

FOSTERING THE VALUES OF COMMUNITY, INCLUSION, IDENTITY AND RESPECT SINCE 1938



CAMP
BOB WALDORF



About Camp Bob Waldorf

Camp Bob Waldorf is a residential camp that fosters growth and development in a fun, safe, and nurturing environment. Camp serves low-income families and provides campers with enriching activities during all programs. Our program is built upon four core pillars (values): Inclusion, Community, Identity, and Respect. Campers live out these values through their daily interactions with other campers and staff, learning new skills, and making lasting memories.

Camp Activities

Our programs include a combination of activities, such as:

- Swimming
- Outdoor Adventure
- Visual Arts
- Horseback Riding
- Sports
- Ropes Course
- Cooking
- Archery
- Animal Care
- ...and more!

Camp Staff

Our cabin counselors and specialty instructors are trained as role models, educators, and social guides. Campers live in a cabin with 2-3 counselors who are supervised and supported by our team of head counselors, specialty supervisors, a licensed nurse, and directors.

Year-Round Programs

Weekend Retreats

Join us for a wonderful opportunity for new campers to taste camp and for returners to stay connected to their friends and the activities they love! Retreat campers unplug from their normal routine to participate in classic camp activities, spend time with friends and counselors, and enjoy yummy food.

Social Justice Camp

During Social Justice Camp (SJC), teens have the power and vision to improve the world! SJC gives teens the opportunity to volunteer with community organizations around Los Angeles, draw inspiration from passionate guest speakers, and build lasting relationships with teens from a variety of religious and ethnic backgrounds. SJC is a combined program with participants from both our Jewish and non-sectarian programs.



"My son's experience at Camp Bob Waldorf had a fundamental impact on his self-esteem, confidence, and independence. He can't wait to come back next summer!"

-CBW Parent

Summer Programs

General Camp

During our residential summer programs, campers enjoy a full range of daytime and evening activities (swimming, arts, sports, outdoor adventure, ropes course, and more), free play, and special theme days. Our programs allow campers to build self-confidence, respect, and community.

Kibbutz Camp Program

Our Kibbutz summer program includes all the traditional camp activities with the opportunity for campers to explore their Jewish identity through Shabbat and other cultural activities.

"This is the best
camp I have ever
been to in my life."
-Camper

Teen Camp

Teen Camp highlights values such as social action and advocacy, leadership skills, and identity. Teen campers spend the majority of their day as one large group in order to establish a unique bond. Teen Camp is offered during select summer sessions.

Explorations

Campers can choose a specialized "core program" for half of each camp day. This allows campers with a special interest or talent to delve deeper into that activity. In addition to their core program, campers participate in all our typical camp activities, as well as camp-wide programs and special days. Core programs may include: Farm-to-Table Cooking, Outdoor Adventure, Visual Arts, Video Tech, Athletics, and Music & Dance.

Witherbee Wilderness Camp

Campers who exhibit leadership skills, mature behavior, and strong interpersonal skills, after successfully completing a summer session with us, are invited to this intense and memorable adventure! Participants will grow skills in self-awareness, independence, teamwork, and navigation through an exciting backpacking program offered in partnership with Outward Bound. Trips begin and end with a short stay at camp in our Witherbee Village and center around a backpacking trip on a California trail.



Continuing Opportunities

Counselor-in-Training

The Counselor-in-Training program at Camp Bob Waldorf is a unique volunteer experience for teens who are interested in gaining leadership skills and working directly with youth. Participants will split their time between training sessions with their fellow CITs and time shadowing their counselors. Being a CIT gives teens the opportunity to see camp through the eyes of a staff member, while also still enjoying time with their peer group. CITs gain the necessary tools to become a leader and role model in their community.

College Support

Our care extends beyond retreats and summer programs into the college experience. Eligible campers can access free college guidance and apply for scholarships to help them achieve their higher educational goals, whether at a four-year university or a trade school.

Camp Bob Waldorf is owned and operated by Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles. Founded in 1938, our facility is located just 15 miles from Downtown LA, sprawling over 112 acres in the spectacular Verdugo Mountains in Glendale, California. Through our residential summer camp, weekend retreats, backpacking trips, college guidance and scholarship programs, and mentorship services, we provide over 1,500 children each year with the role models, community, and support system necessary for success as they progress from elementary school into college.

Rising Leaders Scholarship

The Rising Leaders Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to eligible campers who have successfully completed our CIT program for two years or who were a CIT for one year and a Teen Camper for one summer session at Camp Bob Waldorf.

Arnold S. Nelson Scholarship

The Arnold S. Nelson Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to campers who have successfully completed at least one Witherbee Wilderness Backpacking Trip.

Work at Camp

We are always looking for motivated, responsible, energetic, and compassionate young adults to serve as role models, counselors, specialty instructors, or on our supervisory team. Our staff create unforgettable and impactful experiences for campers, while growing their own skill set and personal identities.



Join Our Camp Family!

(818) 957-4900

www.campbobwaldorf.org



CAMP
BOB WALDORF



JEWISH
Big Brothers
Big Sisters.
OF LOS ANGELES