



**Camp Transcend Family Camp**

**April 13—15, 2018**

**Camp de Benneville Pines**

**Angelus Oak, California**



April 2, 2018

Dear Fellow Campers,

We're so thrilled that your family registered for Camp Transcend! We look forward to spending time with you at Camp de Benneville Pines in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains.

Included in your Camper Packet are the following items:

1. Important Camp Information
2. Camp de Benneville Pines Rule
3. Camp Schedule
4. Packing List
5. Nurse's Letter
6. Release and Emergency Information Form \*
7. Volunteer Counselor Bios
8. Driving Directions
9. Winter Travel to Camp
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Please take a moment to read through these materials and familiarize yourself with important information. It's especially important to bring warm clothes and bedding in case it gets *really* cold; there are also rules about cabin noise, our photo policy, and child supervision. The Camp Schedule lists all our *fabulous* activities for the weekend. Pay special attention to completing the camp **Release and Emergency Information Form**, which will be required upon arrival.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday, April 13 between 3 – 6 pm. If you're coming from the LA area, please note that Friday traffic heading up the mountain can be heavy, and we recommend trying to get to camp before dark to avoid confusion, which means ideally leaving no later than 3 pm (we suggest trying to leave between 12 – 2 pm). If you'll be arriving later than 6 pm, please contact us by phone or text.

If you haven't signed up yet for a volunteer slot, please follow this [LINK](#) to help out with fun activities like our fairy hut hike, parachute games, or cookie decorating!

We're still a bit low on arts and crafts supplies, so if you'd like to contribute, please donate via our [AMAZON WISHLIST](#) (most items are in the \$5-15 range).

A few notes/miscellany/fun facts:

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Please do **NOT** use a GPS when getting close to camp – it will likely get you lost! (Trust me, I found this out the hard way on our first visit.)

**ALTITUDE:** The camp is located at an altitude of 6,800 feet. This means that: 1) You may get more tired or winded than usual. 2) You may sunburn more quickly or severely. 3) You will constantly need to hydrate (definitely bring refillable water bottles with your name on them).

**INTERNET ACCESS:** It is very limited at camp, although cell service is available depending on your provider.

**CABIN DECORUM:** Since we're sharing common spaces and will be having action-packed days, please keep noise to a minimum after bedtime hours (although if you're a light sleeper like me, bringing earplugs is also not a bad idea).

**PHOTO POLICY:** Since a lot of our campers are not out in their communities, camp provides an opportunity to be their true selves in a safe place. Because of that, we have a strict **NO PHOTOS** policy to protect everyone's privacy. So **please don't take or post pictures of any campers**, and make sure your children are also aware of this. Anyone taking unauthorized photos may be asked to leave camp. If possible, we'd love it if smartphones and other devices stayed in your rooms so that we can all take the opportunity to unplug from the outside world. There will be a camp photographer taking pictures over the course of the weekend (none of which will be posted publicly), and we'll be offering free family photos on Sunday.

**CHILD SUPERVISION:** We're fortunate to have a lot of wonderful counselors volunteering their time – please help them out by making sure to check your child/ren in and out of activities, and make sure that younger kids in particular are supervised.

**ALCOHOL POLICY:** If adults would like to bring alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only), you must make sure they are kept in a locked vehicle all weekend. The kids have access to all other parts of the camp, especially their rooms thus we can't allow alcohol to be stored in the cabins. Please limit consumption to after planned evening activities. No alcohol will be allowed at scheduled camp activities.

You can contact me anytime at [mg@mghennessey.com](mailto:mg@mghennessey.com), or (almost) anytime by phone up until the day before camp starts (Thursday, April 12) at 208-215-7975. If you have any questions the day you're traveling up to camp (Friday, April 13), call or text our Camp Director, Janet James, at 909-435-6298. When texting Janet, please include that you're attending Camp Transcend in your message.

This is going to be such a great weekend filled with kid-friendly activities, parent discussion groups, outdoor family time, a talent show, dance party, great food, and more! I'm really excited to share it with you all.

M.G. Hennessey  
Dean of Camp Transcend  
Camp de Benneville Pines

\*must be filled out and returned at Check-in

## Important Camp Information

**Driving directions are included in this packet: please do NOT use a GPS when getting close to camp – it will likely get you lost! (I found this out the hard way on our first visit.)**

### **Friday's Arrival:**

Camp Check-in will be from 3 – 6 pm on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and dinner will be served from 6 – 7 pm. If you won't be arriving by 7 pm, please stop and eat along the way as the camp kitchen will be closed. The last stop for fast food is McDonald's in Mentone, located on Hwy 38 and Wabash Avenue.

