



Summer Camp & Community Resource Fair

ART Programs & Camps

Art to Grow On Children's Art Center, Inc.

www.art2growon.com

(310) 625-6028

Owner is Lauren Email: art2growon1@aol.com.

Art to Grow On is an exciting mobile arts program and service company. Their Mission is to enrich children's lives and increase their self-esteem through exposure to and participation in the art process. Through their programs, classes, and birthday parties, children ages 15 months to 12 can imagine...discover...and experience the joy of creating. (Art to Grow On has 2 teachers on staff: Jackie has an MA in Special Education and Sharon is an OT. Summer camps are at various locations).

The Art Zone

1102 Aviation Blvd.

Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

(310) 318-6011

www.artzone4kids.com

Art programs, lessons, "open studio," mom's morning off, and parenting education offered in nurturing, expressive environment. Laura Krug, M.A. is the founder and is open to serving children that have developmental disabilities in an inclusive setting. Summer camp starts June 22, 2009. Instructors guide children step by step through the process of creating a wonderful art project, paying close attention to individual interests and abilities. Children can play at the clay table, finger paint, create with glue and glitter, spray paint at the mural wall, play with goop and dinosaurs, dress up, and splish and splash in the waterfall room and "mud kitchen." Art Zone will also be offering favorite activities such as wood collage, heart collage, beading, shrinky dinks, puffy fish, friendship cards and more.

City Parks & Recreation Departments

City of Hermosa Beach

1315 Valley Drive
 Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
 (310) 318-0280
 HBConnect@hermosabch.org
www.HermosaBch.org

City of Redondo Beach

415 Diamond Street
 Redondo Beach, CA 90277
 (310) 318-0610
 Summer Camps Phone (310) 318-0610-3460
www.Redondo.org

City of Torrance

3031 Torrance Blvd
 Torrance, CA 90503
 (310) 320-9529
www.TorrNet.com

City of Manhattan Beach

1400 Highland Avenue
 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
 (310) 802-5548 or for help registering email registrationhelp@citymb.info
www.citymb.info

Summer Camp Guide Available April 18, 2009

MB Parks and Recreation provides a wide variety of programs, activities and classes for all members of our community, including children with special needs. Parents wishing to enroll their child with special needs in any City program, activity or class should complete the space on the [Registration Form](#) where *requests for special accommodations* can be made. Parents who complete this section will be contacted by Parks & Recreation Dept staff so all reasonable requests can be made to accommodate inclusion of their child.

Parents looking for after-school or vacation activities for their child with special needs need look no further than the [Playground Program](#) and [Teen Center Program](#). Each of these City-sponsored programs has children with special needs as regular program participants. When, due to the nature of a child's disability, the child requires an aide or caregiver provided by the family, our staff will work closely with the child's caregiver to maximize inclusion in the program.

The City offers dedicated times for children with special needs to participate in events such as the Pumpkin Races and the Holiday Snow Park. Parents interested in additional opportunities for children with special needs are encouraged to contact the following organizations:

[PEDIATRIC THERAPY NETWORK](#) - 1815 West 213th St., Torrance, CA 90501 (310) 328-0276
[CHALLENGER LITTLE LEAGUE](#) - Manhattan Little League, (310) 345-7954
[FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE](#) - 2108 Vail Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, (310) 214 4999
[HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER](#) - 21231 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503, (310) 540-1711
[SOUTH BAY SPECIAL OLYMPICS](#) - (310) 618-2934

Educational Programs

The Center for Learning Unlimited

640 Silver Spur Road
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
(310) 544-1644

Contact: Christina@cflu.org

Director: Ginny Director@cflu.org

www.cflu.org

This program offers social skills training and recreational opportunities for children diagnosed with Asperger's Disorder. CAMP CLU is for elementary and middle school students. Students can participate in therapeutic activity programs designed to focus on relationship building while enhancing the student's summer days with a variety of physical activities such as rock climbing, bowling, horseback riding, bike/rollerblading, scavenger hunts, golf, beach sports, hiking and swimming.

