

THE SALVATION ARMY

CAMP
DALEY

SUMMER CAMP 2026

WELCOME TO CAMP DALEY

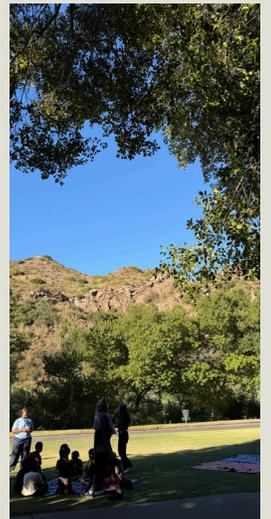


SUMMER IS AROUND THE CORNER!

The Salvation Army Camp Daley is located in northern LA county, nestled in beautiful Malibu Canyon. During the Summer, specially trained staff transform Camp into a haven of fun, adventure and new experiences - all with your kids in mind!

Each camp session varies slightly, but all camps involve swimming, outdoor activities, hilarious campfires, encouraging chapels and the opportunity to learn and grow with friends new and old.

The following booklet gives an outline of what can be expected at camp, as well as answer some commonly asked questions. We are here for your family to have a fantastic summer experience, so if you have further questions, please let us know!



ALL ABOUT CAMP!

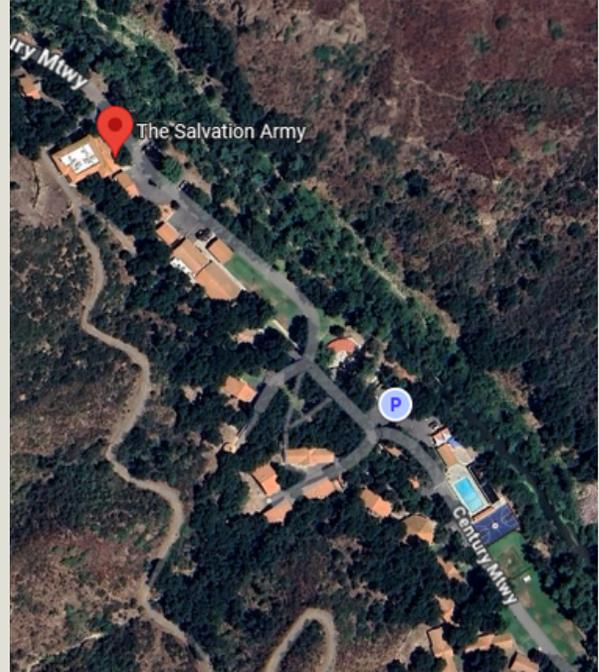


WHAT HAPPENS AT CAMP?

Campers are placed into age/gender based cabin groups which become their family for the week. They are cared for by specially trained leaders who have their social, emotional, physical and mental wellbeing as their top priority. Cabin groups eat together (the food at Daley is AMAZING), do activities together and are a support system to one another during their week away. Does your child have siblings or friends in other cabins? No worries! They will see one another often, and can spend time together during camp-wide free time.

A 'day in the life' can be found in the pages ahead, to give a snapshot of what your child can expect to do. Note that even during free time campers are well supervised, and there are always caring staff on hand to help them whenever needed.

THE LOCATION



CAMP DALEY IS LOCATED IN CALABASAS, CA

The address of Camp is 26801 Dorothy Dr, Calabasas, California. The drive is about 4 hours along the coastline, and normally a very comfortable one for our campers without too many twists and turns! The canyon landscape means that even in the hot summer, there are plenty of cool places to relax and play.

Camp Daly has bunk bed rooms for campers, a large dining hall, fire pit, swimming pool, basketball court, gaga ball pit, giant swings, playing fields, soccer fields and craft huts that your campers will be able to enjoy. Our teen wilderness campers are given the opportunity to stay further into the hills in a specially designed wilderness camp where they are challenged in independence and adventure!

PREPARING YOUR CAMPER

WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY EMOTIONS AS YOUR CAMPER PREPARES FOR THEIR SESSION. HAVING WELCOMED THOUSANDS OF CAMPERS OVER THE YEARS, HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP THEM FEEL CONFIDENT AND EXCITED FOR THEIR TIME AT CAMP DALEY.

BE THEIR CHEER SQUAD!

Talk about your own GREAT camping experiences, or things at Camp Daley that you are excited to hear about.

THE DRIVE

The drive to Malibu Canyon takes 3-4 hours depending on the traffic we encounter on the freeway. We will be in modern air-conditioned charter buses that are equipped with DVDs and bathrooms. Your camper is welcome to bring a book or drawing pad/pencil to pass the time if they would like!

