



CAMP QUEST WEST

NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA

SUMMER 2019



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Dear Parent,

As you read this, our volunteers are busy getting things ready for what will be our biggest, most exciting year ever!

What to Expect

Camp Quest West combines world-class science and critical thinking with the traditional All American camp experience. Our archery instructors, lifeguards, and camp counselors are looking forward to ensuring each child has an amazing experience.



Campfires, board games, hiking, swimming, arts and crafts, and even stargazing are just a few of the items back by popular demand. Campers will choose between electives as diverse as songwriting, survival skills, rocketry and more!

Every counselor has been Live Scanned (fingerprinted), background-checked, and extensively trained, including CPR and first aid certifications. A health supervisor is always on site.

Our theme for 2019 is a quote by Paul Brandt: **“Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon.”**

Our activity development team is already hard at work crafting this year's camp activities, sure to include a bit of everything:

- Science
- Skepticism
- Aesthetics
- Myth
- Interpersonal skill development
- Independent thought and action
- Community building
- Discussion – an interchange of ideas

Please continue through our Welcome Letter. You'll find all kinds of useful information. And if you still have questions, don't hesitate to contact us using the details on the following page. We'll see you soon,

-Brian Parra, Board President

Northern California - Week 1 - Quick Reference Info

Times and Dates

Sacramento Bus Drop-Off:	Sunday, June 30 th , between 12 and 12:30 PM
Camp Ross Relles Drop-Off:	Sunday, June 30 th , between 3 and 5 PM
Camp Starts:	Sunday, June 30 th , at 5 PM
Camp Checkout Starts:	Last Name ending A-L: Saturday, July 6 th , at 1 PM
-Timeslots to reduce waiting	Last Name ending M-Z: Saturday, July 6 th , at 2PM
Final Checkout:	Saturday, July 6 th , at 3:30 PM

CAMP QUEST WEST HAS A TEXT SYSTEM THAT WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ANY CHANGES TO DATES, TIMES, BUS SCHEDULE, ROAD CONDITIONS OR HAZARDS, ETC.

YOUR PRIMARY PHONE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENROLLED IN THIS SERVICE. IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR PHONE IN OUR SYSTEM, PLEASE CONTACT US AT REGISTRAR@CAMPQUESTWEST.ORG

Health Note: We will call you if an injury or illness requires extended stay in infirmary, is repeating or requires advanced care. www.campquestwest.org/policies

Important Contacts

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DURING CAMP

Wendy Sparks, Registrar
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In case of an emergency, Wendy will contact the Camp Director directly.

Camp Director: Megan Pike

Important Addresses

OFFICE ADDRESS

Camp Quest West
P.O. Box 1083
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

DRIVING TO CAMP

Camp Ross Relles
25001 N. Bloomfield Rd.
Nevada City, CA 95959

SENDING MAIL TO CAMP

Your Child's Name
C/O Camp Quest West @ Camp Ross Relles
25001 N. Bloomfield Rd.
Nevada City, CA 95959
(Please allow 2-3 days for delivery. If mail delivered after camp has ended, it will be returned.)

Northern California - Week 2 - Quick Reference Info

Times and Dates

Sacramento Bus Drop-Off:	Sunday, July 7 th , between 12 and 12:30 PM
Camp Ross Relles Drop-Off:	Sunday, July 7 th , between 3 and 5 PM
Camp Starts:	Sunday, July 7 th , at 5 PM
Checkout Starts:	Last Name Ending A-L: Saturday, July 13 th , at 1 PM
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Northern California – Double Session - Quick Reference Info

Times and Dates

Sacramento Bus Drop-Off:	Sunday, June 30 th , between 12 and 12:30 PM
Camp Ross Relles Drop-Off:	Sunday, June 30 th , between 3 and 5 PM
Camp Starts:	Sunday, June 30 th , at 5 PM
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Nevada City, CA 95959

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25001 N. Bloomfield Rd.
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Southern California - Quick Reference

Times and Dates

Camp Wrightwood Drop-Off:	Sunday, July 21st, between 3 and 5 PM
Camp Starts:	Sunday, July 21st, at 5 PM
Checkout:	Last Name ending A-L: Saturday, July 27 th , at 1 PM
-Timeslots to reduce waiting	Last Name ending M-Z: Saturday, July 27 th , at 2 PM
Final Checkout:	Saturday, July 27 th , at 3:30 PM

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DRIVING TO CAMP

Lions Wrightwood Camp
22801 Big Pines Hwy
Wrightwood, CA 92397

SENDING MAIL TO CAMP

Your Child's Name
C/O Camp Quest West @ Camp Wrightwood
PO Box 98
Wrightwood, CA 92397
(Please allow 2-3 days for delivery. If mail delivered after camp has ended, it will be returned.)

