

# Parent Packet 2019



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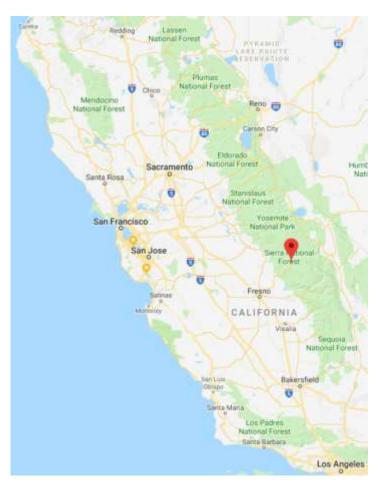
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# INTRODUCTION

Max and Marion Caldwell (Uncle Max and Aunt Marion) created Kennolyn in 1946 with a vision for a children's camp. They saw that vision flourish, and for over 70 years Kennolyn has been one of the most acclaimed children's camps in the world. From the beginning, Kennolyn Camps has been a place where kids build lifelong friendships, unplug from technology, and explore the world around them. Through our overnight, day and family camp programs, we offer a traditional, structured program designed to foster emotional, social and physical growth in each camper, while embracing the power of fun, play, and adventure.

In 2018 Kennolyn opened a new camp on Huntington Lake in the California Sierra National Forest. We've ran our first "camp launch" session with great success and are excited about our first full summer. This new camp offers children ages 10-16 an intimate, fun, and flexible summer camp experience. We welcome you to join our tight knit camp community of 64 campers, 20 staff, and 4 bunk houses.



## LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

Back in 1993, Uncle Max and Aunt Marion were on a staff recruiting trip at UC Davis. Little did they know that they were hiring their future grandson-in-law, Dan Johnson. Dan and Lindsey Caldwell married in 1998 and Dan went on to become a high school teacher and ran Kennolyn Day Camp for many years. With the start of this new program, Dan has jumped back in to direct Kennolyn Huntington Lake. We are confident his 25 years of camp experience and deep connection to Kennolyn will guide our new program into the future. Dan welcomes your calls and looks forward to getting to know you and your family. Pam Caldwell Nootbaar, our General Manager, and Andrew Townsend, our long time Camps Director will oversee the



program and provide ongoing support where needed. Like our long time camp in Soquel, we hire staff from all over the world, offering campers the unique and inspiring opportunity to interact with other cultures and languages. Several staff are returning from our launch session last summer to help instill the Kennolyn culture. All of our staff members undergo personal interviews, extensive reference checks, and background checks before starting work.

## **PROGRAM GOALS**

Kennolyn is dedicated to making a difference in campers' lives. This program is uniquely suited to do just that. With only 64 campers, our goal is not only for ALL counselors to know ALL campers by name, but to know what makes them tick. This small group environment will truly allow us to help your children develop relationships, learn new things, and grow 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. In fact, we believe now more than ever before that camp is an antidote to digital addiction through active, face-to-face, communal life guided by supportive, non-parent adults.

At Kennolyn, we want campers to ....

- Learn about themselves
- Learn to love nature and being outdoors
- Learn how to make the most of free time without using technology
- Take advantage of a safe place, be curious, and explore new things
- Be healthy, stay active
- Notice, respect, and enjoy the differences among people
- Learn how to make new friends and get along with others
- Be independent



At Kennolyn, our counselors help your child develop skills to navigate life. These 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills are...

- Communicating and listening well
- Possessing insight into others
- Empathy
- Thinking critically
- Having grit
- Making healthy choices

### CABIN LIFE

Campers are placed into "Family Groups" of up to 8 campers of similar grade and 1 counselor. These groups are the foundation of camp. Family Groups may stay in large canvas tents clustered together or share a cabin (which are much bigger than the ones from our Santa Cruz Mountains program) with another group. The decision of whether a Family Group is in a tent or a cabin is based on the grades of enrolled campers and what makes sense to form strong Family Groups. Tents and cabins have electricity but do not have bathrooms – toilets and private shower houses are just a few steps away.



Campers rotate responsibilities to keep their cabins, camp, and the dining deck clean. They also take turns serving food in the buffet line. Cabins compete for the coveted Golden Sponge Award, the top honor presented to one boy's cabin and one girl's cabin at the final campfire each session. What a wonderful way to learn responsibility, respect, and the spirit of cooperation!

Adjusting to group living is an important part of camp life. Camp is designed for making new friends and taking a step toward independence. So attending camp with a particular friend is not necessary, and for some children may prevent an opportunity to make new friends. We do recognize, however, that some campers want to be placed in a Family Group with a friend from home and we will do our best to accommodate everyone. All requests for special cabin placement must be made through the Cabin Mate Request form.

We welcome all children to Kennolyn and work closely with families to make sure that all campers have a successful experience regardless of their background. Campers are assigned to Family Groups based on the gender they have declared in our registration system. When a camper identifies with a gender other than the one they were assigned at birth, we will work with the camper's family to ensure a smooth and successful experience. We reserve the right to share limited information regarding placements with other camp families, but we do not automatically do so. Everything is decided on a case by case basis with the camper's family. Anyone who has any concerns about placements should contact us for a more in depth conversation.

## FACILITY

The property first operated as a girls camp in the 20s (Diane Feinstein was a camper!) and since the 60s the Christian Brothers ran a family camp called Camp La Salle. We've remodeled the interior of the cabins this winter to suit camp living. The lodge was recently remodeled and gives us a cozy place to relax, play games (including billiards), enjoy the Milkshake and Hot Chocolate bar, or enjoy a little entertainment during Open Mic night. The kitchen, outdoor dining deck, dock, boathouse, and detached bathrooms are all modern and in great shape too. We open camp after Memorial Day weekend and then shut down after Labor Day weekend.

## FOOD AND DINING

The weather at Huntington Lake is consistently warm and not too hot since we're up at 7000'. Three warm and hearty meals are served daily on our outdoor dining deck. In case of rain, we can retreat to the Lodge or adjacent Huntington Room. Family Groups sit together for breakfast and dinner. Because of our small camp size, lunch is open seating to allow time to build relationships outside the Family Group. Campers love the food here and the menu provides options for everyone including special dietary needs like vegetarians, vegans, and gluten-free campers. Food allergies should be noted on health forms.

# **SESSION OUTLINE**

## **OPENING DAY**

Camp starts right on the bus when we depart at 10:30am! Counselors lead songs, tell stories, and even a few riddles to keep things fun. Campers arrive at Huntington Lake between 3-4pm and start getting to know their bunk mates right away. After a tour of camp, we all head down to the dock for the "Camp Plunge" to cool off and go through a short swim test to ensure everyone is water safe. Then it's time to get cleaned up for dinner followed by campfire at the Toadstool.



### **TYPICAL DAY**

Our typical day starts at 7:15am. After a hot breakfast on the dining deck with the Family Group, it's time to clean the cabin and get ready for the day's activities. Two activity periods are followed by lunch and our Camp Siesta. Everyone heads to their cabin for some quiet time, letter writing, or napping. This is a perfect way to recharge. We then have two activity periods followed by Family Hour where groups choose an activity together or catch a shower. After Family Hour, groups enjoy dinner together before embarking on the special evening activity. After dinner, campers choose their activities for the next day. 9pm is "Lights Out" for campers grades 5-7. Campers grades 8-11 have lights out at 9:30pm.