Chadwick School

26800 South Academy Drive
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274
(310) 377-1543

Summer Programs contact: Sondra King x2179

Or Craig Polin x4052 or at Craig.Polin@chadwickschool.org

Chadwick's summer program which is in session for 5 weeks in late June and the month of July is an ideal opportunity for students and their families to experience the challenging, diverse and supportive learning environment of Chadwick School. We offer five separate summer programs for ages 4 through high school. Small classes, experienced teachers, innovative curriculum and excellent facilities are a few of the reasons why students return year after year.

Inclusive Education and Community Partnership

117 Fillmore Ave.
Oxnard, CA 93035
(805) 985-4808

Email: RickClemens@aol.com

www.iecp.us

Contact: Rick Clemens

IECP provides socialization training, community integration training, and parent education for school-aged children and their families. Children with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, seizures and autism can be served by this agency. The program offers an individualized intervention plan that takes place in the child's home or other natural environment.

The Learning Gym

2011 Cedar Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
(310) 546-8583

www.learninggymusa.com

The Director is David Garcia David@learninggymusa.com and the Psychologist is Dr. Valerie Maxwell.

The Learning Gym utilizes specialized programs created specifically for various disabilities. The child's progress is tested and monitored to ensure success.

Lindamood - Bell Learning Processes

Phone: (310) 541-2977

Fax: (310) 541-2988

Promenade on the Peninsula

550 Deep Valley Drive, Suite 291

Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

www.Lindamoodbell.com

Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes is an organization dedicated to enhancing human learning. We were founded by the authors of critically acclaimed programs that teach children and adults to read, spell, comprehend, and express language. Our programs stimulate basic sensory functions related to learning and are recognized as being effective on the symptoms of dyslexia, hyperlexia, autism, and learning difficulties in general.

Sensory Research Center

(310) 698-9008

510 N. Prospect, Suite 308,

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

<http://www.sensoryresearchcenter.org>

Sensory Research Center utilizes a neurosensory stimulation approach to Autism and spectrum disorders called the Individualized Sensory Program or ISP for short. "With this approach we see improvements in speech and language, eye contact, fine motor ability, social skills, hearing imbalances, cognitive functioning as well. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for people with sensory processing disorders. We are the first provider in the country to address sensory-related problems with a technology-driven, simultaneous, multi-modality program that can be customized for each person. Our Individualized Sensory Program is a foundational intervention that accelerates sensory integration and can improve learning abilities in people of all ages. It can benefit those who suffer from autism, attention deficit disorder, learning and behavioral problems, certain visual impairments and various other conditions."

We also have another program called PACE which stands for processing and cognitive enhancement. This program was developed by Optometrists and Pediatric Psychologists to enhance brain function. It has been proven to improve long term and short term memory, cognitive functioning, visual and auditory processing, comprehension, logic and reasoning skills, and processing speed. More importantly, it is really fun and boosts children's confidence in themselves. Lastly, we have a brain training software that we sell called Safari Brainware."

Sensory Research Center is a nonprofit organization that takes fee for service but also can provide scholarships for people who cannot afford the program. They also offer a free nutritional consultation with their ISP service and collaborate with a nutritionist who specializes in Spectrum Disorders.

Music, Dance & Drama

Music Rhapsody

1601 Aviation Blvd.
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(310) 376-8646 or (888) Try-Music 6
www.MusicRhapsody.com

Start your child off with the best in music education — we're one of the first programs in the nation specializing in music classes for young children. Our custom curriculum presents something unique, fun, and musically educational for every age group **from babies to teens (grade 8)**. And Music Rhapsody is not just for musically gifted kids — it's for everyone! Summer day camps are available as well as music classes.

