

Camp de Benneville Pines

Connection

Spring/Summer 2011

Your Unitarian Universalist Mountain Retreat

Our Camp's Golden Anniversary: A Celebration of Love

By Tom Thorward, President, Board of Directors,
Camp de Benneville Pines

A 50th anniversary is not common in ordinary human affairs, and therefore much to be celebrated. Those of us old enough to have reached our 50th birthday probably thought of it as a milestone, even a midway point. Few businesses survive the first few difficult years, let alone 50 years; to last that long takes sacrifice, management skill, adaptability, hard work and the ability to recognize opportunities when they appear. And for a marriage to arrive at a golden anniversary takes a lot of effort, commitment, understanding, compromise, and of course love. Perseverance, sacrifice, management skill, adaptability, hard work, understanding, compromise, taking advantage of opportunity, and a great deal of focused energy and love: these are the very same qualities that have figured heavily in the history of Camp de Benneville Pines. These qualities, on the part of its owners/supporters (all of you) and its staff, have allowed the Camp not only to have reached this amazing anniversary milestone, but also to have, at this moment, an optimistic and promising future.

When Camp de Benneville Pines was founded, the world looked very different than it does today. The civil rights movement was just getting started with a Supreme Court decision declaring an end to segregation on trains and interstate buses, but segregation was still the "law of the land" in most of the South – and an unwritten law elsewhere. In fact, it may have been the involvement of us religious liberals with integration and civil rights that led to the founding of the camp. For several years, a group from the Riverside Universalist Church had been holding family summer camps in Barton Flats. On one occasion, they had African American youth among their numbers. When this was noticed by local white supremacists, the camping party were threatened with violence and death. It was at that moment when the idea was born of having a camp where members of our liberal faith could live our ideal of diversity and acceptance in peace.

Rev. Ray Manker, then minister of the Universalist Church of Riverside and Consultant to the Pacific Unitarian Council, working with several members of his congregation, located a Boy Scout camp, Camp Arataba, in the Barton Flats area that was for sale. At around that time, two Universalist Churches in Los Angeles and Hollywood were dissolved and their properties sold, generating funds, \$40,000 of which were used

to purchase the camp in 1961. This was the year that the Unitarian and Universalist Churches were in

the process of merging, and so the Camp was to be owned by the combined District; still it was decided to name the Camp for a renowned Universalist leader, George de Benneville, since the Universalist Church had been so instrumental in its purchase.

To my mind, the name of the Camp was prophetic. One of the more interesting facts about George de Benneville's life is that he was trained as a physician and contracted a fever while treating patients in Germany. He became desperately ill, and to all appearances, died at the age of 37. He was placed in a coffin, but not buried immediately. The latter was a very good thing, because 42 hours after he was declared dead, he woke up and returned to life with a renewed mission to preach about God's universal love for the entire human race. He lived for another 53 years, emigrated to America, married, and fathered seven children, six of whom survived to adulthood. In the process, he brought his own concepts of Universalism with him to the new continent. By the way, after his "miraculous" recovery, George de Benneville got into trouble with the authorities in Germany and was jailed for "blasphemy," since it was believed at the time that only one person in history was allowed to "rise again from the dead."

Similarly, Camp de Benneville has on several occasions come back from near extinction. Each time a vital part of the Camp's infrastructure has needed replacement, or the Camp has been in financial crisis, somehow the person or persons with the skills and resources to save the Camp have come forward. One of the closest calls came 16 years ago when the Camp was in disrepair, heavily in debt and running a deficit. The District leadership at the time saw no alternative but to close the Camp. Camp supporters throughout the District, however, demanded that the Camp Board resuscitate the Camp if at all possible. Just by chance, a multi-skilled young woman with a background in sales, hotel management, food service and Girl Scouting, Janet James, was convinced by the Camp Board to leave a lucrative and predictable city career for one full of challenges and adventure in the wilderness. The rest, as they say, is history. Under Janet's skillful management, the Camp has rebounded to become the vibrant, successful business it is today in its 50th year.

