

# THE OPEN ROAD

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Your access to all the happenings at Camping Unlimited.



**2011 YEAR-ROUND CAMPERS** spend time playing in the snow in Truckee, CA.

**NEW TIMES for  
YEAR-ROUND  
TRIPS!**

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# KEEPING UP WITH CAMP

## A Word from the Executive Director

Spring 2011

Greetings from the hill! Life is a little wet right now, but plans for the spring and summer are moving along well. Be sure to check out our trips for the next two months, which will conclude with our second annual trip to Southern California for white-water rafting with our friends at Leapz 'N Boundz. Last year everyone had a great time and I'm sure we will have a repeat performance this year.

We are still accepting applications for summer camp. You can download an application from our website, [www.campingunlimited.com](http://www.campingunlimited.com), or you can call Gail at 510-222-6662 to have an application mailed to you. We do have a limited amount of scholarship money available for those who need some financial

help, and you can also try some fundraising on your own. A few ideas are having a yard sale or bake sale with the proceeds going to help supplement your camper's fee for camp. Does your camper have a birthday or other special event coming up? Gifts of partial scholarships in their name by family or friends would be a great gift idea. We are willing to work with any families on payment plans to help make camp more affordable for you. To set up a payment plan, or for scholarship information, email the bookkeeper at [bookkeeper@campingunlimited.com](mailto:bookkeeper@campingunlimited.com) ●

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## Ways to Help Camping Unlimited

### Information about ways to get involved with fundraising.

Like many non-profits, we are facing continued challenges in this difficult economy and ask for your kind support.

#### Financial Gifts

It's easy to donate online through our website at [www.campingunlimited.com](http://www.campingunlimited.com) with the DONATION button. We will send you a letter for income tax deduction.

#### Check with Employers

Many companies have "giving" programs or matching donation programs that can greatly help

our Camping Unlimited programs.

#### Donate Supplies

Camp Krem's art program is in need of any type of supplies that you could donate. We need basic supplies to foster our innovative artists.

#### Honor/Memorial Giving

Send an "In Honor Of" donation which will be printed in our newsletter to the friends and family of Camping Unlimited. ●

## New! "Fundraiser" Overnight

Campers can raise money to attend summer camp.

We are now offering an overnight trip for campers to raise money to attend summer camp this year. This is a new program this year and we hope that it will allow people to offset the increased costs of attending Camp Krem this summer. This new program will take part during the overnight in March.

The "Walk-a-Thon" event will take place on Saturday in Boulder Creek. Campers are in charge of finding sponsors to donate money for the distance or amount of time they are walking. If you are interested in this event, copy the letter at the end of this column to send out to friends and family for sponsorship. We will then keep track of the distance

or time spent walking (camper's choice) and get in touch with your sponsors for the donation.

#### Sample Letter

Dear Friend/Family,  
I will be taking part in a Walk-a-Thon to raise money to attend Camp Krem this summer. The event will take place in Boulder Cree on March 12th, 2011. All of the money I raise at the Walk-a-Thon will help me pay for summer camp. You can check out the website at [www.campingunlimited.com](http://www.campingunlimited.com) to see pictures of camp.

If you can help send me to camp, please sign up to sponsor me in the Walk-a-Thon by agreeing to donate

for every distance/amount of time (camper choice) I walk. To sponsor, contact Gail in the business office at (510) 222-6662 with the amount you are willing to pay. And don't forget to tell her who you are sponsoring! After the event, you will be contacted to talk about how well I did!

Thank you for helping me pay for summer camp. Anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,  
Camper Name



COREY enjoying an exhibit at the Chabot Space Center.

## 2011 SUMMER CAMP FEES

|               | Length  | Dates                    | Fee    |
|---------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|
| Session One   | 12 Days | June 5th - June 16th     | \$1680 |
| Session Two   | 10 Days | June 19th - June 28th    | \$1400 |
| Session Three | 10 Days | July 2nd - July 11th     | \$1400 |
| Session Four  | 10 Days | July 16th - July 25th    | \$1400 |
| Session Five  | 7 Days  | July 30th - August 5th   | \$980  |
| Session Six   | 7 Days  | August 7th - August 13th | \$980  |

Camper to counselor ratio for the above fees are 3:1. There will be a limited number of 1:1 spots available for an added fee of \$50/day.

Don't Forget...

**Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser**  
**Saint Mary's High School**  
**April 16th, 5 pm**

#### We need help with...

- Donations for bake sale
- Donations for auction
- Decorations
- Volunteers for event

# YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE

## Walk-a-Thon Overnight

**March 12th-13th, 2011**  
**10 am, Saturday - 5 pm, Sunday**

We are using this overnight to raise money for campers' summer camp accounts. Campers are in charge of getting sponsors for the distance/time (camper choice) they spend walking. After the event, we will let all the sponsors know how well they did walking in Boulder Creek and collect donations! We'll also have time for a St. Patrick's day dance!

## Tilden Nature Area (New times!)

**March 19th, 2011**  
**10 am - 6 pm**

This is a popular farmer's market in San Francisco and they will be featuring displays and demonstrations about honey. In addition to these special demonstrations, there is always good food and music to entertain us!

## San Francisco Zoo

**March 26, 2011**  
**10 am - 6 pm**

Doesn't everyone love to explore exotic animals and exhibits? If you love zoo animals, this is the trip for you! We'll head to the famous San Francisco zoo to learn more about animals from different parts of the world.

## Oakland A's Game (Sunday trip!)

**April 3rd, 2011**  
**10 am - 6 pm**

Let's go cheer on the A's as they take on the Seattle Mariners! The game is at 1:00 pm, so we'll get there in time to enjoy lunch and watch the team warm up before the game.

## Boardwalk Overnight

**April 9th, 2011**  
**10 am, Saturday - 5 pm, Sunday**

We're going to the Boardwalk! On Saturday, we'll drive straight from Emeryville to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and spend the day there. Camp will buy some ride tickets, but bring some extra money for snacks or extra rides.

## Travel Camp - White Water Rafting (\$550)

**April 28th - May 2nd, 2011**  
**10 am, Thursday - 5 pm, Monday**

We are joining our friends from Leapz 'N Boundz to go white-water rafting! Because of its previous success, we are repeating this trip from last year. However, we are adding to the trip by staying one night before and one night after we meet up with the Leapz 'N Boundz group. This way we won't have to miss out on anything!

| 2011 YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM FEES |                 |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                              | 3:1 Supervision | 1:1 Supervision |
| 1-Day Trip                   | \$100           | \$120           |
| 2-Day Trip                   | \$200           | \$240           |
| 3-Day Trip                   | \$300           | \$360           |

Please note that as of January 1, 2011 we will be increasing the fees for Year-Round Programs. Payment is expected on the day of the trip.

### Unlimited Thanks To:

Family of Emitza Lizberger, CIT  
 Madeline Kefline  
 Dave Maynard  
 through First Giving  
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 Family of Patrick Underwood  
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### Memorials

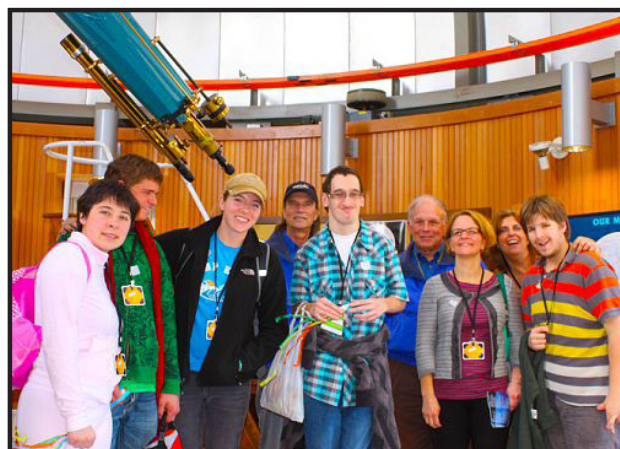
Rosalycy D. Olson  
 in Memory of Bill Wylie

### Grants Given By

George H. Sandy Foundation  
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### Tributes to Patrick Underwood

Karl Marshall  
 Thomas White  
 and Catherine Bacle White  
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 Norma Murphy  
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 Ann P. Kaganoff  
 Julianne Schrick  
 Joanne and Jack Sims  
 Derrick and Kay Coffee  
 Marion Marshall  
 and Geoff Underwood  
 Rory Maddock



YEAR-ROUND GROUP at the Chabot Space Center.

## Bus Schedule

**SAN JOSE:** Take the Camden Road exit off Rte-880 (heading North). Pick-up is at the Jack In the Box just after you get off the exit.