School of Dance and Music

Hermosa School
1151 Aviation Blvd.
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254
(310) 318-6260

Redondo School
633A N. Pacific Coast Highway
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 406-1700

www.SchoolOfDanceAndMusic.com

Music and Dance Summer camps available: Princess Ballet Camp, Super Hero Dance Camp
All-In-One Camp - Disneyland Camp, Dance Intensive - Dance Sampler Camp
Break Dance Camp - Ballroom Camp, Belly Dance Camp, Garage Band Camp - Violin Camp
Vocal Camp - PianoToons Camp, Adult Music Crash Course...**and MORE!**

Summer Drama Camp 2009 – The Hobbit

Redondo Beach Playhouse
750 Inglewood Avenue
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(310) 318-0610

For ages: 7 – 16 years

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

The Summer Drama camp program is a fast paced and fun filled camp offering participants a chance to learn about all aspects of Performance Art. Classes are offered in: Acting for the Stage, Audition techniques, Basic Costuming, Dancing, Form Technique, Improvisation, Oral Interpretation, Resume Writing, Singing, Stage Management, as well as Technical Theatres Lighting, Sound, Set Design, Painting Techniques for the Stage and Theatre Etiquette. NO experience is necessary to be part of the program, just a desire to learn and have fun doing so! All camp participants are guaranteed a role in the show and a Technical Position. Participants must be 7 years of age by the time of registration for the Summer Drama Camp program.

Recreational Programs & Camps

Ability First

3770 E. Willow St.
Long Beach, CA 90815
(562) 426-6161

www.AbilityFirst.org

Contact: April Stover AprilStover@abilityfirst.org and or Jae Lim.

- Provides an after school social/ recreation program for ages 6 to 21.
- Also offers a Saturday, 9 am to 3 PM, recreational program for children with extreme behavioral challenges.

AdventurePlex

1701 Marine Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
(310) 546-7708

www.AdventurePlex.org

A health and fitness center created especially for youths. They offer specialized classes like rock climbing, fitness routines, yoga, tumbling, strength training, tae kwon do, and dance. Keep children energized and engaged throughout their summer and holiday breaks with AdventureCamp. Exciting recreational activities during the week include on-site arts and crafts classes, Sports Court play, rock-climbing sessions, ropes classes and fully-chaperoned field trips to places like amusement parks and the beach. The summer camp runs June through August.

Beach Sports Surf & Beach Camp

441 Vista Roma
Newport Beach, CA 92660
(310) 462-7301

President Jack Tingley – Jack@beachsports.org

www.beachsports.org

Campers learn beach and ocean safety, surfing, body boarding, body surfing, ecology, fitness, health, self reliance and personal commitment are the focus of Beach Sports Surf & Beach Camps. Camps are located on Southern California beaches next to professional lifeguard towers.

Big Fun Gymnastics

3710 S. Robertson Blvd, Ste. 225
Culver City, CA 90232
Toll free - **1-877-BIGFUN8** – (877) 244-3868

Main Office: (310) 837-7849 Big Fun Contact: gene@bigfungymnastics.com

www.BigFunGymnastics.com

Big Fun is the ultimate playground for special needs individuals of all ages. In 1999, Occupational Therapist Gene Hurwin combined his knowledge of pediatric development and 20 years of coaching expertise to create BIG FUN. Gymnastics was the unique tool Gene used to reach out to the special needs community, whose enthusiastic response led him to dedicate himself to expanding BIG FUN into a nationally recognized organization. Gene's goal was "to provide students the opportunity to break through the boundaries of presumed limits by creating a world of excitement, discovery, and self-confidence within a safe and nurturing environment." BIG FUN accomplishes this goal by using recreational activities as a process to address and improve motor planning, organizational behavior, and sensory integration. Students are carefully matched with instructors, allowing them to grow through strong personal bonds. These instructors use sensitivity and compassion to help students feel skilled, competent, and capable of mastery.

Camp Nugget

Camp Nugget for Children with Disabilities

California State University, Long Beach

1250 Bellflower Blvd.

Long Beach, CA 90840

(562) 895-7969 or campnugget@ymail.com

<http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/kin/community/CampNugget.htm>

This program is offered to children ages 5 through 12 with disabilities and special needs. They provide small group instruction (4-1 child/staff ratio) by university students studying in the KIN Department and working toward an Adapted Physical Education Specialist Credential under the supervision of Dr. Barry Lavay. Camp activities include aquatics with swim instruction, instruction in fundamental skills and lead-up cooperative games, outdoor adventure course, and adapted sports. Camp Nugget is June 22 – July 17th and is offered Monday through Friday 9 AM to 12:00 PM. The cost is \$375. Camp Nugget Brochures will be sent out in mid April with registration enrollment on a first come first serve basis. They also have an After School Adapted Physical Activity Program (ASAPP) that is offered to children with disabilities ages 6 – 12 during CSU Long Beach Fall and Spring Semesters 3:45 – 4:35 PM on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The cost is \$150 for each 10 week program.