Typical Day Schedule					
6:00am	Sunrise Ski				
7:15	Wakeup				
7:30	Breakfast				
8:45	Flag Raising				
9:00	Period 1				
10:30	Period 2				
12:00pm	Lunch				
1:00	Camp Siesta				
2:00	Period 3				
3:30	Period 4				
5:00	Family Hour				
6:00	Dinner				
7:00	Retreat				
7:15	Evening Event				
9:00	Grades 5-7 lights out				
9:30pm	Grades 8-11 lights out				

### FREE CHOICE & THRILL DAY



On our last full day of

camp, we mix things up with "Free Choice" activities in the morning, special food, an all-camp event in the afternoon. "Free Choice" is similar to a typical day but there are no sign ups - campers are free to roam and try activities they love or just haven't had a chance to do. This is also a time when we try out new activities based off of camper request or counselor interest to keep things fresh and fun. After lunch, we launch the event - treasure hunts, quests, obstacle courses, relay races, and special challenges with our costumed zany staff. The day is wrapped up with a final campfire. Later that night, smiles and tears flow as counselors serenade campers to sleep like we've done over 70 years.

## **CLOSING DAY**

Unlike our Santa Cruz Mountains camp, we do not have a parent-focused ceremony. We simply say final goodbyes and board buses home. Families may also pick up campers between 10-11am.

# **EVENING EVENTS & TRADITIONS**

Special events are held each evening for the entire camp to round out a full day of fun and excitement. Some favorites include Scavenger Hunt, Auction, Counselor Dress-Up, Trivia Night, and Dance & Movie Night. Twice each week we gather at the Toadstool Campfire for a spirited sing-along and Family Group skits. We also sometimes have dessert using the S'more Pit where coals from the bonfire are gathered onto pedestals for the perfect roasting experience. Our lodge provides an excellent performance space for Open Mic night. Campers volunteer to play a song on the piano, ukulele, read a poem, tell a joke, or express whatever creative genes they may have. Campers love to take advantage of the Milkshake and Hot Chocolate bar during Open Mic night. It all adds up to making camp a home away from home and memories to last a lifetime.

Camp is full of traditions. One favorite is the two mile kayak trip to Thursday Island – named by the girls' camp that operated on the property in the 20s. Another favorite is jumping off the rocks on the south shore across the lake from our quiet water cove. For our first full summer, the old Kennolyn standard Outpost will be adapted to "Eat-Post": Family Groups will cook our famous "Foil Stew" over an open fire on property and then pull their mattresses out to sleep under the stars or use one of the group tents on property for a nice change of pace and Family Group bonding time.







Campers spend the first several days at camp together as a Family Group. We call those "Group Days" where they build relationships within their group and get exposed to the main activities (waterskiing, kayaking, and sailing). Campers are under the supervision of their counselor the whole time and are encouraged to try things they may not otherwise decide to on their own. During a given activity period on "Group Days", we build in flexibility and choice so campers have options. The remaining days are "Choice Days" where campers choose their own adventure by signing up for activities they're most interested in each night. Our staff are then assigned to meet camper demand. Our "Specialty" activities are scheduled during the Choice Days.

**Two Week Session** 

Opening Day		Group	Days		Choice Days				Thrill Day	Closing Day	
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri

**One Week Session** 

Opening Day	Group Days		Choice Days		Thrill Day	Closing Day
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun

### THE LIST

<u>SPECIALTY</u> PACK TRIP TRAIL RIDING

WATERFRONT WATERSKIING WAKEBOARDING KNEEBOARDING TUBING PONTOON BOAT KAYAKING & CANOEING STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING PADDLEBOATING SAILING FISHING SNORKELING DOCK & LINE COVE DOCK-ULELE LOCAL EXCURSIONS WATERFALL HIKE & RAPPEL SWIMMING-HOLE PLUNGE CRUISE THE DAMS

CAMP TRAPEZE CULINARY ARTS OUTDOOR COOKING ARCHERY FRISBEE GOLF CRAFTS & HANDBUILT POTTERY PHOTOJOURNALISM OUTDOOR ADVENTURE YOGA GAMES BADMINTON CREATIVE COUNSELORS



# **SPECIALTY ACTIVITIES - SIGN UP BEFORE CAMP**

We have contracted with a local outfitter who has been leading horseback riding trips in the area for a very long time. Sign ups and additional fees are done before coming to camp as space is limited. For those that are not sure if they want to add, families can "pre-approve" the fee. Then during the session, if a space is available and the camper is willing, we will take them along and charge the fee later. Sign-up online or send us an email to <a href="mailto:camps@kennolyn.com">camps@kennolyn.com</a>. We provide needed equipment but campers are welcome to bring their own boots and helmet if they prefer.

#### **PACK TRIP**

Offered Session 1 and 2 only. Fee is \$375. This is a 24 hour trip with a midmorning departure, overnight, and midmorning return. We send one of our counselors along with a group of up to 9 campers. Our group is lead by two experienced guides who provide pack mules, tents, and cooking equipment. This trip is not for the beginner rider because there is a large gain in elevation. Campers should feel comfortable on a horse and have taken lessons or done a trail ride before to ensure they really enjoy the experience and not just grit it out. We climb 8.5 miles up 2000 feet to high mountain meadows and lakes. Campers enjoy the unforgettable views halfway between Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks where you really feel like you are on top of the world. Once at the crystal clear lake, campers can fish, swim, explore, or just hang out amongst the lovely trees, streams, meadows and wildflowers. This trip is a truly classic experience.

#### **TRAIL RIDING**

Offered Session 1, 2, 3. Fee is \$75. We use the same outfitter to lead horseback trail rides for groups of up to 12 campers. Trail Rides meander among the creeks and pines around the Huntington Lake. Campers enjoy the gentle breeze, amazing views across the open water, and mountain meadows with beautiful wild flowers and butterflies.





## **AT THE WATERFRONT**

### **SKI BOATS**

Waterskiing, wakeboarding, kneeboarding, and tubing are popular waterfront activities. No skill or experience is necessary. We provide lifejackets and needed equipment for all sizes and skill levels. For those that can't get enough water time, we also offer Sunrise and Sunset Skiing to make sure everyone gets their fill.

### **PONTOON BOAT**

Our double decker pontoon boat provides a great change of pace to hang out on the lake, jump off the upper deck, or slip down the slide. It's also a great way to get in a little extra fishing or get a snack in between ski boat sessions.

### **KAYAKING & CANOEING**

There is no better way to explore the miles of shoreline than in a kayak or canoe. Campers learn basic techniques and boat safety in the calm waters of Line Cove where our private dock is located. Our instructors lead excursions all around our beautiful lake, including the famous trip to Thursday Island.

### **STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING**

SUP (Stand Up Paddleboarding) now competes with all the other watercraft as a great way to explore the lake and get in a little workout.





### **PADDLEBOATING**

Sometimes, it's not *when* you get there but *how* you get there! For those that like a little extra company, Paddleboating is a great way to explore Line Cove and put a fishing line in the water.

