

"Our purpose should be to produce strong, healthy, happy individuals, sensitive to the needs of others, deeply concerned about the injustices of the world, equipped with the good judgment, the self-discipline and the confidence to help eliminate inequities."

JOSEPHINE DUVECK, FOUNDER

Hidden Villa Summer Camp carries on that same purpose today—rooted in the Duveneck family legacy of social justice and environmental stewardship.

Each summer, campers from diverse ethnicities, economic status, religions and family structures come together to enjoy a wide range of exciting activities, farm life and wilderness exploration. In the midst of song-singing and game-playing, something profound takes place at camp. Young people learn what it means to live in community. They develop greater multicultural understanding and appreciation, resolve conflicts peacefully, cultivate independence, and overcome personal challenges. Lifelong friendships begin here, and campers take with them a new sense of awe for natural beauty.

We're looking forward to another wonderful summer here at Hidden Villa. Please join us!

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We Can't Do it Without Your Support!

Did you know that Hidden Villa Summer Camp receives no city, county or other government funds with which to operate our programs? All camp scholarships are funded by grants and additional gifts from caring individuals like you. We invite you to help sponsor a camper by making a tax-deductible contribution to our Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made during the online registration process for camp, at www.hiddenvilla.org/donate.php or by mailing a check payable to Hidden Villa with "Camp Scholarships" in the memo field.

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**Registration
begins on
January 26**

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SUMMER CAMP



**Inspiring a just and sustainable future
through our programs, land, and legacy**

HIDDEN VILLA SUMMER CAMP

“Hidden Villa
set a standard of care, kindness,
respect & excitement that has not
been met anywhere else”

PARENT

Online Registration Begins January 26!

Register online at www.hiddenvilla.org to reserve your spot for this summer. You may request a mail-in version of the registration form by e-mail or phone. Please note that it may take up to two weeks to process your mail-in application.



Scholarships

We provide varying levels of financial aid to make camp possible for everyone. Applications for download are available at the end of the registration process. All applicants are asked to pay the \$55 deposit (refundable only if financial aid is unavailable). Scholarship amounts are based on need and are contingent upon receiving income verification (i.e. copy of most recent tax return or equivalent documentation). Scholarship funds are limited and we encourage you to apply by **March 15!** As funding allows, we will continue to accept applications for additional rounds of approval. See our website for updated information.

Open House: June 17

Save the date for our Hidden Villa Summer Camp Open House! Come visit the farm, tour camper cabins, activity and campsite areas, and meet our fantastic summer camp staff. We'll be on hand to answer questions and welcome new and returning campers and families.

Our Staff

Our counselors are extraordinarily committed people who reflect the diversity of our camp participants. We intentionally hire staff who can create an inclusive, fun environment that promotes self-confidence and a sense of belonging. All staff members participate in an intense hands-on training program that includes CPR and First Aid certification to ensure the safety of our campers. We love working with young people, and we take our responsibility seriously.

Camp is for Making New Friends

Camp is a wonderful place to make new friends! Hidden Villa Summer Camp brings youth together from different backgrounds to learn and have fun together! In keeping with our mission and to help create an inclusive atmosphere for all, **we do not take requests to place a camper in the same group as a buddy.**

Refund Policy and Program Change Fees

- We require a **non-refundable \$55 deposit** per participant.
- **Camp tuition is due in full by June 1.**
- **Camp fees are non-refundable after May 31!** You must notify us before this date if you need to cancel your registration and wish to receive a refund. While Hidden Villa retains the right to keep the entirety of tuition after May 31 in all cases, the following exception may be considered. If a cancellation is made at least 7 days prior to the start of a session and a replacement can be easily found, a partial refund (tuition minus a 25% cancellation fee) may be issued.
- Returned checks are subject to a \$20 returned check fee.
- Once registered, session or program changes are possible only as space allows. There will be a \$25 administration fee for changes. Please choose your session carefully!

