



Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica will host a weeklong sleepaway summer camp experience at Camp Big Bear! Camp will be Monday, June 23 to Friday, June 27.

**How do I register?**

Register via the Parent Portal at [www.smbgc.org/summer!](http://www.smbgc.org/summer!)

**How much is camp?**

Camp is grant-funded and tuition-free.

**Is transportation provided?**

Yes! We will transport campers via charter bus from our Main Branch Club located at 1238 Lincoln Blvd to Camp Big Bear and back. We will depart the morning of Monday, June 23 and return the afternoon of Friday, June 27.

**What ages is this camp for?**

Our co-ed camp is open to all kids in grades 4 – 12.

Youth will explore the outdoors and participate in camp activities in age-appropriate ways. Sign your kids up and encourage their friends to register, too!

**How is camp staffed?**

We take our commitment to safety very seriously. Our team members are trained to support kids' well-being, create a mentally and physically safe environment, and are fully background checked.

Mandatory criminal background checks are required upon hire and annually for every staff and board member at Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica.

We also maintain and regularly update comprehensive safety policies that protect our kids, including policies on supervision, transportation, communication, mandated reporting, and prohibition of one-on-one contact. We encourage all staff, members, and families to report any incident or situation they feel is unsafe.

**What is your camper to staff ratio.**

10:1

**Can my child bring their cell phone?**

No. Camp is a phone free environment so kids can engage fully in learning, exploring camp, and connecting with peers and mentors. All cell phones will be powered off, collected, and returned to parents at pick-up.

### **How do you handle medication?**

All of our staff and camp instructors are CPR & First Aid certified. We will not have a registered nurse on site, so medication **MUST** be documented with dosage information and turned into staff before we depart for camp. Our staff will oversee that members are taking the appropriate amount at the designated times.

### **Zero Tolerance Policy**

We have a zero-tolerance policy for serious behavior infractions. The behaviors listed below are grounds for immediate removal from camp.

- Any behavior that endangers the health and safety of children or staff members
- Leaving the camp property without permission, or refusing to remain with assigned group
- Inappropriate touching of other children or sexual misconduct
- Theft, defacing or destruction of property belonging to the SMBGC or others
- Verbal abuse or threats; confirmed acts of bullying
- Any kind of physical assault such as hitting, kicking or biting
- Possession of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or paraphernalia

### **Suggested Packing List**

Backpack or bag (to be carried in the van and during the day to prevent going back to the cabins). All luggage must be labeled with the member's full name and Club. Members are limited to one duffel bag, one sleeping bag, and one school-sized back.

**All members need to also bring a reusable water bottle for use during the day.**

Medicine needs to be turned in to staff when you drop your child off at the bus.

Do not bring valuable items as there is no secure place to keep them. Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica is not responsible for lost items.

- 5 Pairs of underwear
- 5 Shirts
- 2 Pairs of shorts
- 1 Pair of pants
- 1 Sweatshirt
- 7 Pairs of socks

- 1 Pair of close-toed shoes
- 1 Pair of flip flops
- Swim suit
- **Toiletries**
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Hairbrush
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Deodorant
- Soap
- 2 towels (One for showering and one for swimming)
- **Bedding**
- Blanket
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Camera for taking photos (No phones allowed)