### SAILING

Huntington Lake is known for its annual High Sierra Regatta held each July. We are excited to build the same type of reputation for our sailing program as well. Trained instructors teach campers how to sail or even just take them out for a sail (if campers don't wish to learn how themselves). Campers learn quickly and start going out on their own on one of our Lasers (small 3 person boat) or take a Hobie-Cat out with a few friends (big 5-7 person boat). Huntington Lake offers a great area to learn how to sail with light winds perfect for the beginner early in the day and stronger winds in the afternoon for the more advanced.

### **FISHING**

The lake is stocked with brown trout, rainbow trout, and kokanee salmon. Whether up Line Creek, from our dock, or out in our fishing boat, campers are sure to have a great time. We provide the licenses, rods, reels, tackle and bait and campers provide the patience, skill and luck. For those campers who are lucky enough to catch a fish, our kitchen is happy to clean it and cook it up for dinner or the campers can cook it themselves over an open fire back at camp.

### **SNORKELING**

The water is so clear that snorkeling is a nice diversion to learn proper breathing technique, how to clear masks, and surface dive. This is great prep for the family vacation to the tropics!

### **DOCK & LINE COVE**

Our dock is on Line Cove where the water is calm and protected from other watercraft. Campers enjoy hanging out, jumping into the water or just swimming around in our swimming area.

### **DOCK-ULELE**

What better way to relax than play a little ukulele on the dock? We call it dock-ulele. Counselors help the kids learn the basics, giving campers a chance to try something new or practice a song for Open Mic night.



## LOCAL EXCURSIONS

### WATERFALL HIKE

Rancheria Falls' trailhead is a short 10 minute drive away and a great place to visit for a change of pace. This short 1 mile trail leads to a 150 foot waterfall cascading over a sloping granite cliff face.

#### **CRUISE THE DAMS**

Huntington Lake is a part of Southern California Edison's Big Creek hydroelectric project built in 1912. Water from the headwaters of the central Sierras are captured from Florence and Edison Lakes at



higher elevations, transported through miles long Ward Tunnel, and into Huntington Lake which was formed by construction of four dams. Water from Huntington Lake runs through the Big Creek powerhouse below and then on to Shaver Lake. This project supplies 90% of SCEs hydroelectric power provided to Southern California. A fun trip is to "cruise the dams" on bikes to get a feel for the project and get a view from the other side of the lake. We also ring along binoculars to search for Osprey and Bald Eagles along the way.

### **SWIMMING-HOLE PLUNGE**

The beautiful Indian Pools are located just 15 minutes away. In less than a mile walk, Big Creek opens up to a series of swimming holes. This is a great spot jump off the rocks into the water, picnic on the sandy beach, or just hang out on a hot day. The water is so clear you can spy some fish if you keep your eye out! Some groups continue on past the first pool to find more cascades, waterfalls, and smaller pools on up the trail.



## AT CAMP

### TRAPEZE

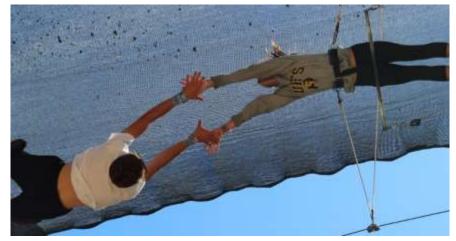
Normally offered as a "Specialty" in our Santa Cruz Mountains program, we operate a real flying trapeze. Experienced instructors emphasize safety, fun and rapid skill development. Campers wear safety harnesses and are protected by a net below. Campers learn to flip and hang by their knees, swing to catch the instructor's hands, and eventually learn to flip back onto their swing! This is offered during the middle Fri-Sat-Sun each session.

### **CULINARY ARTS**

Normally offered as a "Specialty" in our Santa Cruz Mountains program, this activity is a standard part of our offering. Campers utilize the kitchen in the lodge to cook (and clean up!) yummy recipes which they can take home to use for years to come.

### **OUTDOOR COOKING**

Campers receive important lessons in outdoor cooking safety, gather wood, build a campfire, and prepare and cook delicious meals using a Dutch Oven and other techniques.





### **ARCHERY**

Archery has been popular since the very early days at Kennolyn. Campers learn all the basics and are able to practice regularly. Building skills means building scores and earning awards to provide a little extra fun and incentive.

### **CHESS**

This ancient game of strategy is making a comeback, and is once again very popular with campers. Learn the basics or advance your understanding of strategy and game winning moves. This activity includes friendly tournament play.

### **FRISBEE GOLF**

We have a 4 hole mini course at camp where campers learn the basic throws – forehand, backhand, tomahawk, and putt.

### **CRAFTS & HANDBUILT POTTERY**

Campers create wonderful keepsakes to take home. This includes a camp mug which all campers are encouraged to make right away to enjoy hot chocolate in the lodge during Open Mic Night.



### **PHOTOJOURNALISM**

Under the guidance of our counselors,

campers investigate the goings on around camp and take photos to create the Kennolyn Gazette, blog posts, and other creative projects.

### **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

Camp backs up to the vast Kaiser Wilderness with miles and miles of trails leading to alpine lakes and granite formations. Campers are lead on hikes, read animal tracks, learn to identify native plants, build shelters, and build their outdoor living skills.

### YOGA

This is a time to get re-centered, learn deep controlled breathing and mindfulness as we set an intention for the day while limbering up.

### GAMES

Ping pong, bocce ball, ladder ball, horseshoes, washer toss, you name it, this is a time to hang out and slow down with a little easy entertainment. Campers may also choose to go indoors to the Lodge and play pool, cards, or other board games.

### **BADMINTON**

Campers learn all the basics and play this popular racquet game, which originated in British India in the 1800's and is now an Olympic sport enjoyed around the world.



### **CREATIVE COUNSELORS**

During Choice Days, counselors come up with other activities based on skills they have or interest generated from campers. This could be Improv or something totally random like "Broom-Soc-Hock" (a combination of soccer and hockey played with brooms), all based on camper interest or what our counselors create!

# **SPECIAL CAMPER PROGRAMS**

## **SENIOR CAMPERS**

Campers entering grades 8 and 9 are a part of our popular Senior Camper program. Like all Kennolyn campers, Senior Campers are part of a Family Group and take part in regularly scheduled camp activities. They enjoy increased interaction with their peers in other cabins and have the opportunity to take part in special activities planned exclusively for them. They also have a later bed time and are given the option to sleep in on occasion. Senior Campers need some time alone with other teenagers, so we give them that time, Kennolyn style!

## CILT-LITE

In opening this new camp we are offering older campers an option. They can come to the lake and participate in the CILT (Camper in Leadership Training) program and remain eligible for the remaining years of the leadership program at Santa Cruz Mountains or they can stay a camper at the lake.

At Huntington Lake, we offer a "CILT-Lite" **option** for campers entering grades 10 and 11. This modified program allows CILTs to be eligible for their CIT year back in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Huntington Lake CILTs participate in activities like other campers but are given leadership opportunities along the way: they assist counselors with Family Groups, serve as "Look-Outs" at the lake, or help run or lead activities. Time during the day is also devoted to leadership training through challenging group initiatives, discussions, and practical training on working with children. One highlight of the session is the kayak trip to Thursday Island. Although never asked to take direct responsibility for a group of campers, CILTs are expected to be role models around camp, and to show their commitment to developing the skills that will make them great leaders at camp, at home, and in their communities. It is a fun introduction to taking on a leadership role at camp.