Coach Derek

Contact Ali Sheppard (704) 891-5252

Email: CoachDerekinc@yahoo.com

www.CoachDerek.com

Your child will have fun while developing sports skills, overall strength, coordination, team work and communication skills in a positive non-competitive environment. We offer mixed sports for boys and girls ages 2-6, head start classes for boy and girls ages 4-8 and single sport clinics for boys and girls ages 7-14 years old.

Fitness by the Sea

Fitness by the Sea, Kids' Camp - South Bay, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Malibu.

www.fitnessbythesea.com (310) 459-2425 Ages served: 5 – 13, Coed.

Your child can spend the day at the beach participating in such activities as surfing, boogie boarding, swimming, arts and crafts, capture the flag, water balloon games, fencing, martial arts, soccer, gymnastics, boxing, hip-hop dancing . . . over 60 activities. At FBS your child's safety is our No. 1 concern. As a result, we provide a 6:1 kids/staff ratio, and the average age of our staff is 30 years old. With an older staff we can truly focus on your child's development and well-being. We provide 10 cabanas, as well as plenty of sunscreen, to make sure your child doesn't have too much fun in the sun. Camp dates: South Bay, Santa Monica, Malibu - June 22 – Sept 4, Pacific Palisades - June 15 – Sept 4. Camp hours: 9:15am to 3:15pm. Extended care 8:30am to 5:45pm.

The Friendship Circle

2108 Vail Avenue

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Phone: (310) 214 4999 Ext. 102

Fax: (310) 214 7853

E-mail: info@friendshipcircleSB.com

www.FriendshipCircleSB.com

The Friendship Circle is a non-profit organization that addresses the challenges facing the families of children with special needs in an innovative way. The program begins with the pairing of local teenagers with children for weekly "Friends at Home" visits, but hardly ends there. Through a full range of activities and events, the Circle creates its own special environment of friendship and love.

Hammerheads Beach Camp

4637 W. Rosecrans Avenue

Hawthorne, CA 90250

Hammerhead Building / Upstairs in back

Telephone: (310) 676-7503

Email: jamie@hammerheadbeachcamp.com

Emergency Cellular Telephone Number (during camp sessions):

(310) 486-2102

www.hammerheadbeachcamp.com

The camps — Hammerhead, Mini Hammerheads, and Guard Prep — are held in Manhattan Beach at 6th Street. Designed for boys and girls ages 4 to 13, Hammerhead Beach Camps have **NO SWIM TEST REQUIREMENT**. Ocean-based education, ecology, and athletics are aspects of our programs. Additionally, arts and crafts, group sand games, and snack time are included in daily activity. Our camps provide a high level of safety and security.

Karate Kids

Dawn Barnes Karate Kids: www.karatekids.net **Locations in Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and throughout the greater Los Angeles area. We Specialize in Children Only:** Everything from our safe, top-of-the-line equipment to the color of our paint is chosen with your child's best interest in mind. Maybe that's why Dawn Barnes Karate Kids was voted Best Martial Arts School by LA Parent, LA Family, and The Daily News.