TRAVEL SICKNESS

The drive to Camp Daley is quite uneventful, and is largely smooth highway travel along the coast. The final 30 minutes into the canyon has a few more turns, but we find most campers have no issues with the drive. If your child is prone to motion sickness, we recommend speaking to your pediatrician about motion-sickness prevention medications. We also recommend having a good breakfast on departure day and bringing their water bottle on the bus. Our staff will have all the supplies needed if a camper is unwell during the drive.

SPEEDY SHOWERS:

All cabin blocks have showers that are shared by campers. Have your child practice showering and dressing independently if they normally have help (especially washing hair!), our leaders cannot aid with bathing or dressing in any way.

Hint: Camp days are busy, so shower times are kept short! Have your camper 'race the clock' to make sure they are confident to bathe in 2-4 minutes.

PREPARING YOUR CAMPER

WATER & ALTITUDE

Camp Daley is at an altitude of just over 1000ft. This does not normally cause any issues for campers during their stay. The weather gets quite warm during the day, so drinking lots of water is a MUST to avoid headaches or stomach problems from dehydration.

POSITIVE BEDTIMES

While most campers fall asleep quickly after a fun and active day, night time can be hard for some children. Practice sleeping in their sleeping bag in a different room of the house. This is especially important if they are used to sleeping with lights on, music, or a family member near them. Have a special pillow case or stuffed animal they can bring along for the adventure and remind them that they will have trusted grown ups they can talk to if they need!

NEW PEOPLE NERVES!

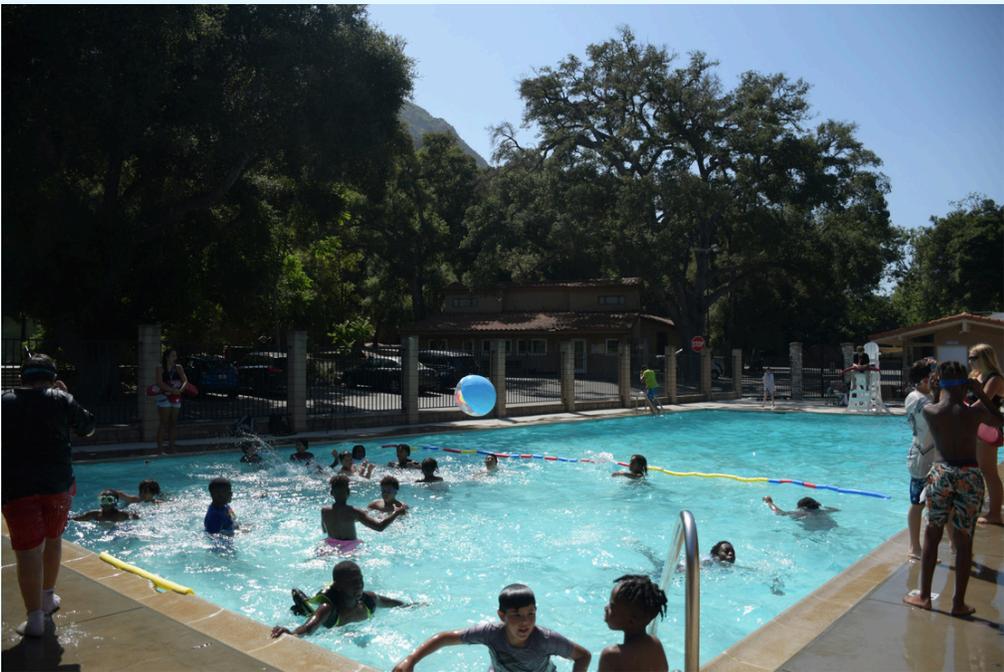
It is normal for campers to be nervous and excited about meeting new people. Role play with your camper ways to introduce themselves to new friends, and some conversation topics.

KEEPING TRACK OF BELONGINGS

To limit lost items at camp, we encourage you to talk to your camper about how they will keep their belongings organized and have a system for clean/dirty clothes. Cabin leaders will help with reminders, but it is the responsibility of your child to care for their things. Expect clothing items to get dirty from outdoor adventuring, and we recommend packing with your child so they know what is in their bag and where it is!

USE YOUR VOICE!

Above all, remind your camper if they have a question, are unsure, need some help joining in a game during free time or want to share something exciting, to use their voice! All camp staff are there for them whenever they are needed.



TIME TO PACK!



BEING PREPARED FOR CAMP MEANS HAVING EVERYTHING YOU NEED, AND NOTHING THAT YOU DON'T!