Camp Welcome Packet and Required Forms

- Your registration confirmation e-mail will provide a link where you can download a program Welcome Packet. Please complete required forms and return them to the camp office **by May 15.**
- The **Bay to Sea** program requires a physical examination signed by a doctor.
- **All campers** will need to provide a copy of immunization records.



HIDDEN VILLA SUMMER CAMP



Day Camp (\$405)

A Camp – Entering 1st and 2nd Grades

B Camp – Entering 3rd and 4th Grades

In small groups of 7-8, day campers explore our wilderness trails, meet the farm animals face to face, and learn about life cycles in the garden. Daily choice 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. All of these five-day sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday. The sleepover is held on Thursday with a Friday pick up at 11:45 am. Optional extended care for a flat fee of \$30 is available (Mon-Wed 8:00AM-5:00PM).

A Camp: Entering 1st and 2nd Grades

DC 1: June 20 – June 24

DC 6: July 25 – July 29

DC 2: June 27 – July 1

DC 7: Aug. 1 – Aug. 5

DC 3: July 4 – July 8

DC 8: Aug. 8 – Aug. 12

DC 4: July 11 – July 15

DC 9: Aug. 15 – Aug. 19

DC 5: July 18 – July 22

B Camp: Entering 3rd and 4th Grades

DC 1: June 20 – June 24

DC 8: Aug. 8 – Aug. 12

DC 2: June 27 – July 1

DC 9: Aug. 15 – Aug. 19

“Going to Hidden Villa is like going to the best place ever!”

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Day Camp with Focus Programs (\$430)

Entering 3rd and 4th Grades

Focus programs give B Campers the opportunity to focus on their favorite part of the farm or try something new. Focus programs take place during the morning or afternoon of each day while the rest of the day is filled with swimming and choice activities like arts and crafts or visiting with the animals. These campers have the same opportunity to enjoy the Thursday overnight, and daily timing parallels traditional day camp.

All of the following programs are offered during focus program sessions. Please choose one when registering.

Cows & Cookies: Come learn how to bake cookies in a wood fired oven! We'll turn milk into butter, grind flour and even visit the chickens for some eggs. Then we'll bake cookies with these farm ingredients. On Friday we'll wake up early to milk the cow and then eat and share our tasty treats.

Farm to Feast: Put on your chef's hat and get your tasting tools ready for a week of fun on the farm! We'll gather ingredients from the garden, spend time in the animal pens learning why manure is an important ingredient in milkshakes, and design a menu for our fun feast at the end of the week. Bon Appétit!

Wild Things: Look forward to a week of Wild times around the farm. We'll build forts, look at animal skulls and their unique adaptations, practice the art of invisibility in the forest and design our own WILD animals. Let the WILD times begin!

Flocks of Fun! We won't be counting sheep in our sleep this week... we'll be up close and personal with some of the new lambs and their mama ewes! Come find out what's to love about these wooly animals while we practice herding, throw a sheep party (farm style), and hand-make some cool crafts.

Goat Kids! Come spend time with the friendliest animals on the farm! We'll take a goat on a hike and learn about their skills on trail. In the kitchen we'll make goat cheese and fondue for a feast. Then on Friday, we'll wake up early just in time to milk a goat!

B Camp with Focus Programs

DC 3: July 4 – July 8

DC 4: July 11 – July 15

DC 5: July 18 – July 22

DC 6: July 25 – July 29

DC 7: Aug. 1 – Aug. 5

Tipi Camp (\$550)

Entering 4th and 5th Grades

This program is especially designed for younger campers coming to sleep away at camp for the first time. In this 5-day overnight camp, campers begin to build their outdoor skills. Campers will live in the tradition of some Native Americans by sleeping in Tipis and enjoying meals at their own outdoor eating area. Campers will also learn some cool facts about the local Ohlone Tribe and enjoy arts and crafts, archery, swimming, camp fires, hiking on our trails, caring for the farm animals and gardening in our organic gardens.

