

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation & Parks

GRIFFITH PARK BOYS CAMP

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CAMPING



BOYS RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP
JUNE 15-AUGUST 7, 2026



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1926-2026

Dear Camp Families,

For more than 100 years, Griffith Park Boys Camp has been a place where young people from across Los Angeles come to discover the outdoors, build confidence, and learn what it means to lead.

Founded in 1926 with a simple but powerful purpose—to teach outdoor skills and leadership to the young men of Los Angeles—our camp has always been about more than cabins and trails. It has been about giving young people space to grow, to challenge themselves and to find belonging in the natural world. And now, a century later, that mission remains at the heart of everything we do.

Our history has not been without its challenges. The original camp, once located where Travel Town now sits, was lost to a devastating flood. Since then, over the decades we have weathered forest fires, societal change, cultural shifts and even a global pandemic. Each chapter brought uncertainty—but also resilience. Time and again, this camp adapted, rebuilt, and moved forward, guided by the belief that this work matters.

Today, we are proud to still be here for the campers. Proud to continue creating a space where youth can unplug, learn outdoor skills, try new things and be fully themselves. Proud to foster friendships, confidence and leadership that extend far beyond the boundaries of camp. And proud to play a role in shaping the next generation of outdoor leaders in Los Angeles.

As we look to the future, we invite you to be part of this milestone moment. Join us on September 12, 2026 as we celebrate the centennial of Griffith Park Boys Camp—honoring the stories and people who brought us here and looking ahead to the many seasons still to come.

Thank you for being part of our story. We can't wait to share the next chapter with you. With gratitude and excitement for what's ahead.

Sherri "Elmo" Lindsay
Camp Director

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What Do We Do At Camp?

Camp Offers: Griffith Park Boys Camp is the best kept secret in Los Angeles. The camp offers hiking, arts & crafts, sports, challenge course, campfire program, archery, outdoor living skills, nature awareness, field trips, themed sessions for variety and special events to highlight each week. All programs, meals, lodging, snacks, equipment and supervision are included in the registration fee. One price covers everything.

Campers Age: Boys 7-17 years old are divided by age into cabin groups with no more than a three year age span (ages 7-8, 9-11, 12-14). Cabin Leaders sleep in the cabins with their campers. The Cabin Leader to camper ratio is set by the American Camp Association. A Camper Leadership Training (CLT) program is available for boys 15-17 years of age. Camper age is determined by the age they will be on their first day of camp this summer.

Program: Check-in is Monday 8:00 am-9:30 am and check-out is Friday 4:30 pm-6:00 pm. The program schedule is from 7:00 am (rise and shine) until 9:00 pm (lights out). During the course of the day campers participate in activities by cabin groups, age groups and individual interests. Activities are taught by trained and experienced staff.

Cabins and Facilities: Cabin Leaders sleep in the cabins with 6-8 campers. Our cabins are fully enclosed with electricity, windows, bunk beds, heating and air conditioning. Restrooms are located near the cabins, each with flush toilets, showers and sinks.



Griffith Park Boys Camp is proud to be accredited by the American Camp Association. Developed exclusively for the camp industry, this nationally recognized organization focuses on a camp program's quality, safety, health issues and staff development, and requires us to continuously review every facet of our operation. Our camp has voluntarily submitted to this independent appraisal done by camp experts and have earned this mark of distinction.

ENROLLMENT & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Are you and your child ready for overnight camp?

In order to participate in our program, a camper needs to be able to: move independently from place to place; meet their own personal care needs (i.e. shower, brush hair and teeth, etc.); live cooperatively in a group environment; be able to be away from their home for several days; as a parent you must be able to let your son be away from home for several days.



How to Register

Registration will be available on our website in March.

Our website is recreation.parks.lacity.gov/camp/griffith-park-boys-camp

Camper registration (campers ages 7-14) will begin at 1:00 pm and will become available over the course of four days as follows:

- Sessions 1 & 2 – Tuesday, March 17, 2026
- Sessions 3 & 4 – Wednesday, March 18, 2026
- Sessions 5 & 6 – Thursday, March 19, 2026
- Sessions 7 & 8 – Friday, March 20, 2026

Complete the online registration process and submit online payment. Payments accepted by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only). If you are not able pay online by card please call the camp office at (323) 664-0571. Payment due in full at time of registration.

To make registration as easy as possible, please take a moment to confirm that everyone you'd like to register is already listed in your household before starting the online registration.

Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The rules for acceptance in the camp programs are the same for everyone, without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. If you are a person with a disability and require accommodation to participate in a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks program, service, or activity, requests may be made by calling the facility (323-664-0571), or 711 for CA Relay, ten days in advance of the event. We will do our best to fulfill requests with less than ten business days' notice.

ePact Invitations After Registration

We are now using ePact, a secure online emergency network to handle much of our camp paperwork. You will receive a link to register once you have been accepted into your first residential session. It must be updated with changes, but can carry your information over to multiple sessions to save you time. Your submission online does not provide an adequate record. You will need to download, print and bring your ePact record with you to check-in or fill out new paperwork when you get on site. Returning campers can access their ePact at <https://portal-us.epactnetwork.com/login> Please note that any camp ePact records and residential records are not the same.



Waiting List

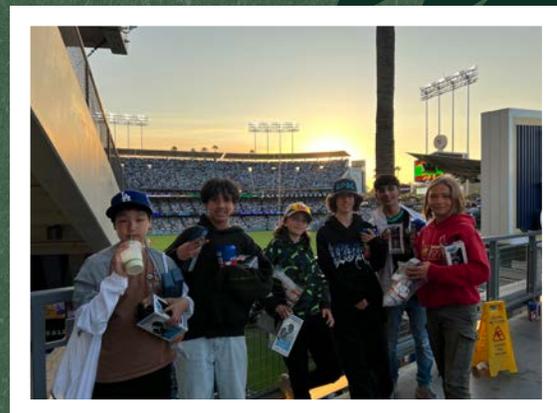
If a summer camp session fills up, an online waitlist will be available. We encourage you to add your camper's name to the waitlist for any weeks you're interested in, as additional spaces may open at any time. Parents will be notified as soon as space becomes available in their child's age group. Please confirm the phone number and email address connected to your profile are your primary forms of communication. We are not responsible for missed contact. Payment is not required at time of application submission for the waiting list.

Cabin Assignments and Cabin Buddies

Cabin assignments are made according to campers ages (7-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17). **We do not honor cabin buddy requests and we do not guarantee placement in a particular cabin.** At Griffith Park Boys Camp we build relationships by promoting interaction in the camp community. Campers coming alone to camp develop a sense of independence and are much more likely to engage in making new friends, building a connection with their cabin leader and developing a sense of belonging in the cabin group. As a smaller camp, all campers see each other frequently.

Confirmation Letter

A confirmation letter will be sent out in May. The confirmation packet will be available to download one month before summer camp begins. The confirmation letter will include camp information covering health procedures, check-in and check-out procedures, rules of conduct, reasons for immediate dismissal, what to bring to camp, what not to bring to camp, spending money, mailing letters and other pertinent policies and procedures. Please read your confirmation letter carefully and share it with your child(ren).





New Policies Updates

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks has updated the rates and fees for the Camping Division. Please read this section carefully to note the changes. The fees listed in this brochure reflect the updated changes.

Late Fees

If room is available after the registration deadline (two weeks prior to the start of the session), we will accept registration with a \$50.00 late fee.

Switching Sessions

Requests to change sessions will be accommodated if space is available. The switching session fee is the cancellation fee plus the price difference between sessions.

Fees will be charged per camper based on the earliest affected session as follows:

1. **Within two weeks or more notice, you will be charged 15% of you original session fee, plus the difference in session prices where applicable.**
2. **Less than two weeks notice, you will be charged 50% of your original session fee, plus the difference in session prices where applicable.**

No change of session will be allowed for "no shows." No session changes will be made until a written request and appropriate fees are received. Please email gp.boyscamp@lacity.org to start a change of session request.

Cancellations (NEW FOR 2026 – Please Read)

All cancellations must be in writing. In order to request a refund, please submit the request for refund form. The form is available at recreation.parks.lacity.gov/camp/griffith-park-boys-camp. Refunds take approximately 8-10 weeks after written request is received.

The cancellations policy is as follows:

- **Request 14+ days prior to start of the program, 85% refund of fees, per session, per camper.**
- **Request 7-13 days prior to the start of the program, 50% refund of fees, per session, per camper.**
- **Request 6 days or less prior to the start of the program, no refund of fees.**

The first day of the camp session (at 8:00 am) constitutes the start of the program.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS FOR "NO-SHOWS". Failure to arrive at camp prior to 9:30 am Monday morning is considered a no-show. No full refunds will be issued unless a session is cancelled by the camp. No refund or reduction in fees will be made for camper's late arrival, early withdrawal and/or dismissal for misconduct.