Those that wish to continue the Leadership Training program then return to Kennolyn to complete the program:

10<sup>th</sup> grade – CILT (Camper in Leadership Training)

11<sup>th</sup> grade - CIT (Counselor in Training)

12<sup>th</sup> grade - JC (Junior Counselor)

Graduates - Freshman Counselors (all other staff must have completed 1 year of college)

# **CAMPER HEALTH**

Huntington Lake is at 7000 feet which may some campers headaches, tiredness, or trouble sleeping for a day or two as they all acclimatize. If you know your camper has problems with altitude at places like Lake Tahoe or Mammoth, this may not be the right program for them. With proper hydration, sunscreen, and lotion campers will be fine. And if need be our camp nurse will provide first aid, dispense required medications, and keep campers overnight in the Health Center if needed. Our camp doctor is on-call from the Fresno area and the majority of our staff are also CPR and Lifeguard certified. We are also very well connected to emergency services at Huntington Lake (the local Fire Department keeps an engine on the camp property!) However, medical care like ear infections, respiratory illness, etc. will require a trip to Clovis (a 90 minute drive.)

We will <u>ALWAYS</u> contact parents when we see potential problems on the horizon. It is very important that each camper have someone available who can make the journey to Huntington Lake if illness or injury requires a medical visit or the camper needs to go home. If parents are out of town, the emergency contact must be someone capable of making decisions and available to pick up the camper within a reasonable amount of time. And while we are confident on our medical plans, since we are in a remote location we do not feel this program is suitable for campers with known life threatening allergies. If your camper has any type of special needs, please contact us so we can ensure the best possible experience for your child.

## **HEALTH SCREEN AT BUS STOPS**

We conduct a health screen and lice check at each stop. It is important that a parent or designated adult stay at the bus stop until each camper has passed through this important step. Campers should not come to camp if they have had a fever within the previous 24 hours or active diarrhea within the previous 48 hours. If we find a camper has lice, we ask that you take them to a treatment center and also put everything they have with them through a high temperature drying cycle. Upon completion of the treatment (these places issue a certificate after treatment) the camper can be drive up to camp.

# **MEDICATIONS**

Medications are turned over to staff at the bus stops. Allergies, dietary restrictions and current medications are reviewed with individual campers when the first medications are passed, generally at dinner on Opening Day. The Health Center staff also observes campers during mealtime and on Health Center Inspection Day (mid-way through a two week session) for any new or ongoing health issues that might be of concern.

### VERY IMPORTANT: Medications must....

1. Be in original container labelled with camper name

We will <u>not</u> accept any medication <u>not</u> in original container. Please do not pack meds in zip lock bags or in pill boxes.

2. Include clear dosages and directions

Directions on prescription label, a note on the Health Form, or a doctor's letter are adequate.

- 3. Be listed on the camper health form
- **4.** Be packaged in such a way to hand to the counselor once at the stop Please do not pack medications in the camper's luggage.
- 5. Campers with allergies should come with their emergency treatment plan and medications.

## **HEALTH FORMS - DUE JUNE 7**

For the continued safety of each camper, new and up-to-date Health History and Physicians Examination Forms are required every year. We know that this can be an inconvenience, however your camper will be under our care for an extended amount of time and we want everyone to be happy and healthy!

Health Forms are due June 7 well in advance of camp to ensure we have time to review and call with any questions or concerns. The form only need be completed once and is shared between all camp programs.

To access the Health Form, go to your online account. This may be accessed here:

<u>https://www.kennolyncamps.com/enrolled-families/</u>. From your online account, you can fill out the Health History Form in its entirety. Next, download the Physician's Examination Form, have your doctor complete and sign it, then fax it back to the number on the form or upload it directly into your Kennolyn account. By faxing it back, the form is synced up to the camper account in our program software.

A supplemental accident insurance policy is included in the cost of tuition, but does not take the place of your major medical coverage. We still need your complete health insurance information on the Health Form.

## **COMMON HEALTH CONCERNS**

**ALLERGIES:** We are aware of an increasing number of serious allergies that children face today, and are particularly familiar with nut and dairy allergies. We have successfully handled severely allergic campers in the past, and are happy to work out a plan with you to minimize the risks for your camper. Please note, however, that this is a community experience and there are some limitations on what we can do to minimize exposure. Please feel free to contact us and we will be honest with you about our ability to accommodate your needs. While we do not serve peanut butter, we are not a nut-free program as some of our batters, etc contain tree nuts. Our kitchen facility is also not a certified nut-free kitchen.

LICE: All campers are checked for lice by our staff on arrival. It's no big deal, we have done it for years and nobody should feel uncomfortable. If we do find evidence of lice on a camper, you will be asked to do 2 things before you can enter camp and get settled. 1) Contact a local lice removal company and arrange to have your camper treated immediately and 2) Take everything your camper had packed for camp and run it through 20 minutes of high heat in a commercial drying machine. This is the absolute quickest way to get your camper back to camp and in his/her cabin. You can choose to go home and treat your camper yourself but in that scenario it is likely to take longer (at least until the next day) before our nurses could recheck and approve your entry to camp. Regrettably, head lice have become a widespread problem at schools, day care centers, public facilities, and camps around the country. We take every precaution at Kennolyn, especially where helmets are in use, to minimize the risk of exposure, but it does happen. It has NOTHING to do with general cleanliness or living conditions. It has everything to do with sharing helmets, hats, brushes, pillows, etc. Sharing is an important part of the camp experience, so we educate campers about what to share (time together, laughter, experiences, chores, etc.) and what not to share (hats, brushes, pillows, etc.). Activity equipment like masks and helmets must be shared, so we are careful to spray and clean these important safety items as often as is practical. Since there are no lice here when the first children arrive each summer, lice can only be carried in by unsuspecting campers. The best way to prevent lice at camp, therefore, is to ask you to check every camper before heading to Kennolyn, and to stay home if you see evidence of lice. We also check campers for lice during their stays with us, and if we do find a case, we will work diligently to prevent it from spreading. Our nurses will make the decision, in consultation

with a camper's parents, as to whether treatment will take place here or at home. We recommend the Centers for Disease Control as a source for further information. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/</u>

**MEASLES (and other communicable diseases):** This has been in the news and on every parent's mind recently, so it's worth stating our policy here. If there is an outbreak of a communicable disease for which there is a widely accepted vaccine, your child will need to leave camp IF WE CANNOT VERIFY THAT THEY HAVE THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATION. In other words, if you do not or cannot have your child vaccinated or if you have not sent us your child's immunization records, we will call you if we have any outbreak and you will need to pick up your camper immediately from camp. These are basic public health and safety procedures. Make sure you take time to enter your camper's immunization history in the Health History located in your Kennolyn Account.

# **PACKING GUIDELINES**

What is K-Rated? It is easy to understand once you're here! We embrace campers from all different backgrounds. To ensure everyone is at ease, we have developed a set community standards to help guide the behavior and appearance of campers and staff.