Camp is a wonderful time to connect with nature, get away from the 'normal' hustle and bustle of life and step out of your comfort zone! To ensure that your camper is adequately prepared, please bring the following:

- Closed toe shoes (running, hiking, cross training shoes, tennis shoes)
- At least 4 changes of clothes, pairs of socks, and under garments
- Flip-flops / sandals for shower and pool area
- Light clothing for outdoor hikes, sports, and activities
- Warm clothing (long pants, sweater, jacket, etc.) Mornings and nights at camp can get cold, and nightly campfires are outdoors.
- Deodorant, body wash/soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste
- Sleeping bag and pillow or sheet, blanket, and a pillow
- Pajamas
- Reusable water bottle
- Flashlight
- One-piece swimming suit (or t-shirt to cover a two-piece)
- Bug spray
- Sun Screen
- Towels (maybe two: one for the pool and one for showers)
- Necessary medications, inhalers, and epipens.
 - Please have these in a ORIGINAL PACKAGING secured in a Ziploc bag with any physician instructions.

No electronic devices, hair dryers, curling irons, hair straighteners, razors, alcohol, illegal drugs, sports equipment, animals or weapons of any kind

If you are having any difficulty sourcing any of these items for your camper, please contact the Salvation Army location where you registered and we will be happy to help.



DEPARTURE DAY

WHAT TO EXPECT AND HOW TO BE READY

Your camper has woken up, bags are ready and they've had an excellent breakfast, now it's time to get to camp!

You will receive an email with the exact time to arrive at The Salvation Army East County Red Shield to check your child in for the Camp Daley bus. The address is 1025 E. Main St, El Cajon and there is plenty of parking for you on site. Once you arrive, come to the newer looking building to check in. The process is:

1. Confirm correct camp session
2. Hand in paper USDA/Medical forms (linked on your registration email)
3. Medication Drop Off
4. Lice/Health Check
5. Lunch Drop Off
6. Luggage Check/Tag Collection

Once your camper is checked in, you are welcome to say goodbye then or wait for the bus to depart. The adventure begins!

LUNCH ON DAY ONE

The first official meal at camp is dinner, because of our driving distance, we ask all campers to bring a fully disposable lunch to eat when they arrive. These will be transported in the bus in coolers, so placing it in a labelled grocery bag is very helpful.

DAYS AT CAMP

NO ONE DAY AT CAMP IS EXACTLY THE SAME

But here is a sample of what a full day can look like:



7:45am - Wake Up
 8:30am - Flag Raising
 8:45am - Breakfast
 9:30am - Cabin Clean Up/Prep for Activities
 10:15am - Activity
 11:30am - Campfire Chapel
 12:45pm - Lunch
 1:30pm - Relaxation Time
 2:30pm - Snack
 2:55pm - Free Time Activities
 5:00pm - Free Time Ends/Prep for Evening
 5:35pm - Flag Lowering
 5:45pm - Dinner
 6:30pm - Activity/Camp Wide Game
 7:45pm - Campfire
 9:00pm - Head to Cabins
 9:45pm - Lights Out

WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL THEY DO?

The activities vary according to the camp session your child is attending, depending on their age and session it may involve swimming, archery, music electives, arts/crafts, sports, games or playing on the inflatables just to name a few!



TEEN WILDERNESS

SPECIAL NOTES FOR OUR 13+ CAMPERS



The purpose of Teen Wilderness is to disconnect and be challenged in our outdoor exploration program. A reminder that this camp is designed to be active! Please make sure they possess the physical capability to participate in activities such as hiking, biking, swimming, sports, rock climbing, etc. Prior experience in these activities is not necessary, however, it is essential that campers have the physical ability and willingness to participate.

One of the biggest challenges for Wilderness Campers is being away from their phones/technology. Talk with your teen before they come to camp, go over some strategies for meeting new people, how to ask for help if needed, and how to keep a positive mindset while embracing challenges!

PACKING REMINDERS

- Tennis/Hiking shoes that are sturdy enough for hiking and outdoor activities.
- Enough socks to change them every day!
- Swimsuits (one-piece or a two piece with a swim shirt for girls, swim shirts are also encouraged for boys to avoid sunburn)
- Reusable water-bottle
- Backpack

Campers should not bring any electronic devices including hair dryers or curling irons. Excessive products for makeup/skincare/hair routines are discouraged because bathroom time is limited!

FOR THE GROWN UPS ✨



YOUR KIDS ARE COURAGEOUS AND CAPABLE!

And so are you! Know that camp is designed to keep your kids safe and to have the best time possible, and we are so thankful to partner with you this summer! A large part of camper success is how they are greeted when they arrive home. We ask that you are on time to pick up your camper from the East County Red Shield, and ready to welcome them with open arms. After a HUGE week at camp and the long drive home, know that your camper will be a ball of many possible emotions, brave and proud of themselves, tired and wanting a long bath or shower, excited to be home, sad to have left camp and new friends, hungry and wanting some familiar food, bursting with stories to share, anxious about possible changes at home. The list is endless. To that end, we recommend the following:

- Start with a hug and 'I am so happy to see you!'
- Have a snack in the car or a favorite dinner ready at home.
- Don't have big plans for return night. A shower and sleep are normally most welcome!
- Don't bombard them with questions, but start gently:
 - Tell me about a time you were proud of yourself? An activity that was exciting? The name of a new friend? What was the most beautiful place?
- Remind them that you are proud of them for facing challenges and making memories!