In spite of many years of business success, Camp de Benneville Pines is again facing a challenge that could mean its imminent demise. As many of you know, the Camp's water system is on the verge of collapse. For many years Camp Boards have been trying to raise the funds to avert this catastrophe. But again, just as things were looking bleak, two generous Camp supporters came forward with a total of \$225,000 in matching funds to stimulate our fund raising effort. The response has been tremendous, and now we are well within \$100,000 of the total needed to fund the project (around \$450,000). We only need the support of one or two more significant donors, as well as that of many willing to buy a foot or two of pipe (and have their donation DOUBLED), and the survival of the Camp will be in hand. I have every confidence that all of you out there will help us meet this challenge. We have already had engineering plans drawn up for a new water system that will last 100 years or more. So forget Golden Anniversary, let's start planning for the sesquicentennial!



From left: Rev. Ray Manker, founder of Camp de Benneville Pines; his wife Gretchen; Dick Cole, former Camp President; and Tom Thorward, current Board President, at UU General Assembly.

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Camp de Benneville Pines

Calendar of Events: Spring / Summer / Fall 2011

March

- 4 – 6: **Long Beach UU Church Winter Camp**
Ohr Ha Torah Winter Camp
- 10 – 13: **LRY Reunion**
For info: carlbailey@yahoo.com
Also see advertisement on page 4
- 18 – 20: **Girl Scouts Song Swap Weekend**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
- Conejo Valley UU RE Retreat – Craig's Cabin**
- 25 – 27: **Rainbow Family Camp**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 4

April

- 1 – 3: **San Dieguito UU Church Camp**
For info: ksturch@san.rr.com
- 8 – 10: **Monte Vista UU/Riverside UU Church Camp**
For info: UnitarianUniversalist@Verizon.net or uucr@juno.com
- 15 – 17: **UU Men's Fellowship Retreat**
For info: mdorfi@cox.net
Also see advertisement on page 4
- 22 – 24: **Winnett/Haider Wedding (private)**
- 18 – 21: **Prototypes Recovery House (private)**
- 29 – May 1: **Camp Blog Away**
For info: patti@londre.com or (310) 351-5151

May

- 2 – 4: **Midweek Volunteer Work Camp**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 3
- 6 – 8: **Camp Recovery**
For info: <http://camprecovery.org>
Also see advertisement on page 4
- 12: **Diamond Bar High School Pathways Academy (private)**
- 13 – 15: **UU Women's Retreat**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 6
- 20 – 22: **Ball/Cannon Wedding (private)**
- 27 – 30: **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Educator's Retreat**
For info: <http://campbravo.org>

June

- 3 – 5: **San Diego/Chalice UU Church Camp**
For info: (619) 298-9978 or mail@firstuusandiego.org
- 6 – 9: **Home School Camp**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 6
- 10 – 12: **PUC Church Retreat**
- 14 – 16: **New City School Camp**
- 17 – 19: **Santa Monica UU Church Camp**
- 21 – 25: **LDS Fullerton Stake Girls Camp**
- 26 – July 2: **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp Week I**

July

- 3 – 9: **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp Week II**
- 10 – 16: **PSWD Elementary/Junior High Camp (grades 4 – 8)**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 5
- 10 – 16: **PSWD CIT**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
- 17 – 23: **PSWD Senior High Camp (grades 9 – 12)**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 5
- 17 – 23: **Meadville Lombard Seminary Youth Ministry Course**
For info: <http://meadville.edu>
Also see advertisement on page 3
- 24 – 30: **PSWD Family Camp**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
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July (continued)

- 28: **50th Anniversary Celebration at Camp**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 8
- 31 – August 6: **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp Week III**

August

- 7 – 13: **Camp Bravo Theater Arts Camp Week IV**
- 14 – 20: **Lazy Days Summer Week: for all UUs and their friends**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
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- 21 – 26: **PSWIRL**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
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- 21 – 26: **Art Camp**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
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- 21 – 26: **Photography Camp**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
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- 26 – 28: **Neighborhood UU Church Retreat**
For info: estallings@uuneighborhood.org
- 29 – Sept 2: **Small Group Ministry**
For info: www.smallgroupministry.net,
office@smallgroupministry.net or (207) 582-5308
Also see advertisement on page 3

September

- 2 – 5: **PSWD Young Adult Camp**
For info: <http://connectuu.com> or laurenfway@gmail.com
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- 9 – 11: **Yoga Retreat**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
Also see advertisement on page 7
- 16 – 18: **ACA 12-Step Fall Mountain Retreat**
For info: <http://adultchildren.org> or fmrchair@gmail.com
Also see advertisement on page 7
- 23 – 25: **Channel Island UU Cluster Camp**
For info: dave@barker.nu
- 30 – Oct. 2: **Camp Get Away**
For info: patti@londre.com or (310) 351-5151