Will your artwork adorn the next Camp Quest T-shirt? Put on your creative cap show us what you've got!

Prize

The first-place winner gets bragging rights ALL WEEK LONG! Plus, a Baskin-Robbins gift certificate to treat yourself and a friend to sundaes! Your work will appear on the camp shirt in all of our sessions.

Additional entries might get prizes too, so give it your best shot!

How to Enter

- Step 1: Choose one color for the t-shirt
- Step 2: Choose 1-2 colors for the drawing
- Step 3: Create your design – by computer or on paper
- Step 4: Hurry! Submit your design via email or post by May 13:

Brian. Parra@CampQuestWest.org

Camp Quest West T-Shirt Contest
PO Box 1083
Fair Oaks, CA 95628



Judging Criteria

Camp Quest West's board of directors will choose a winner (or multiple winners and combine their ideas) based on how well the design illustrates this year's theme:

Past Winning Designs



PACKING RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend nametags on all of your items.

- T-Shirts (7 or 8)
 - Long-sleeved Shirt and/or Sweatshirt (1)
 - Shorts (4 or 5)
 - Jeans (1 or 2 pair) ★
 - Pajamas (for walking to the bathroom)
 - Underwear and Socks (7 or 8 pairs)
 - Swim Suit (1 or 2)
 - Closed-Toe Shoes (1 or 2 pair) ★
 - Sneakers (2 pair) and Sandals (1 pair)
 - Water Shoes [VERY important for anyone using the pool as the bottom is VERY rough and will eat your feet]
 - Bandana, Headband, Scrunchie
 - Hat (to avoid sunburn)
 - Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, comb/brush, etc)
 - Sunblock
 - Bath Towel (1) ★
 - Beach Towel (1)
 - Sleeping Bag and Pillow (with pillowcase)
 - Flashlight (and extra batteries) ★
 - Water Bottle (1 or 2) ★
 - Bug Spray
 - ★ The Top Five Things Campers Wish they Brought!
- ** Do not bring brand new shoes – they are often uncomfortable and you know they are going to get dirty.

Optional Items

- Stationary, Envelopes, Stamps
- Swim Goggles
- Portable Music Player (see below)
- Cards or Board Game
- Sports equipment (see below)
- Books or eReader (see below)
- Power Strip or Charge Cords
- Musical Instruments
- Dirty Clothes Bag

Special Notes

Double Session campers will have an opportunity to wash their clothes between sessions so you don't need to double-pack. (This doubles as a learning experience – bonus!)

We do not permit personal electronics, unless they provide ONLY music or reading capabilities. Devices that provide games, cameras, web browsing, email, social networking, Wi-Fi, or texting capabilities will not be permitted at camp. This policy is for the safety and well-being of all campers.

The Pastafarian Pirate Carnival and Dance is STRICTLY casual and pirate or zombie costumes are encouraged. Lubbers wearin' yer fancy three-piece suits and prom dresses will be walkin' the plank.

Personal food brought to camp is limited to a single, one-gallon, plastic baggie and nothing that will leak or require refrigeration. For everyone's safety, campers must check-in food and pharmaceuticals at registration. Please do not mail additional food.

Bringing personal sporting equipment is encouraged, like softball gloves. Campers must check-in any gear that could potentially be a weapon (like a bow and arrow), with the quartermaster, so use can be limited to safety areas.

Parking is limited, and campers should not drive cars to camp without prior approval from the camp director.

We **STRICTLY prohibit alcohol, weapons, illegal drugs, and live animals (unless required for ADA accommodation and pre-arranged with the camp)**. Learn more at campquestwest.org/policies/



Driving to Camp Ross Relles – All NorCal Sessions

If you are driving to camp, Camp Ross Relles is located 2 hours north of Sacramento. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to drive (and maybe even get lost) if this will be your first trip there.

- I-80 towards Auburn
- Highway 49 North (towards Grass Valley)
- 29 miles Drive through Auburn and Grass Valley
- Left to stay on Hwy 49 towards Downieville (just after Nevada City)
- Do not take North Bloomfield Road. Nothing to see here. Move along Hwy 49.
- 7 miles Pass over the Yuba River.
- 3½ miles Right onto Tyler Foote Crossing Road
(there's a sign for "Malakoff Diggins State Park and North Columbia")
- Pass an old school house.
- 8½ miles Stay straight onto Cruzon Grade Road (letting Tyler Foote Crossing Road branch to the left)
- 5 miles Right onto Derbec Road (Malakoff Diggins State Park)
- 1 mile Left onto North Bloomfield Road (becomes a dirt road)
- ½ mile Arrive at Camp Ross Relles
25001 N. Bloomfield Road (right side)

Parking is limited. Please slow down as you approach camp and follow the instructions of our staff as they direct you into parking areas.