If you're running later than planned when traveling to camp, please call or text the Camp Director, Janet James at 909-435-6298 and let us know. Otherwise, we will worry and send out staff members to find you.

### **Sunday's Departure:**

Lunch will be served on Sunday from 12 – 1 pm. After lunch, we'll pack/pick up our cabins and depart by 2 pm. (It's fine if you need to leave earlier on Sunday.)

### **De Benneville Pines Camp Policy:**

Camp de Benneville Pines is dedicated to providing a safe and fun community for everyone at camp. Disruptive items and behavior that threatens the peace and safety of the community will not be allowed. We have rules which we ask all campers and staff to live by. Everyone is expected to abide by these rules or they will be asked to leave. Safety rules will be discussed with the entire community on the first day of camp. A copy of the camp rules is included in this packet. Please familiarize yourself with the rules and speak with the camp staff if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Snow and Snow Chains:**

There is always a chance of snow this time of year in the San Bernardino Mountains. It is the responsibility of each driver to carry chains when driving in our local mountains October – May. It is also the responsibility of the driver to know how to install the chains. Please review the WINTER TRAVEL sheet included in this packet and be prepared!

### **Lost and Found:**

Please bring only used and worn equipment to camp. Neither the camp nor its employees will be held financially responsible for any lost or stolen clothing, articles or money. Any **Lost and Found** articles are held at camp for four (4) weeks. Articles will be shipped to claimant after receipt of postage. All unclaimed **Lost and Found** items are donated to a local charity organization.

### **Camp Store:**

Our camp store sells souvenirs, camp shirts (for tie-dyeing!), sweatshirts and snacks. The store will be open each day with hours posted on the camp store door.



# Camp de Benneville Pines 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) 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 may 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 are not 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 very limited WiFi access in Camp. We are on a shared broadband system, and using the system to download music, movies or games is not allowed. When we exceed our allowed usage, the broadband is slowed down to dial up speed. Time to unplug and enjoy Camp and all the fun activities! Leave your computer work for when you get back home. Hike a trail, go canoeing, read a book—unplug!
- 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.**
- 24) No one under the age of 14 may ever be in the hot tub.
- 25) Never use the hot tub alone. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages allowed at the hot tub. Please keep the following numbers in your wallet or pocket while in Camp: Camp Manager Janet James' cell 909-435-6298; Maintenance Supervisor Frank Haahr's cell 760-600-6012. TEXT or CALL either number.

## CAMP TRANSCEND APRIL 13 -- 15, 2018

NOTE: Feel free to pick and choose, especially in time slots with multiple activities offered: this is your weekend! Children must be supervised by a parent or counselor at all times, however. (\*Activities are ones most campers participate in.)

TIME	ACTIVITY	CAMP LOCATION
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
3 -- 6 pm	Arrival & Check-in/Snacks Name Tag decorating Supervised outdoor playtime Campers claim bunks	Homet Lodge Homet Lodge Homet Lodge Various Cabin Locations
Served 6 -- 7 pm	<b>Dinner</b> Welcome & Introductions	Homet Lodge Homet Lodge
7 -- 9:30 pm	* Meet & Greet Games *S'mores and campfire songs	Homet Lodge Homet Lodge
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
Served 8 -- 9 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Homet Lodge
9:15 -- 10:30 am	* Discussion Panels	Homet Lodge & other locations
10:30 am -- 12 pm	Fairy Forest (short hike) Tie Dyeing	Meet on Homet Lodge Deck Arts & Crafts Cabin
10:30 am -- 12 pm	Long Hike to Jenks Lake	Meet on Homet Lodge Deck
Served 12 -- 1 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Homet Lodge
1:15 -- 2:30 pm	*Big Buddy/Little Buddy Activity *Mom Group/Dad Group	Arts & Crafts Cabin Homet Lodge
2:30 -- 4 pm	Talent Show Practice Long Hike to Jenks Lake Archery Arts & Crafts Cookie Decorating Bingo (if raining) Drama/Improv Class	Homet Lodge Meet on Homet Lodge Deck Archery Area Arts & Crafts Cabin Kitchen Homet Lodge TBD
4 -- 5:30 pm	*Nat Geo Special & Discussion *Trans/GNC Kids Hangout *Cis sibling Hangout w/counselors	Homet Lodge Arts & Crafts Cabin Homet Lodge
Served 6 -- 7 pm	<b>Dinner</b>	Homet Lodge
Following Dinner Following Show	*Talent Show *Dance Party/Lip Synch Contest	Homet Lodge Homet Lodge
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Served 8 -- 9 am	<b>Breakfast</b>	Homet Lodge
9:15 -- 10:30 am	* Q & A Panel	Homet Lodge
10:30 -- 12 pm	*Closing Circle & Family Photos	Homet Lodge
Served 12 -- 1 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Homet Lodge
1 -- 2 pm	Pack up and Departure (let us know if you need to leave earlier or stay later due to travel requirements)	