October

- 7 – 9: **Tapestry/Orange/Laguna Beach UU Church Retreat**
For info: admin@tapestryuu.org, karenuu@cox.net,
or office@uulagunabeach.org
- 14 – 16: **LA Valley UU Cluster Retreat**
For info: louisepell@yahoo.com
- 21 – 23: **UUSD Women's Retreat**
For info: mail@firstuusandiego.org
- 24 – 28: **Prototypes (Private)**
- 28 – 30: **Work Weekend**

November

- 4 – 6: **Music in the Mountains Folk Music Retreat**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org
- 11 – 13: **Fullerton/Long Beach UU Church Retreat**
For info: retizorp@sbcglobal.net or office@uucfb.org
- 18 – 20: **UULMCA Leadership Summit**
For info: <http://uulmca.org> or (916) 441-0018
- 23 – 27: **Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration**
For info: <http://uucamp.org> or registrar@uucamp.org

December

- 2 – 4: **PSWD Junior High Camp**
For info: registrar@uucamp.org
- 9 – 11: **Camp available for lease**
- 16 – 18: **Camp available for lease**
- 27 – January 1: **PSWD Senior High Camp**
For info: registrar@uucamp.org



WATER WORKS! Headed for Success – With Continued Help

by Rev. Ricky Hoyt, First UU Church of LA; Campaign Chair, Water Works!

Camp de Benneville Pines leadership had raised nearly \$50,000 and been working for nine months on the WATER WORKS! campaign before I even heard about it. But as soon as I did become aware of the WATER WORKS! campaign, over Labor Day weekend 2010, I had to get involved. I felt “called,” as we say in religious language.

I felt called because I saw that this fundraising challenge was an opportunity to put into practice a foundational principle of what I think our Unitarian Universalist faith can and should be. I wanted to test my hope that our congregations could come together in mutual support around a cause that touches all of us. I wanted to see if my UU brothers and sisters could think about our faith as something larger than just the one church where we have our membership, but rather a shared faith that we all hold in common. And I wanted to see if our love for this faith was expansive enough that our vision could include a future and a place that many of us will never experience directly, but we know impacts so many others — children, teens and families — on a deep and profound level. I knew that, given the size of the fundraising challenge, WATER WORKS! would never succeed unless every congregation in the District participated, and I wondered, if someone asked, would our congregations answer?

The answer has been a gratifying, soul-strengthening YES! Inspired by two major donors in the form of matching grants, our congregations rose to the sense of shared responsibility for a shared asset of our faith, and raised an additional \$100,000 in just four months. Based on that response, I am now confident that we will raise the rest of the WATER WORKS! goal in the next four months — which would be in half the time of what we had originally expected to be a three-year campaign.

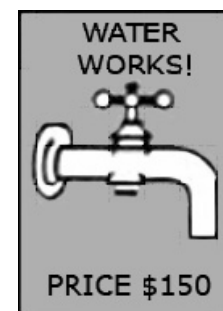
While there is still money to be raised, and much work to be done once the digging begins in the Fall, I’m ready to claim WATER WORKS! a success – a success in terms of our sense that Unitarian Universalism is a faith not defined by isolated congregations concerned only for themselves, but as a faith that stretches across geography and time in broad community.

WATER WORKS! has proven that there exists a great power within our UU faith, still largely untapped. We can do and we can be more than perhaps we’ve ever imagined. I look forward to seeing what this power, now awakened, can do for us all.

If you have already given to WATER WORKS!, thank you for your support, and I encourage you to dig down deep and give again in 2011. If you have not given to WATER WORKS! yet because you think your donation wouldn’t really be big enough to help, please think again. It will take everyone reaching into their pocket and their heart to raise the \$450,000 needed to replace the camp’s decaying water system. A generous donor has

stepped forward and agreed to match every penny raised between now and June 30th, up to \$125,000. That means your dollar equals two dollars. Your \$20 equals \$40, and your \$100 equals \$200! With your help we will make our goal by June 30. Please consider giving today while your donation will be DOUBLED.

Water Works! Limited-Time Matching Gift Challenge: Double Your Donation!



A generous donor has issued a challenge:
“Every dollar you donate between now and June 30, 2011
will be doubled up to \$125,000.”