Sacramento Bus

To save you time, we are sponsoring a bus from Sacramento to Camp Ross Relles, at no extra charge. If you would like to use the bus, meet us on Sunday between 12 and 12:30 PM to check-in at Regency Community Park (5500 Honor Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95835).

We will be leaving promptly at 1:00 PM. Late arrivals will need to drive to Camp Ross Relles.

So that we can make appropriate plans, please let our registrar know by June 1st if you will be using our Sacramento bus. You can contact her at registrar@campquestwest.org.

The bus to camp is ONE-WAY, so you will still be picking up your child(ren) on Saturday, at the end of camp.

More information about our transportation safety procedures is available at campquestwest.org/policies/

Driving to Camp Wrightwood - SOCAL

If you are driving to camp, Camp Wrightwood is located 45 minutes northwest of San Bernardino. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to drive (and maybe even get lost) if this will be your first trip there.

FROM RIVERSIDE, SAN DIEGO, ORANGE COUNTY

I-15 or I-215 North towards Barstow

As soon I-15 and I-215 merges, be on the lookout for Hwy 138

7½ miles Left onto Hwy 138 West

8½ miles Left onto Hwy 2 (Angeles Crest Hwy)

9 miles Drive through the lovely city of Wrightwood

Right onto Big Pines Hwy (LA County Road N-4)

3 miles Arrive at Lions Camp Wrightwood (right side)
22801 Big Pines Highway

FROM SAN FERNANDO, LOS ANGELES, VENTURA, AND BAKERSFIELD

I-5 or I-405 towards San Fernando

Near the merger of I-5, I-405, and I-210, be on the lookout for CA-14 (San Fernando Pass)

CA-14 North (towards Palmdale / Lancaster)

30 miles Right onto Angeles Forest Hwy / Sierra Hwy (towards Victorville)

1½ miles Sierra Highway becomes Pearblossom Highway, which later becomes CA-138

12 miles Right onto Largo Vista Road (LA County Road N-4)

6½ miles Left onto Big Pines Hwy (LA County Road N-4)

4 miles Arrive at Lions Camp Wrightwood (left side)
22801 Big Pines Highway

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Flying to Camp

If your camper is flying to or from camp, let us help you! We can arrange for transportation between the airport and camp. This service is included with the price of camp. They must use Sacramento (SMF) for the NorCal Camp or Ontario (ONT) for the SoCal Camp.

Incoming: Please arrange the incoming flight so your camper can arrive between 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Sunday, the first day of camp. One of our volunteers will pick your camper up from the airport and bring them to camp.

Departing: Please schedule the flight for 6:00 PM or later on Saturday, the last day of camp. One of our volunteers will drive your camper to the airport and escort them safely to their flight gate.

If these times will not work for you, please contact our transportation coordinator at registrar@campquestwest.org and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Please email the following to our transportation coordinator as soon as possible:

Arrival Airline and Flight Number:

Arrival Time:

Departure Airline and Flight Number:

Departure Time:

Phone to Reach You:

Phone to Reach Camper (if applicable):

Unaccompanied Minor (please circle): Yes No

Once we have your details, we will schedule volunteers to help with pick up and/or drop off.

We will provide you with:

- the name and cell phone number of the volunteer(s) picking up/dropping off your camper (Note: If your camper is flying as an unaccompanied minor, you must register our volunteer's name with the airline.)
- a document for your camper on the day of their incoming flight — with contact numbers
- a big Camp Quest sign at the airport for your camper(s) to recognize us
- a phone call once your camper(s) has been picked up (and dropped off)

Please Support Camp Quest

Camp is a powerful experience that gets kids involved with new ideas and builds a community that can last a lifetime. Religious camps are subsidized by their communities; our children deserve the same opportunity.

We are an all-volunteer organization, and every donation directly supports families that cannot afford to send their children to camp.

Nearly all of our expenses are direct program costs including staff development, health and safety, camp facilities, food, art supplies, insurance, and t-shirts.

Please donate today by sending a check to Camp Quest West @ PO Box 1083, Fair Oaks, CA 95628 or donate securely online at www.CampQuestWest.org/donate/.

Here is what your donation can provide:

- \$50– Art Project Supplies
- \$100 – Archery Set
- \$400 – Volunteer’s Bunk and Food
- \$722 – Campership for a Child

Camp Quest West is a registered 501C3 organization (EIN: 26-3671071) and your donation is tax-deductible.

Camp Quest Events

Come out and join us at any of our local Camp Quest events, scattered throughout the state during the spring. Learn more about who we are, what we teach, and how you can help.

For the latest list of events, check out our website at www.CampQuestWest.org/events/ or via our Facebook events.

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