## Winter Camp Packing List

### What to Bring

- Warm, waterproof jacket(s)
- Mittens (several pairs)
- Knit cap(s)
- Scarf
- Snow pants
- Long pants
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- Warm PJ's
- Underwear and at least 6 pairs of warm socks (wool or acrylic)
- Two (2) pairs waterproof shoes/boots
- Sleeping bag and/or bedding
- Pillow
- Blankets
- One -two towels/person
- Dirty clothes bag
- Prescription meds in original med bottle
- Soap, shampoo, comb & hairbrush
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Lotion, sunscreen, lip balm
- Favorite music, musical instruments
- Funny hats & costumes
- Games, books and other resources for Cabin Time
- Nightlight for cabin
- Flashlight and fresh batteries
- T-shirts for tie dyeing (or purchase from camp)
- Fairy wings/wands for Fairy Hut activity
- Gently used book or toy for exchange
- Stuffed toys/toys for younger kids
- **CHAINS!** These are a must: The State of California requires that all cars carry chains for winter travels through our area mountains.

If you need to reach camp, here are some handy numbers:

Janet James, Camp Director, cell phone (909) 435-6298

Camp Office (909) 794-1252    Camp Lodge (909) 794-8712

Camp email: [uucamp@aol.com](mailto:uucamp@aol.com)

Camp website: [www.uucamp.org](http://www.uucamp.org)

Directions on website: <http://www.uucamp.org/about-2/directions-to-camp/>

# 2018 Camp Transcend

## Letter from the Camp Nurse



Greetings!

My name is Alic Shook and I will be the nurse for the 2018 Camp Transcend Family Camp. Many of you know me from previous years. I'm looking forward to seeing old faces and meeting all the new campers. Below is some important information about staying healthy and safe at camp.

### Medications

Campers over 18 are responsible for their own medications (prescription, over-the-counter, herbal meds, etc). Parents are responsible for children's medications. Cabin doors do not lock so it's important that you keep your medications stored safely in your luggage, in dressers, etc. when away from your cabin. If you need assistance with medication administration or prefer that I store medications for you, please let me know. I'm happy to help!

### *Inhalers and EpiPens*

If your camper has a rescue-type inhaler (albuterol, etc.), please keep it with you while at camp. The same is true of EpiPens for anaphylactic allergies. Make sure the inhaler/EpiPen is not empty, not expired, and is functioning before you come to camp. If you or your camper(s) use a spacer with the inhaler, be sure to bring that along as well. If you or your camper(s) have an inhaler, but haven't needed it for a while, it might be a good idea to bring it, just in case — exertion in cold, dry air can trigger an asthma attack.

### *Allergies*

If you have not done so already, please notify me or M.G. Hennessey of any allergies you have.

### Dehydration and Altitude

Camp is at an altitude of 6,800 feet. Make sure you and your camper(s) drink plenty of water. If you have a headache, or are feeling a little dizzy or lightheaded, you are most likely dehydrated. Other symptoms include dry mouth and fatigue. Mild altitude sickness can cause similar symptoms as well as poor sleep and poor appetite.

### Snow play (unlikely in April, but not impossible!)

Helmets are required for any kids sledding. This is also state law and non-negotiable. Also, snow ball fights can be dangerous and should be discouraged.

### Emergencies

I can handle bumps and bruises, minor cuts and scrapes, sprained ankles and dispense medications. More serious emergencies may require transportation down the mountain. EMS response time is long, so we tend to err on the side of caution, sending people to get checked before it becomes an emergency.

