



“Where the Adventure Begins”



Your Mission is Our Mission

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Your Mission	1	Camp Whittier is a non-sectarian camp founded in 1988 by the United Boys and Girls Club with the original intention of providing a safe place for hundreds of children to experience summer camp. Camp Whittier’s overall mission is still fulfilled to this day, but has expanded to include your mission as well.
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Camp Whittier offers educators and facilitators with specialized training to fit your needs. Whether you are caring for 175 at-risk youth, or a fortune 500 company that needs to bring their team closer, we can help you!

We invite you to take a journey through everything Camp Whittier has to offer. Use your imagination. Many offerings you will find are merely some of the possibilities. The truth is that your options here are endless.



Here are some of the things we value:

- Appreciate surrounding nature
- Provide an opportunity to contribute
- Value Humanity
- Build stronger Communities
- Provide safe places to learn and grow

A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

*...it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...
... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a CHILD—Anonymous*



Lion's Mane Mushroom
AKA “*Hericium erinaceus*”



Nature at Camp



Lion's mane is one of the more interesting looking types of mushrooms out there. In place of the traditional mushroom cap is a large clump of teeth, which are spine-like structures a few millimeters long. The purpose of these teeth is to manufacture and release spores, the "seeds" of a mushroom that allow the fungal organism to reproduce. Many different types of mushrooms have teeth instead of a cap, but lion's mane and other members of the *Hericium* genus are some of the most recognizable. These mushrooms provide more than just a visual treat. They're considered by many to be a gourmet edible, with a wonderfully chewy texture and taste slightly reminiscent of seafood. Lion's mane has also been the subject of more and more medical studies in the past decade. They appear to have nerve regenerating properties, stimulating nerve growth and aiding those with cognitive impairments. Yesterday's funny looking mushroom may be part of tomorrow's dementia treatment!



21st Annual Don Whittier Memorial Golf Tournament ~ April 26th



The 21st Annual Don Whittier Golf Tournament will be held at the Alisal River Course in Solvang on April 26th, 2013. **“Save the date!”**



The community support of this tournament will help us send youth from all over Santa Barbara County to summer camp at Camp Whittier. Thank you to everyone for your help and support over the years and we look forward to another day of golf for this very important fundraiser. Camp Whittier serves all four boys and girls clubs of Santa Barbara County as well as numerous other youth organizations in Central and Southern California. Sign up early!

With your help, deserving boys and girls are treated to a positive outdoor experience of hiking, archery, swimming, rock climbing, nature and more. Your contributions helps thousands of needy children to develop self esteem and prevents juvenile delinquency and gang affiliation.



Thank you to all our Camp Committee members, who help us plan and execute a successful golf tournament, Year after Year!

~ Camp Whittier Wish List ~

- *Variety of all types of lumber*
- *Dewalt Table Saw*
- *Circular Saw*
- *Gas Dryer*
- *Electric Space Heaters*
- *Bags of Concrete Mix*
- *Any type, vehicles*
- *Braun Hand Mixer*
- *Carpet*
- *Road Base*
- *Riding Lawn Mower*
- *1 Proteam Supercoach Back Pack Vacuum*
- *Wood Burning Stoves*
- *Refrigerators, kitchen stove*
- *Banquet Table and Chairs*
- *Golf Cart*
- *24-36 Sheets 4'x8' wooden lattice*
- *Solar Panels for the Pool*
- *200 Feet of Marine Boat Rope - 2 in.*



~With Thanks and Gratitude~

Looking back in 2012, Thank you to our special donors!

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Outdoor Education ~ Day and Night Programs



Outdoor Education is a means of curriculum enrichment, whereby the learning takes place out of doors. Outdoor education broadly includes environmental education, conservation education, adventure education, camping, wilderness therapy, and aspects of outdoor recreation.

Among the curricular often associated with outdoor education are language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, nature study, and music. Self-concept enhancement is approached through outdoor activities and opportunities for leadership development.

Outdoor education enables students and teachers to interact in an environment free from the limitations of the classroom. The change in

*Study Nature,
Love Nature,
Stay Close to Nature.
It will never fail you.*

environment can facilitate learning by removing behavior disordered students from the classroom setting which they may already identify with failure.



Experience Camp Whittier for your next Retreat or Conference!

Camp Whittier offers you an economical way to rent the facilities needed to hold a successful retreat, conference, or training experience for groups of up to 180. Our Challenge Course offers experiential training and development that promote team performance, staff development & personal growth. Experienced training along with a beautiful location will assure your retreat or conference a complete success.



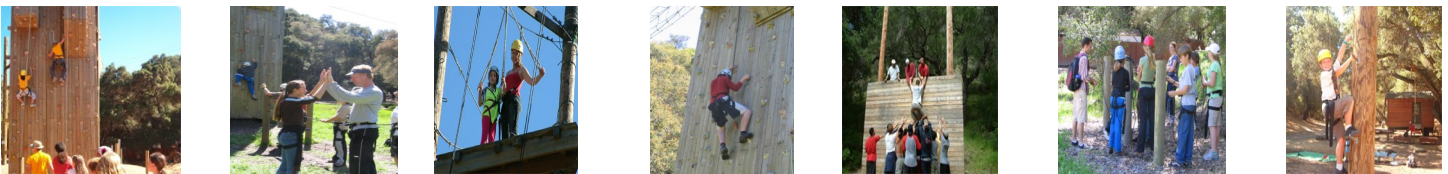
Discovering this idyllic place, we find ourselves filled with a yearning to linger here, where time stands still and beauty overwhelms.