CAMP POLICIES

CAMP IS A GREAT TIME OF GROWTH FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ARE IN PLACE

Necessary Camper Dismissal from Camp: Parents/Guardians are responsible for promptly picking up campers as a result of illness, behavioral conduct, injury, or any unforeseen circumstances. The camp will notify parents or guardians immediately if such a situation arises, and it is expected that they make arrangements for early pickup as needed.

Cell Phones: We believe a positive, safe and fun week at camp is best achieved without cell phones or electronic devices. The reasoning is multifaceted, primarily to protect all campers from unauthorized camera use, minimize distractions/access to harmful content on the internet, and to help them engage with camp activities. Furthermore, this alleviates potential loss and damage to, often very expensive, devices. As such, Campers are not permitted to bring cell phones and other electronic devices to camp. If any electronic devices are discovered on the buses or at camp, they will be held securely in the camp office until the end of the camping session. Camp will not be responsible for damage, loss, or theft of electronic device.

Calling Home: Camp provides a great opportunity for children to experience and develop independence. For this reason, telephones are not available to campers. Exceptions may be made for special circumstances or emergencies. Please do not give your child a calling card or promise that they can call home. If there is a time sensitive message that needs to be relayed to a camper, please call the camp office at [\(818\) 222-6327](tel:8182226327) and they can assist.

Homesickness: Our belief is that camp is a great place for kids to learn how to work through homesickness. It is helpful for parents to remind kids how much fun they will have at camp and how many new friends they will make. Experience shows that having a child call home or having parents call from home makes the situation more challenging, and our staff are trained to aid children who are needing support. Be assured that parents are contacted if needed on a case by case basis.

Other Illness or Injury: If a child becomes ill (fever, vomiting, or other flu/cold like symptoms) or suffers from an injury that cannot be treated by the camp medical staff (cut requiring stitches, head injury, broken bones, etc.), parents will be called, and additional medical treatment sought. If this limits the camper's ability to continue in the camp session, Parents/Guardians of the camper will be contacted and asked to pick up their child. Camp will conduct a health screening during the first day registration process. Please do not send a child who has experienced fever, vomiting, diarrhea or other flu like symptoms within 24 hours prior to the camping session.

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Menstruation: If your daughter will be having her period during her camping session, please make sure she has all the necessary supplies to be comfortable. In the event she experiences her period for the first time, we will contact parents/guardians and our leadership and healthcare staff will be available to help and provide supplies needed.

Behavior Policy: If a camper violates the rules or uses poor judgement, the child will be referred to leadership staff and a verbal warning will be completed. If a second situation should occur, the child will be referred to leadership staff and the director of the program. A written warning will be completed. If a third situation occurs, parents/guardians will be contacted and expected to come and pick-up their child. If dismissed due to behavior, the camper will not be able to attend another session during the same Summer.

Bullying: When one or more people exclude, tease, taunt, gossip, hit, kick, or put down another person with the intent to hurt another, bullying occurs. Bullying is inexcusable. We have a firm policy against all types. Any bullying will be cause for disciplinary action.

Dietary Restrictions: Campers are very physically active and are generally very hungry. The menu is child friendly, healthy and follows the USDA standards, with meals served family style. Any dietary restrictions should be noted on the online registration form.

Lice: We require that all kids are checked for lice before they attend camp. In order to avoid any delay or disappointment, please check thoroughly and provide treatment if necessary before departure day.

Medication: Prescription and over-the-counter medication must be in the original container - ALL Prescriptions must. CAMP CAN NOT and WILL NOT accept or make available any medication that is not in the original container.

Prohibited Items: Camp leadership reserves the right to inspect a camper's belongings due to the suspicion of harm, theft, or the possession of alcohol, drugs, or any weapon. Campers will be dismissed if they are found in possession of alcohol, drugs, or any type of weapon.

Canteen: No need to send campers with money. Camp will provide snacks/canteen every day, free of charge.

WHAT NEXT?



ARE YOU READY FOR ADVENTURE?

To register your child for a session at Camp Daley, email ecredshield@usw.salvationarmy.org or call our front office here at the East County Red Shield - (619) 440-4683. This will reserve your child's spot, which you will then confirm with payment in March.

As we approach the summer, we will be having a Summer Camp launch day where your kids can get to know others who will be coming along, and grown ups can ask any of the final questions they might have! We can't wait to see you!

SEE YOU SOON!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email ————— ecredshield@usw.salvationarmy.org

Phone ————— (619) 440-4683

Address ————— 1025 E Main St, El Cajon