Kennolyn is a wonderful place for children to discover, embrace and express themselves, but not through dramatic fads and fashion!! We lead an athletic lifestyle here at Kennolyn and we ask that you pack clothing that supports outdoor play and exploration. Thus we ask everyone to follow a simple dress code so that clothing is not a focus. It is important for families to support this dress code, so please do not bring campers wearing or having packed clothing not reflective of these community standards. If a camper does arrive with inappropriate attire, we will work with the camper and family to make sure they get replacement clothes suitable for camp.

Please make sure to include your camper in discussions about what they will pack for camp, and feel free to ask questions at any time. Our standards evolve and develop all the time, and we have ongoing discussions with our campers and their families.

# **'K' RATED DRESS CODE FOR ALL CAMPERS**

- No spaghetti straps, halter tops or low necklines. Tank top straps must be at least 2" wide
- No exposed midriffs (shirts should reach the top of pants)
- No excessively low-rise pants or tight clothing
- Clothing must cover camper's undergarments. Shorts must cover camper's bottom completely at all times (including while seated and while climbing in a harness).
- Logos / images on clothes must not show or advocate drugs, alcohol or tobacco, or be sexual or political in nature
- No gang, goth, grunge or style of dress representing a particular group, affiliation or identifiable subculture
- Keep jewelry to an absolute minimum and leave expensive jewelry at home. Kennolyn cannot be held responsible for jewelry that is lost or stolen
- Nothing may be worn in any pierced body part except for ears (1 earring per ear, no dangling jewelry too dangerous!)
- Long hair must be kept tied back from breakfast through dinner for safety/hygiene reasons
- Hats and visors are encouraged, but should not be worn in the Lodge

- No hanging chains on the outside of clothing for safety reasons
- Proper footwear required at all times with socks sneakers or athletic shoes for most activities (except riding, for which boots and helmets are supplied)
- Sandals with foot and heal straps (Teve/Chaco type) are great. No flip-flops please.
- Leave expensive or formal clothes at home. We get dirty!
- BOYS: regular swim shorts only. No Speedo-type swim briefs
- GIRLS: one-piece bathing suits only. No bikinis, tankinis or revealing swimsuits
- GIRLS: Camp is a natural place, so make-up should be kept to a minimum

## **REQUIRED KENNOLYN SWEATSHIRT AND T-SHIRT**

One Kennolyn t-shirts and one Kennolyn sweatshirt are required. They **MUST be purchased through the online store prior to camp**, as they are not available for purchase on Opening Day. Important note about outgrown Kennolyn shirts: You are welcome to bring or send them to camp rather than donating them to Goodwill, etc. so that we may recycle and reuse them here.

## **PACKING SUGGESTIONS**

Camp is at 7000 feet. Due to the high elevation, day time temps range from the low 70s to the high 80s. At night it can cool down to the mid-40s, but is typically in the mid-60s. The water temperature is typically in the mid 70s. So plan for layers, sweats, and beanies. High end technical gear is not needed, just remember this is camp. Send well used clothing and towels, and nothing that requires ironing.

On Opening Day, each camper's belongings will be unpacked with his or her counselor and checked against the Packing List, both to ensure accuracy and for the safety of all campers. Anything not conducive to our camp community will be withheld until Closing Day. Counselors must be aware of everything his or her campers have brought with them, and we reserve the right to see all items brought to camp (your camper may request privacy during this process if uncomfortable unpacking in front of others). We also reserve the right to search a camper's belongings at any time if our staff has reason to believe the health and welfare of any member of our camp community is threatened by items believed to be in his or her possession.

### PACKING LIST

Please refer to our list of everything that is mandatory or suggested to bring to camp. Please don't forget to send along the completed Packing List in your camper's luggage.

#### PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Keeping track of clothing for hundreds of campers is a tremendous challenge, so **please label absolutely everything** (even toothbrushes!) with first and last names using a permanent pen or custom iron-on nametags available through our online store (allow 3-4 weeks for delivery).

### LUGGAGE

We recommend your campers use wheeled duffel bags like the one at the online store, Trunks are not allowed. Bags should not exceed 14" tall so it can be stored underneath the bunk beds and fit on the bus. Belongings may packed in any type of luggage that is most convenient.

#### **SLEEPING BAGS**

Bags should be rated at least 30 degrees. An extra blanket is good for rest period and on cold nights, and bottom sheets are highly recommended for comfort.

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Candy, gum, soda or food of any kind
- Cell phones, smartphones, tablets, laptops, portable game systems. E-readers are OK as long as they're not loaded with games and videos. We recommend bound books!
- Anything that connects to the internet or cell phone network (i.e. Apple watches)
- Mini TVs, Portable DVD Players, Video Cameras, Radios
- Skateboards or Rollerblades
- Cash, expensive clothing, jewelry or anything else too valuable to have at camp



- Clothing dye or hair dye
- Inappropriate clothing (see dress code on previous page)
- Silly string, water balloons, water guns don't worry, we provide all the fun you need!
- Pets of any kind (prohibited and would need to be collected by parents immediately)

It will be no surprise to anyone that the following items are prohibited and possession or use of items on this list will result in a camper's dismissal from camp:

- Lighters, fireworks or anything that generates smoke or fire!
- Firearms, tomahawks or dangerous weapons of any kind, Illegal drugs, marijuana, tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol, solvents/inhalants etc. (possession will result in immediate dismissal from camp). We know e-cigarettes have become prevalent among camp-aged children. We have a zero tolerance policy on smoking of any kind.
- Note about Pocket Knives: a small pocketknife (maximum 3 inches) is okay for Outpost, but it must be checked in with counselor on Opening Day.

#### ELECTRONICS

It is a long ride to the camp so we will allow campers to have their phones and other technology items on the bus. However, we will collect all items as we disembark at camp. As with our established programs, we truly believe that periods of time away from screens and technology is developmentally appropriate for children and teens.

Our main goal is to be sure we can control what materials our campers are exposed to. For that reason, when considering technology to be used at camp after the bus ride, please send only the simplest music listening or reading devices without video and internet capabilities. We reserve the right to decide the appropriateness of any item and confiscate anything that is inappropriate.

Camp is a time to unplug from tech and plug into community. The La Salle brothers is a teaching order in the church so they are huge readers. They left behind an extensive library for campers to browse – tons of non-fiction and youth literature fills the shelves of the billiards room. We also welcome book donations.

**Cameras:** Camp is a wonderful place to make memories, but a difficult place to keep track of expensive items, so please do not send expensive cameras. It's natural for campers to want to take photos, but we also want to respect everyone's sense of privacy. We ask that if you send a camera, it clearly be a camera (not a phone, ipod, etc) so people know when they are being photographed. Like many camps, we actually suggest disposables camera (yes you can still buy them and get the film developed.)

**eReaders / iPod / MP3 Player:** These may be used on the bus ride or in the bunk during Camp Siesta (Rest Hour) and to help go to sleep. Once at camp, if the device has videos or games, it will be safely stored away in the office. Music and/or audio books may only can be played with earphones. They may not be played anywhere else. We retain the absolute right to restrict camper access to any equipment or material they bring with them.

**Smart Phones / Devices:** These may be used on the bus but must be turned in to be safely stored away while at camp. We recognize that many campers use their smart phones as cameras but these cannot be used while at camp. This includes devices with removed sim cards.

