mike Dorfi at (619) 466-5952 or mdorfi@cox.net.

Register at:  http://firstuucsandiego.org/docs/uumf registration spring 2009.pdf

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41750 Jenks Lake Road W
Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

Make Your Donation Count Double

In times of economic hardship, it is important to take care of what we have. 15 years ago, de Benneville was under the threat of closing. What turned the tide was a commitment by Janet and the Board to fill the schedule and use the camp to capacity. Today, filling the camp schedule and running at capacity is still the best way to keep the camp vital and healthy. You can help and in doing so, double the value of your donation.

When you make a donation to the scholarship fund, you help children, adults and families enjoy an experience at camp. This may get them away from a difficult home or work situation. It will help them become part of the camp community and to feel more whole and healthy in their life. Helping campers attend de Benneville, when they might not otherwise be able to, also allows us to fill events to capacity. In this way, your donations help both a camper and the camp as well.

Please consider making a donation to the camp’s scholarship fund.

Women as Storymakers

13th Annual Women's Retreat  April 24 - 26, 2009

With award-winning storyteller Karen Golden leading the way, we will share our stories, learn new ways to create beautiful and powerful her-stories, and find the common threads in our stories as women.

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$165.00 per person
Craig’s or Cabin 6 - $30 pp additional
Thursday Arrival - $20 pp lodging (no meals)
Cancellation Policy - $75 fee before 3/31/2009
No Refund after 3/31/2009

Embracing Change in Uncertain Time$
**Camps for Homeschooling Families**

Join families who homeschool for a fun week at camp!

The schedule is relaxed, allowing plenty of time for kids to explore and parents to talk. Hiking, archery, crafts, tie-dying, nature, games, talent show—volunteer to offer your favorite event. Special activities for teens. There is always plenty of fun and wonderful new friends to meet.

For additional information, call Caroline at (909) 794-1251 or caroline@uucamp.org

**Registration:** $90 per person (includes all activities, lodging & meals)

Max $360/family (not including upgrades) * children under 2 free * Upgrades: $20/person for Craig's Cabin or Cabin 6


Join families who homeschool for a fun week at camp!

**Monday - Thursday April 20 - 23 & November 9 - 12, 2009**

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**You’re Invited to the 21st Annual**

**Camp Recovery 2009**

A weekend of self-care where you and your “inner child” can grow, heal, play, discover, reflect and work on yourselves. 

“Spring into Life”: journey into recovery with enthusiasm.

Workshops, 12-step meetings, crafts, music, drumming, hiking, body movement, dancing and fellowship.

All persons from ACA, CODA and similar 12-step programs are invited.

Registration & Information: [http://camprecovery.org](http://camprecovery.org)

**May 1 - 3, 2009**

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**Grooving Together**

**PSWD UU Family Camp**

Sunday - Saturday, August 2 - 8, 2009

In this time of change and opportunity, we find support in community. . . .

Join us for a week of fun and community at camp. Enjoy your children, relax with friends old & new, share camp activities: Archery, the Banquet, Capture the Flag, Crafts, Hikes, Hot Tub, Ice Cream Social, Kayaking & Canoeing, Music, Movie Night, No-talent Talent Show, Singing, Swimming, Tie Dying, Worship and much more!

$325/adult

$295/teen (13-18) * $285/child (3-12)

$100/baby-toddler (0-2)

Craig’s +$80/pp * Cabin 6 +$50/pp

Double Bed in 5/7/8 +$50/room

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**Finding Family in the Mountains**

**PSWD UU Family Camp**

Sunday - Saturday, August 2 - 8, 2009

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**Friday - Monday, September 4 - 7, 2009**

**Building Community**

**Deepening Faith**

Ages 18 - 35

**Committing to Justice**

Register at [http://connectuu.com](http://connectuu.com)

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**Wilderness Journey**

**Culmination Backpacking Trip**

Friday - Monday, September 4 - 7, 2009

For youth ages 14 - 18

Must have completed the pre-requisite conditioning & planning trip during St Hugh’s Camp in July.

Cost - $90.00
Come to camp and learn about UUs who have done incredible things...even UU kids! See how ordinary people from our faith have made a difference in extraordinary ways. Don't miss out! Swimming, archery, hiking, crafts, worship, new friends and lots of other great camp activities.

Dean: Suzanne Borth

PSWD Jr High Camp
Dean: Barbara Braswell

We are the Peacemakers!

Learn how to be a peacemaker in your life and in the world. Each day at camp, we will focus on one of the aspects of being a peacemaker: respect, communication, listening, forgiving and living courageously. By living peacefully and making peace in our homes, at school and with our friends, peace begins with us and spreads like ripples in the water!

Great camp activities during the week include swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, worship, wink and more!

Sunday - Saturday
July 19 - 25, 2009

PSWD Summer YoUUth Camps
Registration Information
Submit registration with a $75 non-refundable deposit. Balance due at check in. No refund after check-in.

Cost - $325
Deduct $35 if registering before 6/30/2009
Elementary - Completing grades 2 - 6
Jr High - Completing grades 6 - 9
Sr High - Completing grades 9 - 12
Sibling Discount - $15 (per family) T-Shirt 3.50 Sweatshirt 5.00

YRUU Sr High Camp * Sunday - Saturday * July 26 - August 1, 2009

Camp UNDERground
Grab Hold & Find Your Voice! Show them somebody will listen....

Learn how to find and utilize the tools found in truly alternative media. Discover how to express yourself, inform others, and help your community through sources like public access television, local movie theaters, independent journalism, alternative radio, and the fine arts.

