

Homeschool Autumn Retreat - October 10 to 13, 2016

Hello Campers!

October 1, 2016

We will soon be in the mountains together and the crisp autumn air and hot apple cider will be a welcome change to summer's heat and lemonade.

Attached is your "CAMPER INFORMATION PACKET". You will find lots of information about camp including, a camp map, what to bring, how to get to camp, and more. For our new families, let us extend a huge welcome to you! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and share with other homeschool families in the forest with nature.

Check-in is on Monday, October 10th, from 2 – 5 pm in Homet Lodge. Some friendly faces will be on hand to greet you, check you in, and get you directed to your cabin. Our camp medical person will ask you a few questions to ensure your health and safety while at camp. Please be prepared to turn in a <u>completed</u> Family Medical Form which is included in this packet. Barbara Taber will be available to help you add any activity to our schedule that you may be sponsoring/offering during the week. Canoeing at Jenks Lake will be on our schedule, as well as, the always popular sport, Archery.

Once you are checked in and unloaded at your cabin, please park in the main parking lot, **backed in.**

If you find that you will not arrive for check-in until after 5 pm, please contact Christy Brunker at 571-276-4048 or Rhonda Blue at 714-331-8624. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm on Monday. If your arrival time is going to be after 7:30 pm, you will want to eat before heading up the mountain as the camp kitchen will be closed.

REMINDERS:

- While at camp, please be on time for meals. We'd hate for you to miss out, after 20 minutes, seconds will be served.
- Each cabin will help with meal table set up twice during camp. Please show up 15 minutes prior to the meal period you are assigned to help.

- All tables must be bussed, cleared and cleaned after every meal. Parents are responsible for ensuring their children clean up before running out to play.
- Always park in the parking lot, **facing out.** Please keep your keys with you at all times. In this way, you will be ready to evacuate quickly in an emergency.
- Please never leave any food in your cars or cabins. Exceptions to this are Craig's Cabin and Cabin 6, where all food should be stored in the refrigerator.
- Be sure to drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. The water at Camp de Benneville is so fresh and pure, you'll enjoy drinking lots of it. **Stay hydrated.**
- The camp hot tub is available to those ages 14 and up and 'under 14' is not negotiable. Ages 14 to 17 must have an adult, age 25 or older, with them while in the hot tub area. Never hot tub alone!
- Children may not be in the Coffee House or Library unless they are accompanied by an adult, parents cannot just drop children off. A child may not use camp-provided electronic equipment.
- Quiet time in the cabins and on the trails begins at 10 pm. The lodge is available to you 24/7.
- If you have special dietary needs beyond the basic vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free diets, please bring supplemental food. You're welcome to use the kitchen in Craig's Cabin to store/cook food.

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Camp is a wonderful community building opportunity. We are drawn together through a similar goal – to spend quality time with our family members. To this end, we ask that you not "un-parent" while at camp. Although camp has many wonderful things to explore in nature, children can get easily disoriented in the woods or lost. Allowing children to self-supervise is not permitted in our wilderness setting. Please know where your children are and what they are doing. In this way, we will be able to provide a safe and nurturing community and make memories for our families to cherish for a lifetime.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Christy and Rhonda

Christy Brunker and Rhonda Blue

Camp Co-Deans

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Questions? Email us!





Please pack the following items to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable time at camp:

- Warm jacket
- Hat
- Long pants
- Long-sleeved shirt, T-Shirt
- Comfy pants
- Sweatshirt, sweater
- PJ's
- Underwear and at least 4 pair of sock
- Closed toed shoes
- Sleeping bag or flat sheets & blanket
- Pillow
- Costumes/ Crafts/magazines
- Bug Spray/ repellant
- A really great movie

- 2 towels-
- Dirty clothes bag
- Prescription meds in original med bottle
- Soap, shampoo, comb & hairbrush
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Lotion, lip balm
- Favorite music, instruments
- Sturdy hiking shoes
- Books, jokes, skits, stories, games
- Camera and fresh batteries
- Flashlight and freshbatteries
- WATER BOTTLE- to refill

If you need to reach camp, here are some handy numbers: Janet James, Camp Manager, cell phone (909) 435-6298 Randy Carroll-Bradd, Camp Caretaker, cell phone (210) 216-6125 Camp Office (909) 794-2928 Camp Lodge (909) 794-8712 Camp email: <u>uucamp@aol.com_</u>Camp website: www.uucamp.org Directions on website: <u>http://www.debenneville.org/Information/Directions2Camp.html</u>

ALSO PLEASE BRING ANY 100%COTTON ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO TIE DYE!!