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Summer Resident Camp Staff – Now Hiring

All of our staff are college-age and chosen for their communication skills, experience or training in child development, the ability to be excellent role models and their ability to practice and teach young boys in accordance with the American Camp Association “Seven Camp Outcome Domains”: Friendship Skills, Responsibility, Independence, Family/Citizenship, Teamwork, Competence and Exploration. Our rigorous selection process follows the American Camp Association guidelines and includes an in-person interview, as well as a reference and background check. Our staff members undergo a minimum of one week of intensive training, and are certified in CPR and Standard First Aid prior to the start of camp. During the camping season, our staff is continuously evaluated and guided to enhance their skills. The relationship between a camper and his Cabin Leader is at the heart of our camp’s success, as the camp experience shapes children’s lives.

Residential Camp Counselors

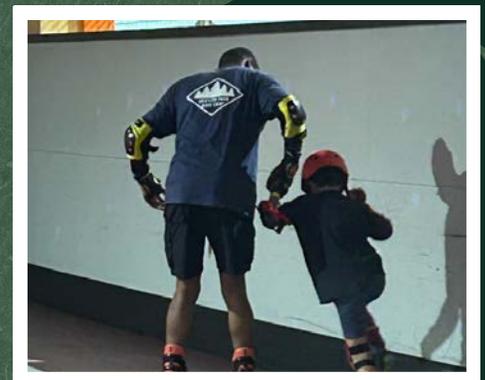
Qualifications

- Male, at least 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or equivalent
- Desire and ability to work with children
- Ability to teach activities and work outdoors
- Certification in First Aid and CPR with the American Heart Association

Special Program Assistant II

Qualifications

- Must be at least 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or equivalent
- A valid California Drivers License
- Some knowledge and experience working in a commercial kitchen.



Activity Leader

Qualifications

- Male or female, at least 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or equivalent
- Desire and ability to work with children
- Ability to teach activities and work outdoors
- Ability to lift 50 lbs, ability to work at heights of 50 feet for extended periods of time
- Certification in First Aid and CPR with the American Heart Association

Part Time Cook I

Qualifications

- Must be at least 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or equivalent
- A valid California Drivers License
- Have a current ServSafe Food handler certificate
- Working knowledge of kitchen methods and procedures for preparing, cooking, baking and serving food in a large quantities

For more information or to apply contact us at
(323) 664-0571 or email gp.boyscamp@lacity.org

2026 SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR

Camp Sessions are Monday (Check-In 8:00 am – 9:30 am) thru Friday (Check-Out 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)