1. **Age-appropriate Instruction:** We avoid using four letter words like "don't," "can't," and "won't" which often negate building your child's confidence. Encouraging children with "Positive Dialogue Response" is the key to our mission statement: To inspire self-esteem in every child!
2. **Love-based Teaching Method:** Aside from constant verbal praise, our students earn stickers, patches, and stripe tips on their belts to reward and reinforce their best efforts.
3. **Certified Black Belt Instructors:** All of our experienced, Black Belt instructors go through an additional 40 hours of personal training in Sensei Dawn's teaching method and class format, plus receive ongoing teacher training to maintain program excellence.
4. **Internationally Recognized Black Belt Rankings:** When students earn a black belt at Dawn Barnes Karate Kids, they are directly linked to an unbroken chain of teachers that stretches back nearly 100 years to the founder of our style.
5. **Universal Club Membership:** All of our students are welcome to take classes at any of our 7 locations. No need to call ahead!
6. **Our Environment:** We pride ourselves on creating a relaxing, comfortable community space for all of our families and friends.

My Gym

My Gym Redondo
1216 Beryl Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
(310) 318-2288

My Gym Manhattan Beach
1836 N. Sepulveda Blvd.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
(310) 796-1300

www.My-Gym.com

At My Gym camp children participate in energizing fitness games, noncompetitive gymnastics, arts and crafts, music and so much more. Each camp program is uniquely designed to keep your children moving and active, as we emphasize physical development and personal success. Our themes and programs change daily, so no two camp days at My Gym are ever the same. Whether you are looking for the best place to send your children on cold and rainy days or trying to keep them active and cool during the hot summer months, My Gym camp is the place to be. We make it easy for parents with our drop-off program, pay-by-the-day options, and multi-day and sibling discounts.

Pediatric Therapy Network (PTN)

1815 W. 213th St., Suite 100

Torrance, CA 90501

(310) 328-0276

www.pediatrictherapynetwork.org

Pediatric Therapy Network (PTN) is a non-profit children's therapy center, dedicated to providing quality services for children with special need and offering physical, occupational, and speech-language therapies to over 1,230 children each week. **PTN** has taken its resources and all of its contributions to accomplish the important and challenging task of providing an environment that is safe, comfortable, insightful, fun and conducive to learning for our youth.

Camp Escapades is a three-week summer day camp for children ages four to thirteen. Created for children with special needs, this recreational experience offers an inclusive opportunity for typically developing children and siblings to be part of this fun and extraordinary program. Although camp is not designed to be a therapy program, a multi-disciplinary team of occupational, physical, and speech therapists, together with teachers, counselors, and volunteers provide a supportive, engaging and positive experience for all who attend.

Peninsula Summer Day Camp for Boys & Girls

The Summer Day Camp & Swim School are conveniently located at

Miraleste Intermediate School

29323 Palos Verdes Drive East

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

(310) 541-3664

www.peninsuladaycamp.com

At PBC, the fun and closely guided activities are simply the tools by which Campers gain self-esteem, confidence, and respect for others. Amid the fun, excitement, and instruction children learn the fundamentals of good sportsmanship, positive leadership, and discover what they and others **can** do, rather than what they cannot.

Swimming

After School Adaptive Physical Activity Program (ASAP)

California State University Long Beach

1250 Bellflower Blvd.

Long Beach, CA 90840

(562) 985-7969

Contact: Dr. Barry Lavay

Provides a variety of specialized physical activity programs for children with special needs ages 5-12. The program takes place on the CSULB campus and meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 3:45 PM.

Private Swim Lessons by Krista

Krista (310) 706-5187 or email at Bunny_Love@tmail.com.

Krista has worked with Special Needs children and she will come to whatever pool you chose for private lessons.

South Bay Aquatics

2610 Artesia Boulevard

Redondo Beach, California 90278

(310) 355-8006

www.SouthBayAquatics.com

South Bay Aquatics is dedicated to providing South Bay Families with an indoor swim school that offers energetic and supportive instruction, in a warm and safe facility, capturing the imagination of children, and ensuring the success of every student.

Tichenor Orthopedic Clinic for Children-Swimming Program

1660 Termino Ave.

Long Beach, CA 90804-2103

(562) 597-3696

www.tichenorclinic.org

Myra at Tichenoroffice@gmail.com

• Rich Kempster Swim Program is offered at the Tichenor clinic for children with disabilities. Lessons cost \$16.00 per session and are 20 minutes 2 days a week. Lessons take place on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesday and Thursdays.