Camp de Benneville Pines Camp RULES

- 1. All persons using the camp facilities must comply with all federal, state and local laws.
- 2. There is no smoking inside buildings or along trails. Smoking is only allowed on cabin decks or inside enclosed cars. Use the green cigarette containers to dispose of butts.
- 3. Do not bring non-prescription or recreational drugs (including marijuana) on to Camp.
- 4. Wear enclosed shoes or boots at all times, unless at the swimming pool.
- 5. After unloading at your cabin, park your car in the main lot with the back end of your car pointing into the woods. This will help you to leave camp quickly in an emergency. Keep your car keys on you at all times. Bring a spare key and keep in luggage.
- 6. In the event of an emergency situation, an alarm will sound. Evacuate your cabin immediately and gather in the area behind the lodge kitchen (volleyball court). Check-in with the Camp Dean or Camp Manager for further instructions.
- 7. Camp dogs are never to leave the camp premises without permission of the Camp Manager.
- 8. No weapons or guns may be brought onto the camp premises.
- 9. No explosives, flammable liquids or poisonous substances shall be brought to camp.
- 10. Please keep any recorded or amplified music played in the Lodge turned down for background music only, unless it is being used for a workshop or talent show presentation.
- 11. Persons under the age of 18 many not use the Lodge or Coffee House between midnight and 6 am unless supervised by a person 25 years or older.
- 12. No one shall use tools, power tools or camp machinery without the permission of the Camp management. This would include tools needed for craft projects.
- 13. All crafts using spray paint, glitter, wax or plaster must be done outside. These projects will not be allowed inside Camp buildings.
- 14. Camp vehicles will not be used for the transportation of campers except in an extreme medical emergency. Campers and staff must wear seat belts while riding in camp vehicles.
- 15. The burning of candles, lanterns or incense is not allowed inside any building or recreational vehicle on Camp property. Some exceptions may be made in the Lodge for workshop purposes.
- 16. DO NOT BRING YOUR PET TO CAMP. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WE MAKE IS FOR CERTIFIED AND TRAINED ASSISTANCE ANIMALS (such as a Seeing Eye Dog).
- 17. There is limited WiFi access at camp. We are on a shared broadband system, and using the system to download music, movies or games is not allowed. We are sorry. When we exceed our allowed usage, the broadband is slowed down to dial up speed.
- 18. We DO ASSESS damage charges for graffiti, excessive wear and tear, chewing gum and other adhesives found in the carpet and furniture. We want to keep things in good order for the next group.
- 19. Please close all cabin doors to keep the heat in and the critters out!
- 20. Carry chains October May while traveling in the San Bernardino Mountains.
- 21. Bring all prescription medications in their original bottle and keep out of reach of children.
- 22. Keep an eye on your children while in camp. They are always your responsibility. Know where they are playing and what they are doing.
- 23. Swimsuits are required at the pool and hot tub unless your group makes other arrangements.
- 24. No one under the age of 14 may ever be in the hot tub. 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 24.
- 25. Never use the hot tub alone. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages allowed at the hot tub.
- 26. Please keep the following numbers in your wallet or pocket while in camp: Camp Manager's cell 909-435-6298; Maintenance Supervisor's cell 210-216-6125. TEXT or CALL either number.

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I understand that if a family member or I become injured or ill while at camp, the Health Supervisor is authorized to determine if we require care outside the bounds of what is available in our wilderness setting. Due to de Benneville's isolation and elevation, any camper remaining ill for more than 12 hours may be asked to leave camp and may only return with authorization from a physician. I have been made aware that it may take 45 minutes or more, for paramedics to respond to a 911 emergency call. If road conditions are icy or hazardous, it may take substantially longer.

I hereby give permission for the camp Health Supervisor to provide routine health care and emergency medical treatment, including ordering x-rays or routine tests to myself and my family members listed above. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing or insurance purposes. I give permission to the retreat organizers or the camp staff to arrange necessary related transportation. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the retreat organizers or camp staff to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization to myself or my family members. I agree to follow the safety rules of the camp and will ensure that my children also follow the rules.

Date ____

Signature of Parent at Camp_]	Date	

Signature of Second Parent at Camp

Camp Dates

Cabin

DIRECTIONS



- Arizona: Take the I-10 West to Oak Glen/Live Oak Canyon Rd. Turn right on to Oak Glen Rd. Follow the road across Yucaipa Blvd and continue to Bryant St., turn left and go to Hwy 38. Turn right. Follow the directions **IN BOLD below** from Hwy 38.
- **Orange Co:** Take the 91 Freeway toward Riverside until it becomes the I-215 East toward San Bernardino. Take the I-10 East to Redlands. Follow the instructions **IN BOLD below** from Redlands.
- Las Vegas: Take the I-15 South to San Bernardino. Take the 210 (formerly Hwy 30) East to Redlands. Exit at San Bernardino Ave. Go through the light to the next street, Lugonia/Hwy 38. Turn left and follow the directions IN BOLD below from Hwy 38

San Take the 101 East to the 134 East to the 210 East. In Redlands, exit at San Bernardino Avenue. Fernando Valley: below from Hwy 38.

- San Diego: Take the I-15 North to the I-215 East toward San Bernardino. In Moreno Valley take the 60 East to the Redlands Blvd exit. Turn left and go North on Redlands Blvd until it dead ends at San Timoteo Canyon Rd. Turn left and continue approximately 1 mile to Live Oak Canyon Rd. Turn right and continue over the 10 Fwy, where the name changes to Oak Glen Rd. Continue through Yucaipa to Bryant St. Turn left, continue to Hwy 38. Turn right. Follow the directions **IN BOLD below** from Hwy 38.
- Ventura: Take the 26 East to the 5 South to the 14 East. Exit for Pear Blossom Hwy/138 East. Go to the I-15 South, taking the 210/30 East to Redlands. Exit at San Bernardino Ave. Go through the light to the next street, Lugonia/Hwy 38. Turn left. Follow the directions IN BOLD below from Hwy 38.
- From I-10, take the University exit. Turn left on University. Turn right on Lugonia/Hwy 38.
 Follow Hwy 38 toward Big Bear, up into the mountains. At the road to Forest Falls, bear to the left, continuing on Hwy 38. At the top of the mountain, pass through the town of Angelus Oaks and continue another 5 ½ miles. Turn right on West Jenks Lake Road. The sign for Camp de Benneville Pines will be on the right approximately 1 ½ mile up. (If you see the sign for Seven Oaks on Hwy 38, you have missed the Jenks Lake turn. Go back to West Jenks Lake Road.)