TC 1: June 20 – June 24

TC 2: June 27 – July 1

TC 3: July 4 – July 8

TC 4: July 11 – July 15

TC 5: July 18 – July 22

TC 6: July 25 – July 29

TC 7: Aug. 1 – Aug. 5

TC 8: Aug. 8 – Aug. 12

TC 9: Aug. 15 – Aug. 19

Resident Camp (\$1,025)

Entering 5th – 7th Grades

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, ice cream making, and maybe even mudding a pig! In the evening, campers enjoy 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.

RZ 1: June 20 – July 1

RZ 2: July 4 – July 15

RZ 3: July 25 – Aug. 5

RZ 4: Aug. 8 – Aug. 19

Farm & Wilderness (\$1,025)

Entering 8th – 10th Grades

As Farm & Wilderness campers, teens build close relationships within a small group, living at the primitive 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, sports, or gardening. Evenings are spent storytelling, sharing music, taking a night hike or a moonlight swim.

FW 1: June 20 – July 1

FW 2: July 4 – July 15

FW 3: July 25 – Aug. 5

FW 4: Aug. 8 – Aug. 19



YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

These three programs challenge teenagers to broaden their sense of themselves either by embracing a new outdoor adventure or beginning to lead younger campers. Participants work with mentors and build friendships in an outdoor setting while learning leadership skills that will empower them to make positive changes in themselves, their communities and the world. Participants set up camp in “Frank's garden,” a beautiful outdoor setting alongside Adobe Creek.

Bay to Sea Backpacking Program (\$1,025)

Entering 10th -12th Grades

Explore the wilderness of the Santa Cruz Mountains on our Bay to Sea backpack trip, where you will hike from the San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean! This trip is an excellent introduction to backpacking. Those with or without backpacking experience are welcome.

Campers will learn basic wilderness skills, such as reading a map and camping with minimum impact on the land. They will also build lasting and caring relationships with friends and the environment. Highlights of the trip include watching the sunset from the top of Black Mountain, rock climbing at Castle Rock, enjoying the natural waterfalls of Big Basin Redwoods, arriving at the Pacific Ocean with all of their new friends, and returning to Hidden Villa for one last night on the farm.

B2C 1: June 20 – July 1

B2C 2: Aug. 8 – Aug. 19



“At Hidden Villa there is a sense of peace and belonging and also just fun! I'm challenged every day to look at things in a new light”

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ACT 1 (\$1,025)

Entering 11th Grade

This 3-week program is for young people who are interested in and ready for the responsibility of caring for children in a camp environment while passing on the Hidden Villa Legacy of social and environmental justice.

ACT I participants spend time learning some of the skills they will need as counselors, supporting the other camp programs, as well as enjoying some camp fun of their own. Topics covered in ACT I are communication techniques, conflict resolution, 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 the Day Camp program by doing an internship for one week following this training. This program requires an additional application process.

ACT I July 4 –July 15

INTERNSHIP: July 25- July 29 or Aug 1 - Aug. 5

ACT II (\$275)

Entering 12th Grade

ACT II is a 4-week program for those who have completed ACT I. The program begins with two 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, practicing public speaking as well as learning interview techniques and resume-building skills.

Program graduates who successfully complete the training will join fellow staff as paid counselors for the final two weeks of camp. This program requires an additional application and interview process.

ACT II July 25 – Aug. 5

PAID INTERNSHIP: Aug. 8 – Aug. 19

“Hidden Villa was an important experience for me because I made lots of friends, learned new things and was surrounded by nature for two weeks.”

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FARM ACADEMY

\$75.00 supply and registration fee

Entering 9th -12th grades

Farm Academy is a 6 week, 2 day per week program for youth interested in learning about basic organic farming principles and sustainability. Regular instruction in topics like soil fertility, irrigation techniques, planting and harvesting create a hands-on learning experience. Highlights include weekly potluck lunches with volunteers and staff, a visit to the Los Altos Farmers' Market and an introduction to the care of farm animals. Farm Academy graduates will gain a working knowledge of organic agriculture and local food while increasing skills in teamwork, communication and physical stamina. Participants will also be eligible to earn 60 hours of community service and a letter of recommendation. This program requires an additional application process.

Program meets 9 am – 2 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays, June 29 – August 4



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