* Session 1 & 3 Monday (Check-In 8:00 am – 9:30 am) thru Thursday (Check-Out 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Themes</u>	<u>Field Trip</u>	<u>Price</u>
Session 1	June 15–18 *	Dusty Trails Adventure	Autry Museum	\$650
	Howdy pardner, saddle up and head west this summer! Compete in gold rush challenges, capture the outlaws, show off your skills in a chili cook-off and compete in the camp rodeo games. Bring your cowboy hat for a rootin' tootin' good time on the Dusty Trails with a BBQ, line dancing, and leather stamping.			
Session 2	June 22–26	League of Legends	Raging Waters	\$750
	Get ready to shoot, score, and soar! This week is packed with nonstop action, high-energy games, and epic team challenges. Whether you love sprinting down the field, kicking it into the goal, or catching like a pro, there's something for everyone! From pickleball to gaga ball matches, to splashy water games and thrilling soccer showdowns. Grab your sneakers, bring your energy, and get ready to play hard, and win big!			
Session 3	June 29–July 2 *	Planes, Trains & Automobiles	No Trip	\$650
	Buckle up for a high-energy week packed with motion, creativity, and friendly competition. Race full speed through our runway slip-and-slide, design and zoom your way to victory in pinewood derby car races and get soaked in a car wash relay challenge. Make quick pit-stops at our train stop challenges, then put your engineering skills to the test in the Cargo Plane Egg Drop Challenge, where only the strongest designs survive the landing.			
Session 4	July 6–10	Super Camp Quest	Universal Studios	\$800
	We'll launch campers into a galaxy-soaring adventure. Campers leap through the challenge course like they've just donned a super suit, gliding, balancing, and "tail-whirling" their way across obstacles. Search for hidden stars while keeping an eye out for chomping plants. At archery take aim with force of a galaxy-saving guardian. Pool time turns into breezy, floaty fun worthy of a sky-high kingdom. Power up and blast off!			
Session 5	July 13–17	Beneath the Vines	No Trip	\$675
	Are you brave enough to survive a summer of mid-eighties monsters? Step into week 5... if you dare! The rift is open, and the clock is ticking on the ultimate adventure. Campers will band together as a party to crack unexplainable codes, tackle supernatural challenges, and navigate a beast-infested obstacle course. Between winning monster-themed scavenger hunts and creating neon-drenched "dark dimension" art, you'll need more than just a slingshot to make it through. Gather your friends, this is going to be epic.			
Session 6	July 20–24	Glow All Out!!	Lucky Strike Bowling	\$725
	Neon Week is when camp lights up after dark! Campers gather around a glow-centered campfire that shines with color, then jump into epic glow-in-the-dark night games, high-energy glow parties, and neon challenges that keep the fun glowing nonstop. The week levels up even more with a trip to a glow trampoline party like no other—where the lights go low and the excitement goes sky-high! From glowing team moments to unforgettable nights, Griffith Park Boys Camp transforms into a neon dream where everyone gets to shine.			
Session 7	July 27–31	Block Party	No Trip	\$675
	This week we transform camp into a real-life pixelated paradise—no screens required! Cabins will gather essential resources like timber and or through tactical games and outdoor quests, then use their "inventory" on epic projects to complete high-stakes missions. Just keep a close eye on the camp chickens—in this world, even the livestock might be part of the quest! It's a creative, action-packed week full of teamwork and cubic fun, and no zombies (probably).			
Session 8	August 3–7	100 Years of Camp Magic	Knott's Berry Farm	\$750
	Get ready for a week where old-school camp legends come back bigger, louder, and more fun than ever. Think classic camp challenges remixed for now: cabins go head-to-head to level up a vintage camp recipe, recreate an iconic throwback photo, build the fastest (and coolest) pinewood derby car, rack up survival skill patches like pros, and steal the show with epic skits or songs straight from our legendary camp songbooks. We're celebrating 100 years of camp magic—and you get to be part of the story. Make memories. Make friends. Make camp history.			

All programs, themes and trips are subject to change or cancellation with or without prior notice.

CAMPER LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (CLT)

Our CLT Program is designed for youth ages 15-17 year olds. CLT's will gain valuable hands-on experience by assisting staff in program areas and spending time with campers under the guidance of a Cabin Leader. CLT's will develop leadership skills while having a fun experience at camp. This is a specialized program and we will not be offering it every session of summer camp.

CLT Registration:

Registration will begin on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

Once participants have enrolled in the CLT program, they will complete our CLT application and go through our interview process.

Applications for CLT program are available on our website at

<https://recreation.parks.lacity.gov/camp/griffith-park-boys-camp>

Submit your application to gp.boyscamp@lacity.org by April 1, 2026. Once we receive your application, you will receive a confirmation email with more information.

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Session	Dates	Theme	Trip	Fees
Session 2	June 22-26	League of Legends	Raging Waters	\$650
Session 5	July 13-17	Beneath the Vines	No Trip	\$575
Session 6	July 20-24	Glow All Out!!	Lucky Strike Bowling	\$625
Session 7	July 27-31	Block Party	No Trip	\$575
Session 8	August 3-7	100 Years of Camp Magic	Knott's Berry Farm	\$650



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Join the Celebration!



September 12, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Be part of this special milestone as we honor
a century of memories, impact, and community.

Pre-Registration Opens
July 1, 2026

We look forward to celebrating with you!

CAMPING SECTION

For more information about any of the great camp facilities the Department of Recreation and Parks has to offer, <https://recreation.parks.lacity.gov/campgrounds>

CAMP HOLLYWOODLAND

Camp Hollywoodland offers friendship and a lifetime of memories through their camping programs. Popular activities include archery, nature, crafts, hiking, outdoor cooking, high ropes course, and themed events. For more information, please call (323) 467-7193 or visit our website at <https://recreation.parks.lacity.gov/camp/camp-hollywoodland>

CAMP SEELY

Camp Seely is located in the San Bernardino Mountains, nestled in a forest of tall pines at an elevation of 4,200 feet. The facility includes 60 cabins (each sleeps 4-5 people), a large kitchen, dining hall, rustic lodge, modern restroom/shower facilities, playing field, game room and children's play area. For more information please email camps@lacity.org or visit online at <https://recreation.parks.lacity.gov/camp/camp-seely>





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