I will be available 24/7 during camp. If you have a medical or health issue that you would like to discuss prior to camp, you're welcome to e-mail me at [alic.shook@gmail.com](mailto:alic.shook@gmail.com) or call at 415-265-6575. I will also have my cell phone at camp, although reception can be spotty.

Looking forward to seeing you at camp! Let's have a fun and safe weekend.

Alic

# Emergency Information and Release Form for Families Attending Camp de Benneville Pines

Parent (Primary Insured) at Camp \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Second Parent at Camp \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Child Camper \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Child Camper \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Child Camper \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

List additional family members on reverse

## Please initial each Release below and submit to camp as part of the Check-in process

### Medical Release

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) I understand that if a family member or I become injured or ill while at camp, the Health Supervisor is authorized to determine if I require care outside the bounds of that 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 return only with authorization from a physician. I have been made aware that it can take 45 minutes or more for paramedics to respond to a 911 emergency call. If road conditions are icy or hazardous, it can take substantially longer. I agree to follow the safety rules of the camp.

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) 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 for myself or family members. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing or insurance purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) 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 family members.

### Release of Liability

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) I waive and release all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage that may occur as a result of engaging in camp activities. This discharges in advance Camp de Benneville Pines, its employees and other agents from liability even though that liability may arise out of their negligence. I know that being in a forest retreat setting involves a risk of accidents, and I willingly assume the risk. This waiver, release and assumption of risk is binding on my heirs and assigns.

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) I agree to follow the safety rules of camp and assume responsibility to ensure my children also follow the rules.

### Release of Contact Information

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) I understand my contact information above will be shared with Camp so they can keep me in the loop on what's happening all year long. Camp will not share any information with third-party entities, ever.

### Photo Release

\_\_\_\_\_(initial) I give permission and consent for all persons associated with my registration to allow photographs/video to be taken during camp session activities. I further give permission and consent that any such photographs may be published and used by Camp de Benneville Pines and its agents to illustrate and promote the camp experience, Camp de Benneville Pines, and its camp programs. Camp will not identify Campers by name without their permission.

If family is covered by medical/hospital insurance, attach a copy of your card to this form. If you have no insurance, please provide social security numbers for each family member at camp on a separate piece of paper so care can be obtained at County Hospital.

Emergency Contact (not at camp)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Email/SMS \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies to food, medication and/or anesthetics, environmental factors. Indicate which family member and describe reactions (use other side for additional information).

Known medical problems/conditions and medical treatment that may be needed at camp (use other side for additional information).

Please list all medications (OTC & RX) that you will be taking while at camp (use other side for additional information).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Release and Emergency Information Form for Adults Attending Camp de Benneville Pines

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Gender Neutral \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial each Release below and submit to camp as part of the Check-in process

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\_\_\_\_\_(initial) 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. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing or insurance purposes.

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Emergency Information – all information below will be shredded after camp. We do not retain medical records for adult campers.

Medical Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (not at camp)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Email/SMS \_\_\_\_\_

My immunizations are up to date: YES NO Date of last tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Known allergies to food, medication and/or anesthetics, environmental factors (use other side for additional information)

Known medical problems/conditions and medical treatment that may be needed at camp (use other side for additional information)

Please list all medications (OTC & RX) that you will be taking while at camp (use other side for additional information)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Counselor Bios

**Alex:** Male. AFAB. Straight. Boyfriend to camp counselor Melody. Living authentically for a quarter century. Avid adventurer & volunteer. Candy addict. Motorcycle junkie. Arizona resident. One of 5 people in the world who have never had a Facebook account. He/Him

**Melody:** Female. Cisgender. Girlfriend to camp counselor Alex. Fierce trans ally. From OK, currently living in AZ. Put me in a thrift store or take me to hear live music and I'm a happy girl.

**Betti:** Cisgender female. Mom to Alic and mother-in-law to Kevin. Only child. Loves cycling, music, and belong to a competitive acapella chorus. She/Her

**M.G./Michelle:** Cis mom of an 11yo transgender boy. Former modern dancer, current LGBTQ+ advocate. Author of thrillers and (apparently) organizer of family camps. Reluctant LA transplant, insomniac, and TV binge watcher. She/Her

**Alic:** Alic is a pediatric emergency medicine nurse and a doctoral student in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington. His research concerns the experiences of transgender and non-binary youth navigating the healthcare system. He has been involved with camp since 2012 and has served on the Camp Aranu'tiq leadership team. He is a swimmer, a cyclist, and a triathlon hopeful. He lives with his husband, Kevin, in Seattle, WA. Alic identifies as transgender and non-binary and uses the pronouns he, him, they, them.

