

Day Camp

Ages 6-9

Traditional Day Camp

Day campers explore our wilderness trails, meet the farm animals face to face, and learn about life cycles in the garden. Daily activities include swimming, cooking, face painting by the creek, singing, storytelling, and arts and crafts. A highlight is the optional Thursday overnight with an evening meal, night activities, and a sleep-out under the stars. The five-day sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. A sleep over is held on Thursday with a Friday pick up at **noon**. Includes optional extended day hours (Mon-Wed 8:00AM-5:00PM)

DC 1: June 18th - June 22nd

DC 2: June 25th - June 29th

DC 3: July 2nd - July 6th

DC 4: July 9th - July 13th

DC 5: July 16th - July 20th

DC 6: July 23rd - July 27th

DC 7: July 30th - Aug. 3rd

DC 8: Aug. 6th - Aug 10th

DC 9: Aug. 13th - Aug. 17th

Ages 8-9

Special Programs (new this summer)

Older day campers have the opportunity to sign up for one of our "specialty camps". The new programs give campers an opportunity to try something new or focus on their favorite part of the farm, while still giving them a chance to participate in daily activities they already enjoy: swimming, face painting by the creek, and arts and crafts. The five-day sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. A sleep over is held on Thursday with a Friday pick up at **noon**. Includes optional extended day hours (Mon-Wed 8:00AM-5:00PM).

Bee Sweet to Sheep

You are sweet as honey, but not a flower! Join our flock of sheep as we learn about wool and collect some soft fuzz to make your very own hanging mobile. We will get busy and create a decoration from felted wool that will remind you why bees are busy and how their hard work helps the garden. Then we will collect plants from our garden to naturally dye your decoration to make it extra special. Best of all, we will sample the sweet reward of the bee's labor when we taste some of Hidden Villa's very own honey.

DC 4A: July 9th - July 13th DC 6A: July 23rd - July 27th

Ahoy! Pirate Exploration

Armed with only your wits, your mates and a compass, you will learn to navigate the woods and farm of Hidden Villa as only a pirate could. Help find a buried treasure and unearth the secrets to making maps of all kinds, including a personal map leading to treasure you'll help to hide somewhere on the farm. Later, X marks the spot as you uncover new ways to explore the woods around Hidden Villa with your fellow shipmates. Arrrrr you ready? Then climb aboard!

DC 4B: July 9th - July 13th DC 6B: July 23rd - July 27th

It's SUN-sational!

What do baking a cake, creating art, making a clock and drying fruit have in common? This summer discover how all of these activities use the sun's energy! Construct a sundial and unlock the sun's secrets to telling time. Create sun prints with pieces of nature, collected by you. Make tasty fruit treats in one of Hidden Villa's very special places: the garden. End our great week by celebrating the sun with a party, complete with a delicious cake that you bake in a solar oven! Come have fun learning about the star that makes everything happen for us!
DC 4C: July 9th - July 13th DC 6C: July 23rd - July 27th

Art on the Farm

Calling all budding artists! Whether you have been drawing your whole life or you would like to try something new, come join us as we discover beauty on the farm! We will spend one day in the garden trying new foods and then learning to draw the foods we love. We will meet the animals, spend time getting to know them and learning how to draw them. To top this off, we will take an awe-inspiring hike to the top of a mountain where we will create a masterpiece made out of the forest parts! Come experience Hidden Villa through the eyes of an artist... yours!

DC 5D: July 16th - July 20th

DC 7D: July 30th - Aug. 3rd

Goat Kids!

Goat lovers welcome! Come hang out with our friendly goats and learn about where they came from and why they're here! Bring your imaginations to explore Switzerland, the original home of our Oberhasli goats, and learn about why goats are so helpful for human beings. Get those hands warmed up and ready to milk a goat and make goat cheese. Then we take it to the kitchen to make some yummy Swiss goat foods. Be ready to work your body as we take a goat on a hike and learn about their skills on the trail. Be a goat kid and enjoy a week of great goat fun!

