



Campers Eligibility Criteria 2020 – Community Partners

Camp Bob Waldorf is a residential camp for campers currently in grades 3-9 that fosters growth and development in a fun, safe and nurturing environment. Camp serves low-income families with the goal of providing campers with enriching activities during the summer. 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, learning new skills, and making lasting memories.

Campers live in a cabin with their peers and two to three trained counselors. They spend most of their day experiencing exciting new camp activities together. Camp activities include swimming, archery, a high ropes course, a climbing wall, hiking, cooking, ranch animal care, arts and crafts, and so much more! Through these activities and interactions, our campers learn to be responsible and thoughtful individuals.

The following criteria are provided to assist you in determining if the child that you are referring will be successful at Camp Bob Waldorf at this time. Our top priority is the physical and emotional safety of all members of the camp community. Children who exhibit the following behaviors are evaluated further to ensure they are ready to take part in a residential camp experience. We provide a similar document to our parents/guardians but have added additional information for you to use as you make referrals. Please make sure to read this document in its entirety.

Please know that if you refer a child that has a need or displays a behavior listed below, we will need to connect with the referring contact person, service provider, and/or family/guardian before enrolling the child in our programs. Please keep this in mind when making referrals.

Types of Needs and Behaviors that Camp Bob Waldorf Evaluates

1. A child who requires medical attention beyond the capacity of our health center and whose participation in the overall camp program would be harmful to their medical condition.
2. A child who requires one-on-one supervision in a school setting. We are unable to support children you require one-on-one supervision for behavioral challenges, specifically if they are physical or potentially harmful in nature.
3. A child who has difficulty blending into, cooperating, and following rules in a living or classroom situation with children their own age. Children who struggle to adhere to social norms in a living or classroom situation often have challenges at camp.



4. A child who has displayed physical, emotional, or verbal aggression and has harmed (or attempted to harm) another person or their property during the past year. Our top priority is that campers are safe both to themselves and to those around them. Please do not refer campers who have displayed ongoing aggressive tendencies as listed above.
5. A child who has displayed self-destructive or suicidal tendencies within the past 6-12 months. Camp is not able to offer services beyond mental health first aid. Please keep this in mind when referring children to our programs.
6. A child who has been hospitalized for psychiatric care within the past 6-12 months. In our experience, camp is not an appropriate fit for children who have undergone this type of care in the recent past.
7. A child who is involved with illegal substances (drugs, alcohol) and/or cannot respect that we are a drug, alcohol, and smoke-free community.
8. A child who cannot respect boundaries around sexual behavior and compromises the safety of others.
9. A child who has any history or tendencies to set or play with fire.
10. A child who has been suspended from school in the last 12 months.
11. A child who walks or runs away from the classroom or other space.

Our philosophy at Camp Bob Waldorf is that a “no” right now is not a “no” forever. We make all enrollment decisions with the safety and success of all campers in mind. Before turning a child away, feel free to reach out to see if we are a good fit for them at this time.

If you have any questions regarding any of the criteria for camp, please contact our Assistant Director, Rose Levenson at 818-658-7156 or at Rose@campbobwaldorf.org