**Kevin:** Kevin has been involved with camp since 2014 and has served at both family camp and summer camp. In his non-camp life, he works as a Diversity & Inclusion Strategist where one of his primary focuses has been increasing visibility for transgender and non-binary people in the workplace. He is a music enthusiast and accomplished piano player. He lives in Seattle, Washington with his husband Alic, and their fur child, Gracie. Kevin identifies as cisgender and uses he/him pronouns.

**Aubrey:** Aubrey Sassoon, She/Her, Queer trans woman, recent UCLA graduate in Anthropology, and facilitator for the Los Angeles-area Transforming Family group for teens and older youth.

**Nia:** Black Trans Woman. AMAB & straight. Former foster youth turned child welfare professional. Originally from Boston, MA (Go Sox!). Now living in LA and eating lots of brunch. My favorite TV show of all time is The Golden Girls.

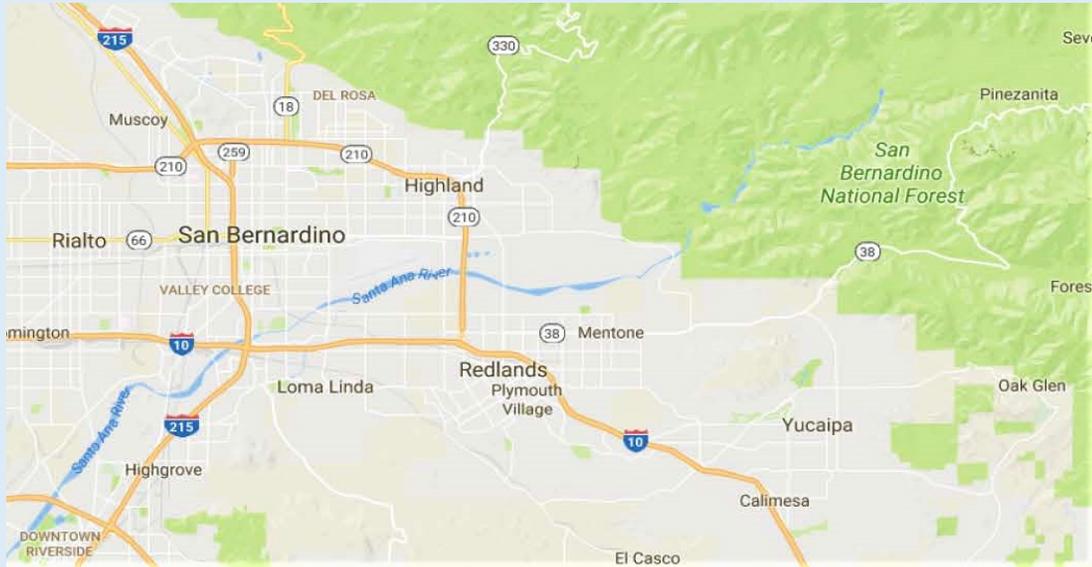
**Deanna:** Female (she/her/hers), Lesbian, spouse to camp counselor Cathy (officially since 1975). AMAB. Retired teacher/clergy/chaplain/ counselor/clinician/ & law enforcement. Consummate Mom/Grandmother. Gearhead gal!

**Cathy:** female, cisgender, lesbian (late bloomer on that, who knew?). Spouse to Deanna since 1975, mom to guys age 33 & 31. Besides my family, my bliss is a stack of new and old favorite books; I'll always squeeze out time to read them.

**Dean:** AFAB trans masculine, transitioned through high school. Living in northern California. Artist of all mediums and animal lover. Interested in all things nerdy and beyond but I don't know much.

**Michelle:** female cisgender, straight. Dean's mom, and a trans ally. Born in Montana, lived most of my life in northern California. I like thrift stores, warm beaches, dancing to live music, and animals.