### A story about (and our policy on) iPods and MP3 players by Andrew Townsend

When Sony introduced the Walkman cassette player, we thought it was a great device for camp. With headphones, campers could listen to music quietly while resting or falling asleep. I had one at camp in 1985, my first year on staff. I only had one cassette, "Smokey Robinson's Greatest Hits", so I fell asleep to "Tracks of My Tears" and "I Second That Emotion" every night. Our bedtime is pretty early for some campers, so a device that plays music through headphones seemed like a winner. Fast forward 30 years... and we have the issue of how we regulate music players that also play video, games, and can connect to the internet?

We are not technophobes or Luddites, but we continue to believe that kids very much need a period of time unplugged from the electronic world. We also have a duty to regulate what your camper watches and plays with while in our care. Tiny technology devices make this very difficult. Finally, almost every incident of significant lost items we have encountered in the past 5 years involves an IPod or similar device. Sometimes these are worth hundreds of dollars. So, we suggest you make a very small investment in a music only MP3 player and load it with music and/or audiobooks. There are many models on Amazon.com for less than \$20. Devices that have additional functions are subject to use limitations or confiscation at our sole discretion. Content on all devises is also subject to our evaluation for suitability. For our part, we will encourage campers to read at rest time and bed time, and engage in conversations about their exciting day.

Camp is the perfect place for children to realize they don't need video games, computers, televisions and other techno gadgets to have a great time!

# CAMP COMMUNICATION

### **LETTERS HOME**

Parents can expect a weekly email or postcard from their camper's counselor (for one week sessions, please understand if a postcard arrives after camp). At the end of each session, the counselor will write a thoughtful letter to you regarding your camper's experience. This letter will be mailed after the camper has gone home. If you have questions or concerns after receiving communications, please do not hesitate to email or call. Campers are required to write letters home each Wednesday. We suggest sending envelopes or postcards already stamped and addressed. Please use your home address as the return address, not Kennolyn's address.

### **PHONE CALLS**

Unless there is an emergency, please do not call the camp office to speak to your camper or request that he/she call home. We strongly believe that contact with home can be very difficult for campers and should be managed carefully. Parents may call the office and speak with Dan Johnson with any questions. Dan will be happy to check on your camper and provide an honest evaluation. Call the Huntington Lake line at 831-479-6714 ext 447.

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### **ONE-WAY EMAIL**

Campers will not have access to their own email accounts while at camp. You can, however, send one way emails to your camper via your Kennolyn Account. We will print these emails daily, and make sure they are delivered in a timely fashion. There is an option to add a reply form. This will allow your camper to handwrite a response which will be scanned and emailed to you. We do the best we can, but it's impossible to guarantee your camper will use the form and respond.

### FACEBOOK

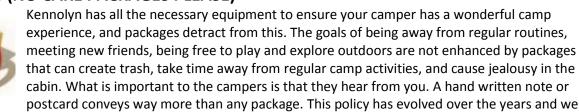
We have created a private Facebook group to share photos and camp updates – like last minute bus schedule adjustments. The group can be found here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/KennolynHuntingtonLake</u>. This is the best way to stay in touch with camp including special announcements. Our other programs use a photo app that we simply do not have the wifi bandwidth to support at this time.

### MAIL

Campers truly enjoy receiving letters and postcards. While emails are instant and convenient, keep in mind that campers especially enjoy receiving handwritten letters that arrive by US Mail. We recommend sending some sort of correspondence to your camper at least twice weekly, but do be aware that too much mail can cause as many problems as no mail at all! We find the first night at camp to be the most difficult for some campers. One thing you can do is write a letter ahead of time and leave it with the bus courselors so your camper has something to read that first night. We end

time and leave it with the bus counselors so your camper has something to read that first night. We encourage families to keep messages messages short, with a positive tone like: You are going to have an amazing time at camp; We are so proud of you, etc. Please do not use this correspondence (or any other!) to share your own concerns about campers being away from home, as that can encourage worry and homesickness.

### PACKAGES (NO CARE PACKAGES PLEASE)



find it best to say NO PACKAGES. We do accept flat envelopes up to 9x12 and up to 1/2 inch thick, containing letters, a book, or a magazine. Anything else will be kept in our the Office, unopened, and will be returned on Closing Day. We have campers with severe allergies so absolutely no food products of any kind are permitted.

Send mail to our PO Box as the post office does not deliver directly to camp itself. Address is as follows: Camper's Name, Kennolyn, P.O.Box 195, Lakeshore, CA 93634

# **COMMUNICATION OUTSIDE OF CAMP**

## **CAMPER TO STAFF**

One of the beauties of enhanced communication technologies is the ease with which people can stay in touch. However, there are concerns that must be included in any policy regarding contact between campers and staff outside of camp. We do not endorse or encourage staff to build personal relationships with campers (including CILTs, CITs, and JCs) outside of camp. Any effort to build such a relationship should:



- a) be instigated by the camper and not the staff member
- b) be done with the approval and supervision of the camper's parents

We vouch for our staff when they are in the controlled environment we create at camp, but cannot control their behavior outside of their period of employment with us. Please make sure you are aware of any contact or correspondence between your child and any member of our camp staff. If you want to discuss any concerns with us at any time, please contact Dan Johnson or Andrew Townsend.

### **CAMPER TO CAMPER**

Collecting addresses and promising to stay in touch is one of the time-honored rituals of summer camp. However, with so much instant communication we have to be more careful about how our children use the contact information we collect. We will continue to encourage campers to share their contact information and we also encourage parents to be aware at all times of a child's computer use. We want you to be safe on the Internet. Here is the best advice we have found about how to educate your child to respond to inappropriate communications. If you receive a threatening message (one that is mocking, uses vulgar or harassing language):

- Do not respond or retaliate, because it might encourage the sender or get you into trouble
- Print out a copy of the message, then close it but do not delete it
- If possible, save the message to your hard drive or a jump drive
- Tell your parents about it and have them decide what to do next. They may notify the police or contact your Internet service provider

Parents: If you suspect that the sender of the messages is someone connected to Kennolyn, please contact us immediately.

# **FIRST TIME CAMPERS & HOMESICKNESS**

Some of you are sending us your children for their first time away from home, and we recognize special concerns that you may have. All of us were first-timers at Kennolyn once! We know how it feels to go to camp and to be away from home for the very first time. We understand this is a big transition and that campers (and parents alike!) may experience some initial separation anxiety, so we pay extra attention to making all of our campers feel at home and at ease.

If you do receive a homesick letter from your first time camper early on, please don't be alarmed. This is not uncommon! More often than not, these are the very same campers who grow in the biggest leaps and bounds by the ends of their sessions...and are sometimes among the first to sign up for the following summer! When responding to homesick letters, we encourage you to do so with a reassuring, upbeat focus on the positive. Ask about fun camp experiences so far, with thought-provoking questions about favorite activities, discoveries on outpost and beach day, new friends etc. to promote a healthier dialog. This will help your camper adjust, while a focus on the negative ("I'm so sad without you here" or "the dog misses you terribly") can have the opposite effect. Please do NOT promise your camper "you can come home if you don't like camp." Although this may feel like a safety blanket, you are creating a no-win situation if he or she decides to take you up on it!