Help us reach our goal by the end of June and we will
start digging in September!

To find out more about Water Works! or to make a
donation, visit <http://uucamp.org> and click on the
“Water Works!” spigot, or write a check to Camp de
Benneville Pines and mail to:

Camp de Benneville Pines
41750 W. Jenks Lake Road, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

In the memo line, reference Water Works
and your church affiliation.

Meadville Lombard Theological School Graduate Course Comes to de Benneville Pines Reality Youth Ministry – Instructors: Tera Little and Dori Davenport Thexton July 17 – 23, 2011

During this weeklong intensive, we will engage our heads, hearts and hands as we delve into the theology of Unitarian Universalist youth ministry in real time.

This course is an overview of Unitarian Universalist youth ministry. While we will use resources drawn from other faith traditions as well as our own, the question we will keep coming back to is: How do we embody youth ministry in our Unitarian Universalist faith and congregations?

The course takes place in the midst of an annual Senior High Summer

Camp at Camp de Benneville Pines. Morning sessions will include theory learning and discussion; afternoons provide opportunities to work directly with the subject of our course – high school UU youth; and evenings will be spent in theological reflection on what we have seen, heard and felt throughout the course of the day. There will be time for individual rest, relaxation, and reflection too.

Course may be taken for credit hours or as an audit.

To register, visit <http://www.meadville.edu>.

Small Group Ministry Institute Tuesday, August 30 – Friday, September 2, 2011

- Explore the powerful impact of Small Group Ministry (SGM)
- Build the skills of new facilitators and enhance problem resolution skills
- Learn how to lead/enhance your church’s SGM program
- Develop Small Group Ministry all ages and specific groups
- Take home a vision to begin and enhance Small Group Ministry
- Experience workshops that can be used by your congregation
- Come, and bring a team of all ages from your congregation

Lodging and program fee: \$350 (\$25 discount prior to June 1;
\$25 discount for UU Small Group Ministry Network members)

To register visit www.smallgroupministry.net and click on Registration
or contact Rev. Helen Zidowecki at
office@smallgroupministry.net or 207-582-5308

Midweek Volunteer Work Camp

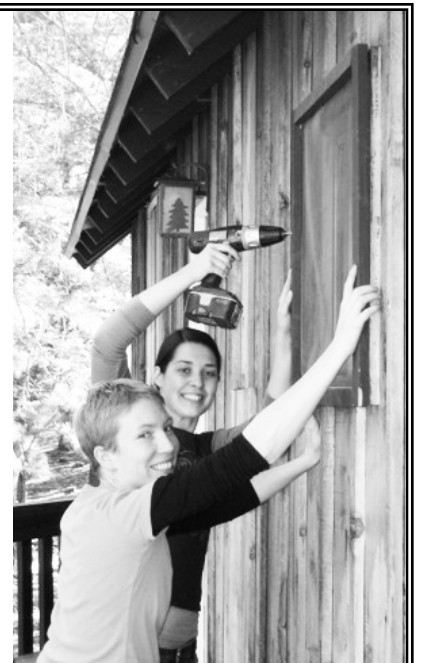
Mon. May 2 – Wed. May 4

Your Help is Needed!

Skilled and unskilled, everyone is
welcome and appreciated
(age 11+ for safety)

Delicious food and comfortable
accommodations provided - FREE!

Register at <http://uucamp.org>





REUNION of YOUTH CAMPERS March 11 - 13, 2011

For the staff and campers of LRY, YRUU, Jr. High and Kiddie Camps in the late 1960s - 1980s

“And the seasons they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We’re captive on the carousel of time ...”

Help kick off de Benneville Pines’ 50th Anniversary Year with a winter reunion! Warm and toasty ... gather around the ol’ lodge fireplace to rejoice, renew and return. Time to recharge. Time to play in the mountains again, and perhaps play in the snow! Time to relax and tell old stories ... time to reunite and touch hearts once again. Time to recall the good times and old memories ... Time to make new memories together.

Whether you’ve been to Camp recently or you haven’t been back for years, we welcome you home. We’ll have workshops, all-camp activities, dancing, music and plenty of time to gather and just hang out. Bring old camp photos – the camp needs them for their 50th anniversary archives. Bring photos of your families. There is also an early arrival option for a more extended and relaxed weekend.