Youth Deans: Ellie Chamberlain & Haley Weaver * Adult Dean: Kim St Clair

YoUUth Counselors (CIT) ages 15 - 18 Cost - $210.00
Learn how to be as good as your favorite counselor at camp. Train each morning, then be part of Elementary Camp with hands on experience afternoons and evenings.
Request application by registering with a $75 deposit. Return your application with 2 letters of recommendation by June 5, 2009. Acceptance letters will be sent after June 10, 2009
Facilitator: Kit Petrie
Sun - Sat * July 12 - 18, 2009

Adult Advisors ages 25+ Cost - $210.00
Excited about youth ministry? Gain practical skills and strengthen the faith basis for your work with youth—at camp and in your congregation. Train in the morning, work with campers the rest of the day, then wrap up with Vespers and reflection each evening. Bond with each other and the campers for a magical week at camp.
Facilitator: Katie Larick
Sun - Sat * July 26 - August 1, 2009

YoUUth Leadership completed grades 6 - 11
September 1 - 4, 2009
Challenge Yourself! Leadership Skills Development, Worship, Religious Values & Heritage. Deepen your UU faith while strengthening relationships with mentors and peers. An intense retreat for those who wish to become UU leaders.
Register at: http://pswduu.org
**Early Summer Weekend**

Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14, 2009

Enjoy the cool mountain air for a weekend getaway. Relaxed schedule, minimal programming. Read by the pool, soak in the hot tub, walk to the lake. Kayak and canoe or practice on the archery range. Tie dye or come by the crafts area. Play games in the evening. Great food and the cool mountain air. Nothing more is needed!

* $125 Adults  * $100 Teens (13 - 18)  * $80 Children (3 - 12)

* Everyone Welcome*

Have a Family Reunion * Relax with Friends * Take a Personal Holiday

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**Summer Camp for Grownups!**

**Sunday - Friday ~ August 23 - 28, 2009**

**THEME SPEAKER:** Rev. Jim VanderWeele  
Community UU Church of New Orleans  
*“The Secret of Working Together in Times of Crisis”*

Theme Speaker, Nature walks, Guitar, Folk Dancing, Creative Writing, Qi Gong, Astronomy, Brain Education, Spirituality & Tarot, Dream Work, Journaling, swimming, hot tub, evening programs, music, social hour, Talent Show, videos, trip to Big Bear included.

**NEW FOR THIS YEAR:**
Add *“Landscape Photography”* for indepth instruction in digital photography or  
*“Kayaking & Hiking”* for daily explorations in the areas surrounding camp.  
$100 additional for supplies & instruction

Register at: [http://pswirl.org](http://pswirl.org)

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Yoga & Wellness  
11th Annual Retreat

A weekend of yoga, relaxation and healing.

Beginning, intermediate and multi-level Yoga instruction.
Wellness workshops including acupuncture, archery, herbology & nutrition, massage, meditation, reiki, tai chi, and water yoga. Hiking, canoeing/kayaking, swimming and the hot tub.
Great food, including vegetarian & vegan options (please request with registration)

Begin fall refreshed, renewed & invigorated

**Registration Fee:** $175 per person  
All inclusive - food, lodging, classes & activities

**Upgrades:**  
+ $30 Craig’s Cabin/Cabin 6
+ $20 Thursday Arrival: Lodging Only

**Cancellation Policy:**  
$75 per person before 8/10/2009  
No refund after 8/10/2009

**DE BENNEVILLE PINES ART CAMP 2009**

**Friday - Sunday**  
**September 11 - 13, 2009**

**AUGUST 23-28, 2009**

**Cost:** $475.00  
Includes food, lodging, program & art supplies

**Cancellation Policy:**  
$75 fee per person before 8/10/2009  
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To pay via credit card, call, fax or e-mail registration information to: Phone (909) 794-2928 Fax (866) 481-2508 Email caroline@uucamp.org

PSWD YoUUth Camp Registration Form

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Work Weekends

**Friday - Sunday**
May 8 - 10, 2009 & October 30 - November 1, 2009

Music in the Mountains

**Friday - Sunday** *November 6 - 8, 2009*

**Acoustic & Vocal Music Weekend** - Sing, play, jam and dance, all day and into the night. Meet musicians and singers from all over So CA and beyond—new friends and great music!

Register Before September 15, 2009 for 2008 prices
$798/adult * $80/youth (ages 3 - 17)
$35 additional for Craig's or Cabin 6

Thanksgiving Celebration

**Thurs - Sunday** *November 26 - 29, 2009*

Our annual celebration for families, singles, couples and young adults. Workshops, activities, and special events. Great food...starting with a feast on Thursday evening. A long weekend of relaxing fun.

Register Before September 15, 2009 for 2008 prices
$85/adult * $75/youth (ages 3 - 17) * Arrive: Wed +$20 * Friday -$20
Craig's/Cabin 6 +$35/adult * Double Bed in 5/7/8 +$35/room

Register for any de Benneville sponsored event up to 12 months before by paying a $75 per person, non-refundable deposit. Your payment in full will be required 30 days before the event.
We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teaching which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolizers of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Our Mission:
The mission of Camp de Benneville Pines is to provide a mountain retreat where Unitarian Universalist principles and values are lived and celebrated in community.

Camp Purpose:
- To provide a place to relax and recreate in life-affirming ways
- To provide a central gathering place for the Pacific Southwest District
- To provide a place for promoting life-long spiritual growth
- To develop leaders through volunteer opportunities/experiences
- To conserve a wilderness setting
- To extendUU influence in the larger community
- To encourage the expression of diverse ideas in a safe atmosphere of mutual respect
- To facilitate the ongoing process of community building within and amongUU societies

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