Please do feel free to call us to discuss any situation or apprehensions. We recognize that learning to overcome fears and seemingly difficult situations holds tremendous significance to children. Kennolyn is proud to offer a safe haven where campers can learn to be away from home and increase their sense of independence and self-reliance. We want your camper to have a happy, successful time at camp and ask you to rely on our best judgment and years of experience in assessing your concerns. In the unlikely event we honestly feel time that camp life is not the immediate answer for your camper, we will discuss this with you openly.

# **KENNOLYN PEN PALS**

One of the biggest concerns we hear from campers and parents is "My camper doesn't know anyone at Kennolyn and none of his/her friends can go to the same session. I am afraid he/she will not make friends." We have many answers to this:

- Most of our campers arrive without having a particular friend or cabin mate
- Kennolyn is a great place to meet new people and our counselors are trained in techniques to build friendships
- As soon as you meet your cabin mates, you'll have new friends!).

We recognize, however, that these answers all require campers to leap into the unknown and trust there will be kids at camp like them, of similar age and with similar interests. So, we have a program to help campers connect, and in true camp style it is a low tech, personal way to reach out and make friends. Here's how it works!

In the Spring, we will send your camper some stationery and letter writing instructions. If your camper decides to write a letter and sends it to us, we will make sure he/she receives at least one letter from another camper attending the same session. So, if your camper is a boy entering 4th grade and he sends us a letter introducing himself to his fellow campers, we will make a copy of the letter and keep it on file. In return, we will send your son a letter from someone attending the same session. It might be from an older camper, but he will receive at least one letter. This is a great comfort to many children, especially first-time campers. Even if your child is attending with friends or siblings, or is a returning camper, writing a letter is fun, will help other campers, and could potentially create another lasting camp friendship. Letters will not contain direct contact information for the senders, but if you want to try and make personal contact, you will be able to do so through our office.

# CABIN PLACEMENT

Adjusting to cabin group living is an important part of camp life. Camp is for making new friends and taking a step toward independence, so attending camp with a particular friend is not necessary, and not always a good idea. We do recognize, however, that some campers want to be placed in a cabin group with a friend from home. Here are a few reminders about cabin requests:

Please note a few important reminders about cabin mate requests:

- The majority of campers do not make special cabin requests. There is no need to worry if your camper is coming alone, as camp is the best and easiest place to make new friends.
- Cabin mates should be entering the same grade. If they are in different grades, the older camper will be placed with the younger grade.
- Cabin mate requests must be mutual, that is both (or all) families must request the same cabin assignment. In other words, if Jimmy wants to be placed in a cabin with Johnny, both families must make the same request.
- Due to the sheer volume of campers, it is almost impossible for us to follow up with every cabin request so we can only go by what is in the system. If a cabin request is made by one camper and not the other, we assume it is not the choice of both families.
- We prefer to place only two friends together, but will accommodate a maximum of three (so as not to leave anyone out.) We cannot place more than three friends together, however, as a group of four or more friends makes for a less cohesive group.
- In the unlikely event we are unable to grant a request that meets all of these requirements, we will let you know personally to discuss options.

All requests for special cabin placement must be made through your online account, on the Cabin Mate Request form, which can be found under "Forms and Downloads." We must receive your request by JUNE 1st!

We welcome all children to Kennolyn and work closely with families to make sure that all campers can have a successful experience regardless of their background. Campers are assigned to cabins based on the gender they have declared in our registration system. When a camper identifies with a gender other than the one they were assigned at birth, we will work with the camper's family to ensure a smooth and successful experience. We reserve the right to share limited information regarding cabin placements with other families but we do not automatically do so. Everything is decided on a case by case basis with the camper's family. Anyone who has any concerns about cabin placements should contact us for a more in depth conversation.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES**

### **DEPOSIT & REFUND POLICY**

Kennolyn has limited enrollment and can only accept a certain number of campers in each age group. Every application must be accompanied by the appropriate deposit. **Please send full payment with all applications submitted after May 1st.** 

### CHANGING SESSIONS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- You can change sessions as often as you like with no fee, as long as space is available
- Before February 1, you can cancel for any reason and receive a 100% refund
- If you cancel anytime between February 1 and May 1, anything you have paid will be held in your account until the final day of camp the following year. You can have peace of mind knowing that 100% of your money will be available to use at Kennolyn in the future. There are no fees or charges.
- For cancellations received after May 1, there are no refunds or credits. All tuition paid is forfeit.
- If you need more financial flexibility or cancellation options, we strongly encourage you to purchase Program Protection Insurance through Travmark offered within our application.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: Specialty Camp fees are pass through fees that we pay to the activity providers before camp starts, and therefore we are unable to credit these fees towards the following summer.

In every program offered by Kennolyn, refunds will not be provided if:

- Your camper is dismissed from camp. We reserve the right to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all campers and to dismiss a camper, without refund, for misconduct or unsociable behavior, as determined by the Directors.
- You choose to withdraw a camper for any reason before he / she has completed the entire session in which he / she was enrolled.
- You do not submit a complete state required health form by the required due date.

### **TUITION REFUND INSURANCE**

Kennolyn offers tuition refund insurance through Travmark offered within our application.

## **STORE ACCOUNT**

We add \$25 for the store in your camper's account during registration. We do not sell candy or snacks, however we do stock small items like postcards, stamps, toothpaste, playing cards etc. You can request a refund of any remaining store account balance (until September). Many families choose to donate balances to the Max and Marion Caldwell Foundation, which provides scholarships to children otherwise unable to share in the summer camp experience. In fact, this option has become so popular that it is now our default way of handling unclaimed store funds. However, please let us know if you would prefer a refund and we will gladly take care of this.

# TRANSPORTATION

Because of our remote location, we strongly encourage families to take advantage of our bus services or airport pick up. Riding the bus is also a great way for campers to make friends right away and let any anxiety melt away before they even arrive at camp. Our counselors lead songs, games, and help the kids start connecting right away. Families may choose to drop their campers off at camp but we do not have parent-focused opening and closing day ceremonies. To promote a healthy camp, we conduct health screens at the bus stops. This includes checking for lice, temperature, and admitting medications. In this way, we ensure healthy campers and families avoid the drive to camp only to find out their camper is running a fever and is not admitted.

- Two week Sessions 1, 2, & 3 round trip bus transportation is provided.
- One week Session 4 (Aug 5-11) usual bus service on Opening Day Mon Aug 5. On Closing Day Sun Aug 11, camper pick up is ONLY offered at camp or our stop in Fresno (see below). Transportation to Fresno Airport is also available.