De Benneville Pines – it is where we all started, struggled, changed, learned and found the momentum to move on. It’s a place where you can return again and again. A place where time stands still and you feel like you have been transported to a sacred place of meaning. Please take this time for you, and DON’T MISS OUT on the 50th year of Camp, and the kickoff to an extraordinary year of celebration! Come join the circle again ... “and go round and round and round in the circle game.”

Cost: \$185 per person. Deduct \$30 if registering before 2/25/2011. Thursday afternoon arrival: add \$45 per person. \$75 non-refundable deposit required to hold reservation. No refunds after March 1, 2011. Add \$10 or more for the scholarship fund to help others come to camp. Add a donation in any amount for the Water Works! Capital Campaign for the new water system. Use your credit card for easy registration. For additional information and to register, visit www.uucamp.org – click on Come To Camp, then Reunion of Youth Campers. Download a flier or send a flier onto a friend. To contact the camp registrar directly, email registrar@uucamp.org or leave a phone message at 909-794-1252.



UU Men’s Fellowship Spring Renewal

April 15 - 17, 2011  Angelus Oaks, CA

In which ways are we vulnerable? Can we face and embrace those areas and move on to trust ourselves and each other?

Join us in the beauty of the mountains and the safety and fellowship of our Brothers at Camp de Benneville Pines. Our Renewal weekend welcomes men of all ages, backgrounds, and diversities. As usual, the weekend will include workshops, deep sharing, music and drumming, silence, ritual, sweat lodge, songs, laughter, and great food.

Registration forms/informational fliers can be downloaded from <http://www.firstuusandiego.org/mens-fellowship>. For questions about this event or information on scholarship assistance, please contact John Holl (619-546-6525, johnholl@cox.net) or Mike Dorfi (619-466-5952, mdorfi@cox.net).

No man will be turned away because of finances

Rainbow Family Camp – A Weekend for LGBT Families and Their Allies

Friday, March 25 – Sunday, March 27, 2011

This exciting fun-filled weekend presents an opportunity for families with gay, lesbian, bisexual and/or transgender parents/guardians to gather together to build a community that is safe and free from the pressures of everyday life. Enjoy dozens of activities in this beautiful outdoor setting or just relax with family members and friends. Join in common meals and participate in discussions with other folks with similar points of view. The weekend is relaxed and offers an atmosphere of mutual respect and kindness.

Activities include: Arts & crafts, hiking, movies, talent show, parent socials, outdoor sports activities, indoor games, community meals, sometimes snow ... and lots of fun!

Cost: Adults: \$130; Teens (13 - 19): \$100; Kids (3 - 12): \$70
Under 3 are free! Price includes meals, lodging and all activities

Register online at <http://uucamp.org> (click on “Come To Camp”) or fill out the form on page 7 of this newsletter and mail it to the address on the form with a check payable to “Camp de Benneville Pines.” Reservations are accepted until camp is full.

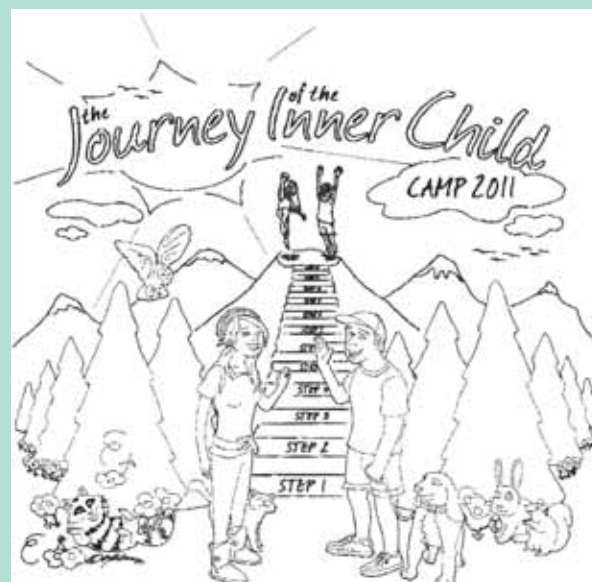
For questions, call (323) 993-7409 or
e-mail familyservices@lagaycenter.org

Rainbow Family Camp is sponsored by the LA Gay & Lesbian Center’s Family Services Program and Camp de Benneville Pines.