DC 5E: July 16th - July 20th

DC 7E: July 30th - Aug. 3rd

Play!!

It's time to play! Do you find the stage kind of scary? Did you pass on an acting class this summer because it's too nice to stay inside? Well, this summer the stage is outdoors at Hidden Villa and we are looking for actors and non-actors. This is your chance to put on costumes and act with the cows or maybe pretend to be a farmer for a day. We will learn about how things grow by acting in the garden, we will talk about food by putting on skits with the animals, and we will get to write our own mini-play where the audience gets to participate! So, come out to Hidden Villa and PLAY!

DC 5F: July 16th - July 20th

DC 7F: July 30th - Aug. 3rd

Junior Resident Program

Ages 9–10

This 5-day overnight camp is especially designed for younger campers coming to a sleepaway camp for the first time. Participants enjoy arts and crafts, archery, swimming, camp fires, hiking on our trails, and gardening in our organic gardens.

Half of Junior Resident Campers sleep in the cabins located behind the Hostel, and others sleep under the stars in special designated sites. All residential campers come together for meals in the Hostel building.

JRZ 1 July 9th thru July 13th

JRZ 2 July 16th thru July 20th

Resident Program

Ages 9–12

Each day of this 12-day camp is filled with a wide choice of activities—swimming, organic gardening, archery, games, goat walks, arts and crafts, singing, skits, making ice cream, and maybe even mudding a pig! In the evening campers enjoy campfires, storytelling, drama, games, and moonlight hikes.

The sustainable Hostel building is camp headquarters—here campers share meals and morning reflections.

Younger campers sleep in separate “Cabin Boys” and “Cabin Girls” quarters located behind the Hostel. Older campers are in “Bluff” and “Vale” where they sleep under the stars in their own private camp sites. Each group spends a night camping in Hidden Villa’s wilderness, with an opportunity to explore the trails.

REZ 1 July 23rd thru Aug 3rd

REZ 2 Aug 6th thru Aug 17th

Farm & Wilderness

Ages 13–15

As Farm & Wilderness campers, teens build close relationships within a small group, living at the Hollow Oak campsite at Hidden Villa for nine days and going on a three-day mid-session backpack trip to Black Mountain. While on the trail, campers work toward team-building and achieving group goals.

Campers and counselors care for the farm animals (cows, goats, pigs, sheep, chickens). Each day they choose from a variety of activities—hiking, swimming, archery, arts and crafts, ropes course, sports, or gardening. Evenings are spent relaxing around the campfire, sharing music, taking a night hike or a moonlight swim.

FW 1 July 9th thru July 20th

FW 2 July 23rd thru Aug 3rd

FW 3 Aug 6th thru Aug 17th

ACT Counselor Training

Ages 16–18

The ACT program is for young people who are interested in and ready for the responsibility of caring for children in a camp environment. Participants set up camp in “Frank’s garden,” a beautiful outdoor setting near Adobe Creek.

ACT I participants spend their mornings learning some of the skills they will need as counselors, while afternoons are reserved for helping out in other camp programs, as well as having some camp fun of their own.

Topics covered in ACT I are communication techniques, conflict resolution, values clarification, and some basic leadership skills to use with groups of campers. Trainees have the opportunity to practice some of these skills and work with experienced counselors in Day Camp programs—doing an internship for one week following this training.

ACT II is for those who have completed ACT I the previous year. Program begins with participants attending our all-staff training, and continues for two additional weeks of on-the-job training alongside experienced mentors and camp directors. By designing, implementing, and evaluating large group activities, participants gain proficiency in some of the biggest challenges a counselor might face. They also spend additional time developing age-appropriate activities and public speaking, learning interview techniques and resume-building skills.

Program graduates who successfully complete the training are encouraged to apply for available positions and may have the opportunity to work as counselors for the rest of the summer.