SF Bay Area	LA Area	Fresno Area
Foothill College, Parking Lot 1	Wilshire Federal Building	MetalMark Climbing Gym
12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills	11000 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles	4042 N Cedar Ave, Fresno
Opening Day Monday	Opening Day Monday	Opening Day Monday
9:45 Arrive. Health screens.	9:45 Arrive. Health screens.	1:45 Arrive. Health screens.
10:30 Buses depart	10:30 Buses depart	2:00 Buses depart
3:30 Arrive at Camp	3:30 Arrive at Camp	3:30 Arrive at Camp
Closing Day Friday	Closing Day Friday	Closing Day Friday
10:30 Buses depart Camp	10:30 Buses depart Camp	10:30 Buses depart Camp
3:30 Arrive	3:30 Arrive	12:00 Arrive

### Session 4 Closing Day Sunday Aug 11

10:30 Vans depart Camp12:00 Arrive in Fresno at MetalMark Climbing Gym, 4042 N Cedar Ave, Fresno

### Fresno Airport

Location: 5175 E Clinton Way, Fresno, CA 93727 Opening Day Monday Arrival Window 11am – 1pm Closing Day Friday Departure Window 11am – 1pm (van arrives airport 10am)

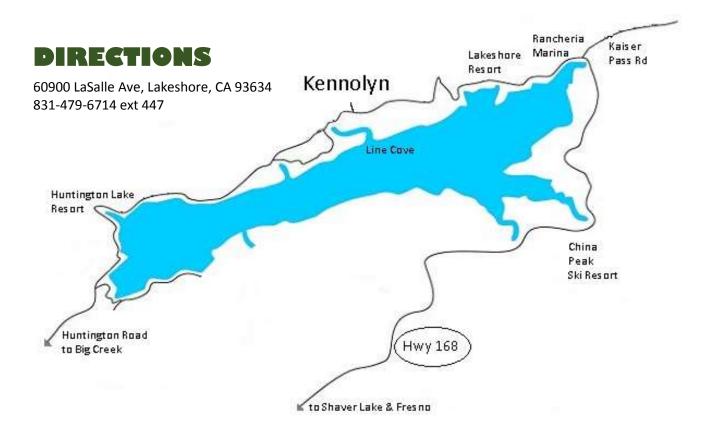
Huntington Lake is a 90-minute drive from Fresno International Airport. There are many direct flights and we are happy to provide complimentary ground transportation. Escorts wearing Kennolyn Green shirts will meet campers as they deplane and accompany them until arrival at camp. On the return flight home, our escorts remain in the airport until the camper's flight actually departs. Direct flights are offered from:

Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Diego	Seattle
Phoenix	Denver	Las Vegas	Portland
Salt Lake City	Dallas		

#### Please note the following absolute time frames, requirements and procedures:

- You must provide us with your airport transportation reservation request and flight information (through your online account under "Transportation" or call us directly if you are unsure how this works) at least two weeks prior to the start of your session. A \$50 fee is charged for airport transport booked less than 2 weeks prior to your session.
- Make sure all "unaccompanied minor" fees and paperwork are properly processed with the airline and provide us with necessary details, copies of itineraries etc. Policies are different for each airline, so please confirm all arrangements, payment, signatures etc. well in advance.
- Campers must have Kennolyn's address and phone number so that they (and all airline personnel) are aware of their inbound destination.
- Campers should carry a picture ID from school, a copy of a passport or a handmade ID with name, photo and contact details.
- Arriving campers must wear Kennolyn green t-shirts and/or sweatshirts (with nothing else on top) so they can be easily identified. Please order early via our online store.
- Luggage should be labeled with Kennolyn's address and phone number. To simplify the traveling process, you may elect to ship your camper's bag to Kennolyn via UPS. If you choose this option, please include a return postage sticker for shipment home.

We will provide you with the name of the staff member(s) who will meet your camper at the gate (please contact **Dan Johnson a few days prior to camper departure for this important information**), as well as confirm the name of the parent or guardian who will meet your camper's return flight, and verify any additional information as necessary. We will also provide check-in phone calls on arrival and departure days.



GPS is pretty accurate but some carriers don't get good reception. We're working on getting our name on GoogleMaps and Waze but in the meantime, references to "Camp LaSalle" are accurate as that was the former name of the property.

#### From the Bay Area

- Highway 99 South to Fresno
- Highway 180 East
- Highway 168 East
- Follow the signs that will direct you to Highway 168 and Huntington and Shaver Lakes.
- Drive past Rancheria Marina (large metal warehouse) and Lakeshore Resort (restaurant-bar-store).
- Watch for Kennolyn sign on your right
- Note: GPS devices may advise a route east from Madera on Highway 145. While this way is more direct, the roads are slower and not as straightforward. The difference in drive time is smaller than expected.

#### **From Los Angeles**

- Highway 99 North to Fresno
- Highway 41 North (Fresno)
- Highway 168 East
- Follow the signs that will direct you to Highway 168 and Huntington and Shaver Lakes.
- Drive past Rancheria Marina (large metal warehouse) and Lakeshore Resort (restaurant-bar-store).
- Watch for Kennolyn sign on your right.

#### Note

Driving time from Fresno is about 1-1/2 hours. There is a "back way" through Big Creek on Huntington Lake Road which is slower than Highway 168. This is a beautiful drive through amazing granite formations, up huge elevation gains (1500'), and through a windy road. We do not recommend this route on your first trip up.

# ACCOMODATIONS

If you are planning a trip to camp, here are some places we recommend.

Nearby:

- China Peak Inn, http://www.skichinapeak.com/lodging, (559) 233-1200, in Lakeshore
- Shaver Lake Village Hotel, <u>https://www.shaverlakevillagehotel.com/</u>, (559) 841-8289, town of Shaver Lake, 18 miles before camp. Remodeled in 2012.
- Elliot House Bed & Breakfast, <u>https://www.elliotthousebandb.com/</u>, (888) 841-8601, town of Shaver Lake.
- Tamarack Motor Lodge, <u>http://thetamaracklodge.com/</u>, (559) 893-3244. On Hwy. 168, 12 miles before camp.
- Huntington Lake Resort, <u>https://www.huntingtonlakemarina.com/</u>, (559) 893-6750, 3 miles from camp.
- Shaver Lake Vacation Rentals, <u>https://www.shaverlake.com/</u>, (800) 422-4102. Includes Huntington Lake cabin and condos (two-night minimum stay required).

In the Old Town Clovis area (about 1-1/2 hour drive to camp):

- Best Western Clovis, 415 Clovis Ave, Clovis, CA, (559) 299-1547. In Old Town Clovis. Farmer's Market every Friday night.
- Comfort Suites, 143 Clovis Ae, Clovis, CA (559) 299-9992. About a 1/4 mile from Old Town Clovis.
- Fairfield Inn & Suites, (599) 323-8080. 50 N Clovis Avenue. About a 1/2 mile from Old Town Clovis.

In Fresno, near the River Park shopping area (about 1-3/4 hour drive to camp):

- Hampton, Inn & Suites, (559) 447-5900, 327 E Fir Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720.
- Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, (559) 577-1350, 7115 N Howard Street.
- Towne Place Suites, (559) 435-4600, 7127 N Fresno Street.
- La Quinta Inn & Suites, (559) 449-0928, 330 E Fir Avenue.

In Fresno, near the airport (about 1-3/4 hour drive to camp):

• Piccadilly Inn Airport, (559) 375-7760, 5115 E McKinley Avenue. Probably the most upscale hotel in the Fresno/Clovis area.

# **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Educating children (and we believe that camp is a vital part of a child's education!) takes the cooperation of us all. In our promotional materials and through this booklet, we explain our philosophies and policies, which have been developed over many years. If you have concerns, questions or comments about your camper's upcoming experience at Kennolyn, please feel free to contact us. **The more we know, the better equipped we are to ensure a successful camp experience for your child.**