May 6 – 8 • 23rd Annual Camp Recovery 2011

A weekend of self-care where you and your “inner child” have the opportunity to grow, heal, play, discover, reflect, and work on yourselves. This year’s camp program is “The Journey of the Inner Child,” in which we will venture deeper into our recovery with enthusiasm through workshops, 12-step meetings, crafts, music, drumming, hiking, body movement, dancing, and fellowship in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains. All persons from ACA, CoDA and similar 12-step programs are invited.

Registration & Information: <http://camprecovery.org>





Elementary/ Junior High Camp: Keeping the Unity in Community

*"We are in
community
each time we
find a place
where we
belong."
-Peter F. Block*

Come join us this summer for a unique camp experience. For this year only we will have a combined camp (grades 4 – 8) with a community theme. This year is not only the 50th anniversary of the Unitarian Universalist Association (our larger religious community), but also the 50th anniversary of Camp de Benneville (our camp community). Our focus will be on how important UNITY is in community – not just in our larger religious community and camp community, but with everyone we share the world with in all of our beautiful diversity!

Sunday – Saturday, July 10 – 16
Dean: Barbara Braswell

Senior High Camp: Back to the FUUtUre!

Sunday – Saturday, July 17 – 23

Dean: Kathe Larick

Youth Deans: Pam Osborn-Popp, Lauren Harris



This year is the 50th anniversary of Unitarian Universalism and our camp, so we'll be celebrating by diving into the past to learn how to influence the future. We want to learn what defines us as UUs so we can better understand our faith and where it will take us. We will be taking the last five decades and incorporating them into our camp activities, such as an 1980s themed dance, a futuristic banquet, and more. We can't wait to see you at summer camp! Stay up-to-date on camp news on our Facebook page. See you then!

PSWD Summer YoUUtH Camps — Registration Information

Cost: \$390

Deduct \$35 if registering before 4/30/2011
Submit registration with a \$75
non-refundable deposit. Balance due at
check in. No refunds after check-in.

Age Ranges

Elem./Junior High: Completing grades 3 - 7
Senior High: Completing grades 8 - 12
Sibling Discount: \$15 (one per family)

Note: Due to this summer's special edition of Elementary/Junior High Camp, this combined camp will be for youth completing grades 3 – 7. We realize this age grouping may mean your little one is not quite old enough to come to camp this summer. We will be back to our usual grade cutoffs in 2012.

Listen: PSWD Family Camp

July 24 – 30, 2011

If you had a time and place to listen –
to nature, your family, yourself – what would you hear?
We invite you to join us for Family Camp 2011 and find out.
“Listen” is this year's theme, which means we are all about
music, laughter, silence, worship, play, and workshops –
we are all about listening.

Last year's camp completely sold out, so please don't wait!
All that is needed to hold your spot is a \$75 deposit per person.
Balance due one month prior to camp.

Cost: \$345/adult * \$305/teen (13-18) * \$295/child (3-12)
\$100/baby-toddler (0-2) * Craig's +\$80/pp * Cabin 6 +\$50/pp
Double Bed in 5/7/8 +\$50/room
\$100 discount/family before 4/30/11



PSWD Young Adult Camp: Building Community, Deepening Faith, Committing to Justice

A UU Retreat for Young Adults ages 18 – 35

September 2 – 5, 2011

Register at <http://www.connectuu.com>

Cost: \$160.00 – \$250.00 (sliding scale)

For more information, contact Lauren Way, laurenfway@gmail.com



PSWD Women's Retreat: Awakening the Muse, Nourishing the Spirit

Friday May 13 to Sunday May 15, 2011

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Erika Hewitt

Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Goleta CA

What forms can the muse take? How do we cultivate a deeper relationship with the Source of inspiration and creativity? How does nourishing the spirit go beyond simple self-care and enter the realm of spirituality? How might we live from a place of greater centeredness, spiritual depth, compassion and interconnectedness? Rediscover your essential spirit as you engage your mind, body, and soul through art, inspiration, play, and renewal.