We invite you to visit our facility, conveniently located just north of Santa Barbara.

Reservations are available for groups from 20 to 180 people.

For more information regarding reservations and rates at Camp Whittier please call us at

(805) 962-6776 or email campwhittiersb@aol.com



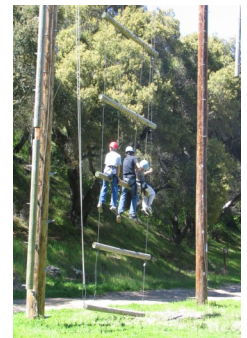
~~ High and Low Ropes Challenge Course ~~

A **Ropes Course** is a series of activities, events and challenges that are designed to build group dynamics, communication skills, self concept and challenge each participant to push beyond what they think they can do. Initiative activities and low ropes activities are done in large groups and can only be completed if the whole group is working together. These activities are sometimes done on cables or ropes that are set up in trees up to 5 feet off the ground.



High ropes activities are done with partners or individually and are done on ropes and cables set up in poles and trees. These activities are between 12 and 40 feet off the ground. Camp Whittier is committed to customizing each challenge course program to fit your teams goals and to ensure continuous benefits.

If you are interested in booking a Ropes Course at Camp Whittier, contact Debi at (805)962-6776



Camp Whittier Honors Volunteers at the UBGC Annual Awards Dinner

On January 31st, 2013, Camp Whittier honored volunteers at the UBGC Annual Awards Dinner. Our volunteers have dramatically made a difference and have generously contributed their time & energy to Camp Whittier.

Mr. Rich Hollis has donated to the Don Whittier Golf Tournament for 19+ years. He has donated his time as well as being a sponsor. He has also donated the beautiful hand painted trophies for the winners at the tournament for many years. Rich has helped with the food & beverage arrangements every year for our tournament. He has also generously contributed needed funds for camp improvements. It was our great honor to recognize his hard work and dedication to Camp Whittier.

Mr. Jim Knox has donated hundreds of IT hours to help with the computers in our busy camp office. He donates this time on his "time off" from his FT IT job. Whenever we need him he will stop by and help. His presence always brightens up our day. It was a pleasure to honor him for his great generosity and service to Camp Whittier.



Pictured left to right: Bill Muncaster, Rich & Linda Hollis, Debi & Terry Hite, and Jim & Bettina Knox

Also present was our long-time friend, Camp Committee member and generous donor; Mr. Bill Muncaster. At the awards dinner, Mr. Muncaster also received a leadership award for his great contributions to the UBGC of Santa Barbara County and to Camp Whittier throughout the years. Bill has been a very dedicated Camp Committee member for Camp Whittier. Over the last 20 years he has attended and been involved with at least 98% of our camp committee meetings. He has played in 18 of our 20 golf tournaments and been involved in the planning and soliciting for donations for all 20 tournaments. When asked for help, which usually entails requesting large sums of money for camp improvements, Bill is the first to jump on board, going out into the community to get the required donations needed. Over the years, Bill has helped get funds needed to purchase many items for camp; much needed tools and/or services, a new freezer and a camp truck, to name a few. His great efforts towards helping Camp Whittier and the many youth who attend summer camp have not gone unnoticed. He is now approaching his 98th birthday and is still involved in our meetings and out in the community soliciting for donations for Camp Whittier. The entire staff at Camp Whittier and the United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County sincerely thanks Bill, and we greatly appreciate him for his many years of dedication and service.

~ Looking Ahead ~ Summer Camp 2013 ~ Camp Whittier ~



What's funny about camp is that even when we're having the most fun, we're also learning the most important

lessons. Humans naturally adapt to their environments, and Camp Whittier is one of the most beautiful and organic places to adapt. Kids today seem to live in a world where "natural" is just another aisle in the grocery store, but camp can help bridge the gap between a technology based society and where it all started, outside, in nature. Camp Whittier gives children the opportunity to experience the natural world in an organized camp setting. We



offer kids the chance to get their hands dirty in the soil, and see the stars beneath a

clear night sky. By day our campers have the time of their lives camping, climbing, crafting, swimming, singing, zipping, hiking, running, jumping and so much more. By night we sing and perform skits at camp fires, tell stories at camp outs, and get our last ya-ya's out at the dance! Then, by Friday the busyness of camp has taken its toll and campers and staff alike are running on remaining bits of fuel to really take in our last moments at camp, and it's worth it because camp is one of the most inspirational and beautiful moments that we get to play and live in nature with these people that were once strangers and are now our closest friends.



Camp is a place to live, play, learn, and create, and here at Camp Whittier we are an outlet for campers to take all of these opportunities and run with them.~ "Junebug"



Summer Camp is designed for children ages 6 - 13. Counselors - In - Training are 14 - 17 years old. If you are interested in joining the most enjoyable Summer Camp around, we offer very affordable tuition. Cost includes 5 days, 4 nights, and all meals at the best camp in California! Scholarships may be available for families in need. Applications online at www.campwhittier.org or call 805-962-6776 for additional information.



Summer Camp Dates for 2013

July 8-12 Closed Session

July 15-19 Open Session