

Our Programs

Founded in 1992, Camp Laurel has been providing programs for children, youth, and families for over 14 years. The mission of Camp Laurel is to provide educational and support programs to children, youth, and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Camp Laurel achieves these results through resident wilderness programs, mentorship programs and international programs.

Our vision is to make a positive difference in the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Our goals and how we achieve them:

All programs are run by the Camp Laurel staff, volunteer counselors and medical staff who work with the children and youth. Camp Laurel runs extensive background checks (Intellicorp.net and Meganslaw.ca.gov) on all staff, volunteers and medical staff to be sure we are providing the best possible care for the children and youth. Each volunteer must complete over 24 hours of training (3 days) and be certified in CPR and First Aid before volunteering with Camp Laurel.

*To offer a medically and physically safe, structured environment within which campers can test their perceived limitations.

Achieved through highly trained medical and counseling staff which are Accredited by the American Camp Association Health and Safety Standards. Staff build self esteem, self worth, and self confidence in the children and youth, in addition to teaching them how to live in a cooperative environment.

*To create an atmosphere where children and youth can forget about their illness and enjoy life.

Achieved through trying new activities, developing knowledge of nature, creating group unity.

*To provide a supportive environment for children living with HIV/AIDS.

Achieved through sharing a bond with other children and youth living with HIV/AIDS, establishing caring, nurturing relationships and learning about differences.

*To teach children and youth with HIV/AIDS sports and wilderness skills that will help to create higher self esteem.

Achieved through teaching camping, sports and wilderness skills.

*To develop camper self confidence and independence.

Achieved through being away from family and meeting the challenge of a new environment.

*To provide a novel and unique experience for children and youth living with HIV/AIDS.

Achieved through creative programming, focusing on fun and learning.

Interested in sending your child to Camp Laurel?

Read on for more information . . .

Read the Parents' Guide Online or Download the PDF.

Download Camp Laurel's Camper Application forms.

Learn about upcoming programs and 2009 Camp Dates.

Have questions? Contact Lara Fogelman, Camp Laurel's Program Director, at (626) 683-0800 or LFogelman@CampLaurel.org.