Cost: \$175.00 per person

Craig's or Cabin 6: \$30 pp additional * Thursday Arrival: \$20 pp lodging (no meals)

Cancellation policy: \$75 cancellation fee before 4/15/2011 * No refund after 4/15/2011

Camp for Homeschooling Families **Monday June 6 - Thursday June 9, 2011**

Come join other like-minded families for an exciting time exploring nature, relaxing and having fun! Homeschool families with kids (and grandparents!) of all ages come together to share experiences. Each family is encouraged to lead an activity based on their interests, from hiking, crafts or games to educational explorations and enrichment activities. Show off creativity at the talent show, explore the forest as a family, or swim in the heated pool – there's something for everyone! Enjoy "family time" while camp staff handles kitchen duty! You will appreciate the delicious homecooked meals (and no dish duty!)

Cost: \$100 pp includes all meals and lodging. Children under 2 free. Max charge/family \$400 plus upgrades. Upgrades: \$20pp for Craig's Cabin or Cabin 6 which have kitchens and family rooms (7 double beds in Craig's Cabin with twin bunk on top). \$20/family for double bed in cabins 5, 7 or 8. Cancellation fee: \$75/family. No refunds after 5/15/11. **Special Diets:** Not all diets can be accommodated through the kitchen. Special diets should come prepared with food to supplement the meals. Vegan and vegetarian meals are available.



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Summer Camp for Grownups!

Sunday, August 21 through Friday, August 26, 2011

Keynote Speakers: Michael Dowd (UU Minister) and Connie Barlow (Scientist)
"Thank God for Evolution, the Marriage of Science and Religion"

PSWIRL welcomes you to their annual event at beautiful Camp de Benneville Pines. The rich program includes a long list of workshops as well as our guest theme speakers. Other activities include:

Olympic-sized Pool and Hot Tub in the trees • Silent Auction • Evening Programs • Music • Happy Hour
• Talent Show • Trip to Big Bear Solar Observatory • Labyrinth • Card games, and much more!

Prices include all meals and workshops for the week. Four full afternoons of Landscape Photography instruction and practice are available for an extra fee (see Photography Camp ad below).

For full details including registration, visit <http://uucamp.org> and click on "Come to Camp"

Relax ... Be Inspired ... Be Creative

Art Camp

An intense six day camp for 16 adults. Activities include Life Drawing, Drawing and Painting in the Forest, art related lectures and an exhibition of work produced during the week. All levels of art skills are invited to attend. Beginners receive instruction in fundamental skills. Intermediate level artists gain new skills and build upon those skills already developed. Advanced artists have the opportunity to brush up on technique, enhance skills and work with a live model for four days.



Photography Camp

In a relaxed mountain setting, learn how to use your camera to capture the beauty of the natural environment. With other adults you will spend time with a professional photographer and landscape painter who will demonstrate techniques in composition, lighting, contrast, focus and depth of field. The main focus of this camp is to teach campers how to take time and make a good image. Enrollment is limited to provide more time for individual instruction. Adults only.

Sunday August 21 – Friday August 26, 2011

Register online at <http://uucamp.org> – Click on "Come to Camp"



“Abiding in the Connection of Togetherness”

September 9 – 11, 2011

We all seek to find connection with each other, with our bodies, our hearts and our minds. By recognizing and experiencing these connections, we realize that each of us is a significant thread in the world’s tapestry. Join us for a weekend of connecting – to each other, to our bodies, and to nature. Through yoga and other wellness activities, we can learn to abide in that joyful place of connection to everything!

“We practice for everyone, whether we know it or not.”

Saul David Raye

Cost: \$180pp (\$165pp by June 30) | Includes food, lodging, classes and activities (additional fee for massage, acupuncture, individual instruction) | Upgrades: +\$30 pp for Craig's Cabin/ Cabin #6 | Thursday Arrival: +\$20 pp (lodging only; please bring picnic food) | First meal served is Friday dinner.) | Cancellation: \$75pp fee; NO REFUND after 8/15/11



Twelve-Step Fall Mountain Retreat

Friday, September 16 – Sunday, September 18, 2011

A weekend of self-care where you and your “inner child” can grow, heal, play, discover, reflect and work on yourself. We journey deeper into our recovery with enthusiasm through 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.

For information and pricing:

<http://www.adultchildren.org> or fmrchair@gmail.com

Register online with a credit card and guarantee your reservation immediately – <http://uucamp.org>, click on “Come To Camp.” Or use the mail-in form below. Most events require a \$75 per person non-refundable deposit. Your payment in full will be required 30 days before the event.