## DIRECTIONS to Camp de Benneville Pines



- 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 become the I-215 East toward San Bernardino. Take the I-10 East to Redlands. Follow the directions **in BOLD below** from Redlands.
- Las Vegas:** Take the I-15 South to San Bernardino. Take the 210 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 Fernando Valley:** Take the 101 East to the 134 East to the 210 East. In 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 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 and follow the directions **in BOLD below** from Hwy 38.
- Ventura:** Get on US-101 and exit onto I-210 East. Continue on I-210 and exit at Live Oak Canyon Road. Turn left, 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.
- Redlands:** From I-10, take University exit. Turn left on University. Turn right on Lugonia/Hwy 38. Follow the directions **in BOLD below** from Hwy 38.
- From 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 5.5 miles. Turn right on to Jenks Lake Road, West. The sign for Camp de Benneville Pines will be on the right, approximately 1.5 miles up. (If you see the sign for Seven Oaks on Hwy 38, you have missed the Jenks Lake turn. Go back to Jenks Lake Road, West.

## Winter Travel to Camp

Before beginning a trip to camp, please review the following suggestions offered by Cal Trans and the California Highway Patrol to help promote safe winter travel:

- ❖ **When planning a trip** – Before you leave you should know where you are going. Check on the road conditions. Plan your route. Make sure your car is winterized. Buy or rent the correct sized chains to fit your vehicle. Check antifreeze for colder temperatures, brakes, windshield wipers, defroster heater and exhaust system. Make sure your tires have good tread for added traction on icy roads.
- ❖ **Emergency items** – Consider carrying the following items in your vehicle: flashlight with good batteries, deicer or ice scraper, gloves, an old jacket (should you need to be on the ground installing chains), a plastic garbage bag to kneel on, a small broom to brush snow from your car, a shovel, sand or kitty litter for traction, warm blanket, thermos with hot beverage and a few candy or snackbars.
- ❖ **Driving tips** – Be especially observant of road conditions. Watch out for snow removal equipment, and never attempt to pass snowplows in the unplowed lanes. Safe speeds on dry roads can be deadly on icy and snowy roads. Adjust your speed limit to match conditions. Observe speed limits. Chain control speed limit is 25 mph except where posted. Highway 38 from Angelus Oaks to camp can be very icy. Much of the highway is shaded in the late afternoon, so ice can form on the road before nightfall. Allow plenty of drive time. Keep your gas tank full in case you experience delays or need to make unexpected detours. When stopping on winter roads, never apply brakes suddenly. Pump them gently to avoid locking the wheels. Use a lower gear if possible to slow down. Leave plenty of stopping room between you and the car in front of you. Always make sure everyone in the car has their seat belt buckled.
- ❖ **Chains are a fact of life** – You must stop and put on chains when highway signs indicate that chains are required. There is about a mile between the “Chains Required” sign and the check point where you will be required to stop to install your chains. Failure to install the chains is a citable offense. Conversely, when you are removing your chains, drive beyond the “End of Chain Control” sign to an appropriate pull-off area. Try to install chains on a flat or level surface.

If you use the services of a chain installer, make sure you get a receipt and then write the installer’s badge number on it. Chain installers are independent business people and are not employed by Cal Trans. They set their own rates, which generally run between \$20 and \$25 per vehicle. Chain installers are not allowed to sell or rent chains, so be prepared with chains prior to driving up into the mountains. Many stores sell chains (Pep Boys, Wal-Mart, Auto Zone, etc.) It is a good idea to practice installing your chains before leaving home.

**Remember to put chains on front tires for front-wheel drive vehicles, rear tires for rear-wheel drive vehicles.**

**DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE CAMP’S DRIVEWAY WITHOUT CHAINS IF THE “CHAINS REQUIRED” SIGN IS POSTED AT THE ENTRANCE INTO CAMP.** *Only four-wheel drive vehicles can make it into camp without chains.* **Do not install chains in the camp’s driveway. Please do not block traffic.**

- ❖ **Chain Requirement Code – R2:** Chains required on all vehicles except four-wheel drive vehicles. All two-wheel drive vehicles must install chains. Four-wheel drive vehicles with mud-and-snow tires may proceed as long as they are carrying chains. **R3:** Chains required on ALL vehicles. No exceptions. This is a rare occurrence in the San Bernardino Mountains, come prepared! **CARRY CHAINS! CARRY CHAIN TENSIONERS!**
- ❖ For current road conditions, call 800-427-7623 or log-on to [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/)
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