**EMERYVILLE:** Take the Powell Street Exit off of I-80 (heading West). Turn right on to Powell and turn left on Christie. Turn right on Shellmound Way. Look to the left, you will see Border's Bookstore. We meet in the parking lot across from Borders.

Pick up and drop off times are confirmed upon camper's acceptance on the trip. We will wait 15 minutes past the pick-up time. If you are going to be late or if you need to cancel, please call Alyssa at (209) 747-8171.

# THE FINAL WORD

## Camp Wishlist

### HEAVY DUTY

Class B bus driver (Important!)  
New copy machine  
Freezer  
Wireless microphones  
Portable sound system  
Sod for new lawn area  
Locking screen doors for Hall

### OFFICE SUPPLIES

Black pens  
Black sharpies  
Computer paper  
Duct, masking and scotch tape  
HP print cartridges  
(# 21, 22, 88, 96 and 901)

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

Button maker  
Construction paper  
Butcher paper  
Colored pencils  
Crayons  
Tempura paints  
Liquid glue  
Glue sticks  
Beads  
T-Shirts for Tie-Dying

### COSTUME ROOM

Disney costumes  
Long dresses  
Hats  
Jewelry  
Handbags  
Plastic bins



ERIC learning at the Exploratorium.

*"One of the things about equality is not just that you be treated equally to a man, but that you treat yourself equally to the way you treat a man."*

*Marlo Thomas*

## FAQs About the Year-Round Program

### Answers to your frequently asked questions about the Year-Round Program.

1. *How do I sign up a camper for a trip?*

Once you have picked out what trips you want your camper to be a part of, please call our main office. Your camper will then be put on a "wait list" until the number of volunteer chaperones has been confirmed. You will then receive an email to confirm that your camper is still interested in attending.

2. *If I sign up a camper, will they automatically go on the trip?*

No. Please do not assume that there will be space for your camper on the trip. You will receive a confirmation call the week of the trip if there is space available. At times there are not enough volunteer staff to adequately support the number of campers to maintain a 3:1 supervision ratio.

3. *If space is limited, how is it decided which campers will go on a trip?*

Typically, selection is first-come, first-serve. We also have to factor in the number of volunteers and the needs of the camper (i.e. 1:1 support). However, for our weekend trips (which are very popular),

we try to give everyone who has signed up for a weekend trip the chance to go on at least one weekend trip during the year. For example, if there is not enough space for a camper on the Halloween weekend trip, we try to reserve a spot on the next weekend trip. There are also times we utilize a lottery system. In all circumstances, we try to be as fair as possible so that a variety of campers get the opportunity to attend a trip.

4. *Are trips cancelled?*

We try our best to avoid canceling a trip. There are times when a trip has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers or lack of sign-ups. We notify you as soon as we make the decision to cancel a trip.

5. *Do campers need to bring extra money?*

Camp will pay for the entrance to events but does not provide lunch. Please bring a packaged lunch on every trip. If campers want to buy souvenirs or snacks, they will need to bring

their own money. We will inform you of any extra activities that campers may want to pay for.

### IMPORTANT YEAR-ROUND TRIP INFORMATION:

Please call Gail at (510) 222-6622 before each trip to sign up. Sign up for the trip at least one week before the trip date. Registration will be closed the week before the Saturday trips.

*Confirmation calls will be made Monday before the trip.* If you must cancel, it is extremely important that you let us know as soon as possible. Trip fees can be mailed in to the Camping Unlimited office or given to Directors on the trip.

When you attend the trips, be sure to mark all belongings with camper's name and bring a bag lunch. Please be sure that medications are put in separate bags and in original containers. We encourage campers not to bring cell phones, CD player, or CDs. We take no responsibility if these items are brought on trips and subsequently lost. ●

## A Word from the Year-Round Director

### Information about plans for the Year-Round Program.

Alyssa Schroeder

It is hard to believe that the Year-Round Program is coming to an end. But as we approach the end of weekend trips, we have the summer program to look forward to. In preparation for the summer, we have planned several trips that allow campers

to raise money to offset the cost of summer camp. Participating in these events will put money into the camper's account to put towards trips they wish to attend. We are offering these events with the hope that people will be able to attend

summer camp without feeling the hardship of our economy and increased cost of camp.

This year has flown by but the trips will stick in my memory. From experiencing the joy of fresh snow to working with taking public transportation,

we learned a lot together and I would not trade my experience for anything.

I am always looking for feedback about the Year-Round Program so please contact me at [alysa.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:alysa.schroeder@gmail.com) with ideas! ●