Adult & Family Event Registration Form

Event Name:				Event Dates:				
Attendee Name	Special Diet, Allergies or Medical Needs	Adult=A or Child’s DOB	Fee	Upgrade	Extra Day	Early Reg Discount	Donation	Total Due
								\$
								\$
								\$
								\$
Total enclosed/to be charged								\$
Address				Home Phone				
City & State				Cell Phone				
Zip	If you would like to receive confirmation that we have received your registration or if you would like to charge your fees, please include an e-mail address.			E-Mail				
Circle Requests:	Craig’s Cabin	Cabin 6	Double Bed	(upgrade may apply)		Bottom Bunk	Carpool (if available)	
Cabinmates:	Additional Information:							
UU Congregation								
To use a credit card, complete the following:				Expiration Date		Security Code (3 digits MC/VISA/DISC; 4 digits AMEX)		
Card #/Type (VISA/MC/DISC/AMEX)								

To pay by mail, return your registration form with a check to: Camp de Benneville Pines, 41750 Jenks Lake Rd West, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305
To pay via credit card, call, fax or e-mail registration information to: Phone (909) 794-1252 Fax (866) 481-2508 Email registrar@uucamp.org

PSWD YoUUth Camp Registration Form

Camp Name:						Camp Dates:				
Attendee Name	Special Diet, Allergies or Medical Needs	Birth Date	Grade	M/F	Fee	Early Reg Discount	Sibling Disc (1 per family)	T-shirt \$12 Sweatshirt \$25	Scholarship Fund Donation	Total Due
										\$
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If you have a special or high-needs child, please let us know. We will have someone contact you to determine the best way to support your child and the family.								Total enclosed/to be charged		\$
Parent’s Name(s)										
Address						Home Phone				
City & State						Cell Phone				
Zip	If you would like to receive confirmation that we have received your registration or if you would like to charge your fees, please include an e-mail address.					E-Mail				
First Time Camper?	Yes	/	No	Do you need a PSWD Scholarship?		Yes / No		Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need and a camper’s willingness to raise money for him/herself. Please send scholarship requests to Tera Little at teral@att.net or (626) 840-5412		
Cabinmates:						Additional Information: (shirt size, etc.)				
UU Congregation										
To use a credit card, complete the following:						Expiration Date		Security Code (3 digits MC/VISA/DISC; 4 digits AMEX)		
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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 extend UU 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 among UU societies



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Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes

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 in our congregations;
- 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 idolatries 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.

How to Contact Us

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Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

Office & Group Reservations
909-794-2928 (phone)
909-794-2418 (fax)
uucamp@aol.com (email)

Lodge/Kitchen
909-794-8712

Maintenance Shop
909-794-4530

Event Registration
909-794-1252 (phone)
909-794-2418 (fax)
registrar@uucamp.org (email)

Camp Website
www.uucamp.org

Camp de Benneville Pines 50th Anniversary Celebration Thursday, July 28th, 2011 (During Family Camp)

Come spend the day at camp, swim in the pool, hike to the lake, and enjoy dinner and a special evening program. Cost is only \$20 per person. (Sorry, no overnight accommodations since camp will be sold out to Family Campers.) To make reservations, visit <http://uucamp.org>, click on Come to Camp.

Lazy Days Summer Week for UU Families and Friends Sunday - Saturday, August 14 - 20, 2011

A prime summer week set aside for you to bring a reunion big or small to camp. Come by yourself, with a friend or with a family of any size for an entire summer week! Enjoy the camp in a relaxed, un-programmed environment. Pool, hot tub, canoeing and archery will be available. Hike, read, sunbathe, hangout, meditate ... whatever you prefer. This is the perfect week for you to enjoy the camp without a schedule of activities. Meals will be provided - show up if you want, or stay in bed if you want more sleep! Many of you have never enjoyed the camp in this way before - it is like having your own mountain hide away where you can "do your own thing."

Extra low pricing because we have left the programming out:
\$280 adult and teens | \$250 children 3 - 12 | \$80 baby - toddler (0 - 2)
Upgrade to Craig's Cabin = \$80 pp | Upgrade to a double bed in 5, 7, 8 = \$50 per room

Where else can you stay in such a beautiful place, food included, for under \$50 per night? We do hope you will join us for an incredibly relaxing week at summer camp. (If you prefer a week full of arts, crafts, workshops, and programs led by qualified leaders, we recommend the PSWD Family Camp in July.) To make reservations, visit <http://uucamp.org>, click on Come to Camp.