Overnight Camps

Jay Nolan Community Services Summer Camp

15501 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Suite 200

PO Box 9604 Mission Hills, CA 91346-9604

(818) 361-6400 Ext. 107 todd@jaynolan.org

www.jaynolan.org

Summer Camp Ages 8 – 15 years old

Session One: August 2-7, 2009 - Session Two: August 16-21, 2009

Jay Nolan Camp is an inclusive sleep-away camp that runs 6 days/5 nights each camp session in the mountains of Wrightwood, CA. The elevation is approximately 6,000 ft and the terrain of the campground can be uneven in certain areas. All activities are non-competitive and carefully supervised (including Archery, Sports & Games, Swimming, Hiking, etc.). They are designed to meet the needs of all children, encouraging their participation to the best of their ability. Camp Staff/ On-site Registered Nurse will strictly observe physician recommendations.

Lions Camp at Teresita Pines

Wrightwood, CA

Director: John Bauer

Tel: (760) 249-3580

Fax: (760) 249-1063

teresitapines@hughes.net

www.TeresitaPines.com

Camp Operator Information

Lions Camp At Teresita Pines

PO Box 98

Wrightwood CA 92397

Tel: (760) 249-3580

teresitapines@hughes.net

Camp Contact :John Bauer Tel: (800) 585-3245 teresitapines@hughes.net

Description: The mission of Lions Camp Teresita Pines is to provide a beautiful facility for group camping, emphasizing the needs of the disabled. Resident (overnight) Camp for coeds ages 1 - 99

Featured Activities: Aquatic Activities, Archery, Arts and Crafts, Canoeing, Fishing, Hiking, Team Field Sports, Recreational Swimming

Special Needs: Autism, Hearing Impairment, Speech/Communication Impairment

Camp Forrest

Joshua Tree, CA

Director: Buck Prentiss

Tel: (760) 329-6471

Fax: (760) 366-0146

campforrest@adelphia.net

Camp Operator Information

Angel View

12379 Miracle Hill Rd

Desert Hot Springs CA 92240

Tel: (760) 329-6471

angelview44@aol.com

Camp Contact: David Thornton Tel: (760) 329-6471

Description: We offer an integrated camp experience with disabled & able-bodied campers in a unique desert surrounding. Explore abilities while overcoming social boundaries. Resident (overnight) Camp, Coed from 7 – 25 years old. **Featured Activities:** Aquatic Activities, Archery, Arts and Crafts, Camping Skills/Outdoor Living, Challenge/Rope Courses, International Culture, Leadership Development, Nature/Environmental Studies, Team Building. **Other Activities:** Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Climbing/Rappelling, Dance, Drama, Drawing/Painting, Football, Music, Soccer, Team Field Sports, Recreational Swimming

Special Needs: Asthma and Respiratory Ailments, Autism, Blood Disorders, Cancer, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Hearing Impairment, HIV/AIDS, Mental Retardation, Limited Mobility, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Speech/Communication Impairment, Spina Bifida, Visual Impairment/Blind

Specialty Clientele: Behavioral Problems, Emotional Problems, Gifted and Talented, Inclusion/Mainstreaming, Youth at Risk

Websites

www.KidsCamps.com

Looking for a summer camp for your child? KidsCamps.com, the Internet's Premier Summer Camp Directory, has been the destination website for finding summer camps and summer programs in the United States, Canada and worldwide since 1995. Start your search for camps!

www.CampParents.org

CampParents.org is a comprehensive camp resource for families—offering expert advice from camp professionals on camp selection, readiness, child and youth development, and issues of importance to families. CampParents.org helps you find the right camp for every child.

Six Ways to Make Summer Camp Affordable:

- 1) Research camps according to cost.
- 2) Ask camps what financial assistance is available.
- 3) Check if the camp offers special discounts.
- 4) Be sure to find out the camp's refund policy.
- 5) When planning a budget for camp, determine what's included in the enrollment fee.
- 6) Day camp can be tax-free. The IRS allows an income tax credit for dependent care expenses which may apply to qualifying day camp expenses as well.