ACT I July 23rd thru Aug 3rd

ACT II June 18th thru June 29th

How Much

\$400 for Day Camp

\$500 for Junior Resident Camp (5-day overnight)

\$1000 for 12-day residential camp programs

\$250 for ACT Counselor Training II (3 weeks, must have completed ACT I)

How to Register

-There is a \$50 deposit per participant. (See “How to pay” below for more details.)

-Mail or email your application(s), with deposit(s), to the camp office **before March 15, 2007**. We do not accept registration by phone.

-Each participant must have a separate form. Feel free to photocopy the application if you have more than one participant applying.

-You will be notified of the status of your application by mail in about three weeks. Phone inquiries only slow our processing, so please be patient.

-After the above deadlines we will continue to process applications in the order received.

How to Pay

-We require a \$50 deposit per participant, refundable only if the applicant is not accepted to camp.

-Send a separate check for each deposit. (Write down, for your records, the requested camp dates and check number that you send.)

-Balance of camp fees is payable **AFTER** the applicant has been registered. We encourage credit card payment for the balance (not for deposits).

-Returned checks are subject to a \$20 returned check fee.

-Camp fees are non-refundable after May 31. All refunds take from two to three weeks to process.

-Changes are possible only as space allows. Please choose carefully: there is a \$25 administration fee for changes after your child has been registered.

Financial Aid

We provide financial aid to make camp possible for some and more affordable for others. Financial aid is based on a family's total income and the number of dependents and is contingent upon receiving income verification. Please fill the out financial aid form in addition to the camp application, attach proof of income (e.g. copy of pay stub), and return them together to the camp office.

Other Things You Should Know

-We give priority to siblings and returning campers. (We try to schedule siblings during the same session unless you indicate otherwise.)

-We hate to disappoint any applicants so we urge you to get your applications in on time. Flexibility about your choices of camp sessions will also help.

-Once your camper is accepted, you will receive the remainder of the forms in a welcome packet. Please complete all the forms well in advance so that we can have a record of your information **before camp starts**.

-**Residential Programs** require a physical examination.

-**Day Campers** will need to provide a copy of the child's immunization records.

Hidden Villa's Buddy Policy

Camp is a great opportunity to explore new things, make new friends, and take early steps toward independence. Hidden Villa's mission is to bring together children and youth from different backgrounds together and help them become friends. While we recognize that many children would like to attend camp with a special friend, **we will not be placing campers in groups with requested buddies**. Having buddies in the same small group can reinforce cliques and exclusionary practices. At Hidden Villa, we are all working to create a safe and caring atmosphere for our campers.

Dear Campers and Families,

As many of you are aware, this past year has been a time of change for Hidden Villa Summer Camp. We are excited to announce the continuation of 12-day resident camp programs at Hidden Villa. Honoring the vision of Frank and Josephine Duveneck, who turned their 1945 farm into what it has grown to today; Hidden Villa Summer Camp has been nurturing relationships between people of different cultural, religious, economic, and racial backgrounds, as well as strengthening their connections to the environment and community. We would like to thank everyone that took an interest and helped make it possible to continue to offer these residential programs. The outpouring of support allowed us to continue to inspire our campers with a sense of awe for natural beauty, tools for multicultural community building, commitment to social justice, and confidence to make positive change in the world. We are also excited to announce the arrival of Day Camp “Special Programs” for new and old day campers to enjoy.

However in this time of change we are also proud to offer the services and quality that you have grown to trust over the years. We are excited to announce that many of our year-round interns who have worked since September as environmental educators will finish their year at Hidden Villa as a part of the summer camp staff. The interns and seasonal counselors are extraordinarily committed people that reflect the diversity of our camp participants. Special emphasis is placed on respecting and caring for each other—and the environment—in everyday camp life. Each day we have thoughtful discussions and periods of reflection. We intentionally hire staff who can create a place where everyone can develop confidence and experience a sense of belonging while making friends and having fun. Finally, all staff participates in intense hands on training program that includes CPR and First Aid training to ensure the safety of our campers. We love working with young people, and we also take our responsibility—to them and to their families—seriously. We invite you to participate in Summer Camp 2007.

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