

Camp Footsteps Outdoor Adventures 2021 Camp Descriptions

Welcome to Camp Footsteps Outdoor Adventures! Each week campers will discover the most amazing parts of arts and crafts, nature, and adventure to experience a rich, unforgettable, and fun day, with weekly hikes and neighborhood walks, special events, camp badges, yoga, and more!

Session One Garden Explorers

DATES June 14-25

Our summer of exploration begins with planting and growing! “Why try to explain miracles to your children when you can just have them plant a garden,” writes Robert Brault. Why are plants so important? Campers will discover their “green thumbs” as they explore how plants are essential, diverse, and tasty! We will plant and cultivate a variety of organic fruits and vegetables in our camp gardens that will be tended to and enjoyed throughout the summer as they learn about botany, ecology, the plant life cycle, and the water cycle.

Special Events

Friday, June 18, 2021 Sunflower Life Cycle

A sunflower planting activity so campers can observe their summer-long life cycle, including germination, development, budding, pollination, and new seeds.

Friday, June 25, 2021 Taste Bud Test

Campers, are you a fruit and veggie connoisseur? We will prepare a “No Peeking” medley of fresh fruits and vegetables to test the most adventurous palates. How many foods will campers taste buds detect? This fruit and vegetable sampling will include unusual fruits and vegetables!

Session Two California Native

DATES June 28-July 9 (No Camp Monday July 5)

It’s a California adventure as campers explore local nature, culture, and arts and crafts! The journey will explore the plants, trees, flowers, wildlife, and birds of the Golden State. We will study indigenous cultures of our state, such as the Ohlone Indigenous group. We will introduce arts and crafts techniques such as basket weaving, terracotta crafts, and planting edible herbs. There is so much positive diversity in our environment and microclimates, from the land, to the animals, to the history of our great state!

Special Events

Friday, July 2, 2021 Peopleologie

A California Native workshop to learn how ancient Miwok & Ohlone ways are preserved today—using plants for everything, from handmade fishing nets to baskets, baby carriers,

hairbrushes, sea-going vessels, and toys. Handle artifacts, then use knot tying, weaving skills, and strong hands to make a boat that floats!

Friday, July 9, 2021 Camp Carnival

This annual Camp Footsteps event is always a big hit! There will be carnival games, prizes and fun for all!

Session Three The Great Outdoors

DATES July 12-23

Discovering the beautiful outdoors, campers will take nature walks, hike, and bike, play outdoor group games such as tennis, dodgeball, and capture the flag! They will have opportunities to share and build friendships, and create lasting memories. Campers will create journals and log their experiences; what they do, see, or hear will be added as drawings and notes during the session.

Special Events

Friday, July 16, 2021 Nature Scavenger Hunt

A scavenger hunt that is solved using clues about nature, animals, and insects.

Friday, July 23, 2021 Bike/Wheels A-Thon

Campers may bring their bike or other wheels to participate in the Bike-A-Thon. Additionally, they will enjoy the outdoors, music, and other fun outdoors activities.

Session Four Movin' & Groovin'

DATES July 26-August 6

Campers will get up and feel the rhythm! They will be moving their bodies with games, exercise, tennis, music, boot camp, walks, and more! The session will begin with daily mini boot camps in anticipation of the ultimate event, the Summer Camp Footsteps Olympics Games. The session will end with a talent show where campers share their talents, hobbies, and passions.

Special Events

Friday, July 30, 2021 Camp Footsteps Olympics

Campers will form teams, choose events and compete in Camp Footsteps Olympics. Highlights will include an opening session and closing ceremony!

Friday, August 6, 2021 Camp Footsteps Talent Show

The children will participate in our all-camp talent show, displaying their many talents!

Session Five Splish Splash

DATES August 9-20

We end our summer with a splash! It's all about water as we explore H₂O, oceans, lakes, rivers, and atmosphere. They will learn an overflowing amount about water ecology! Campers will participate in outdoor water play activities, water coloring, slime, and create a watering can for the garden. Other water games will include Balloon Toss, Sponge-Sponge-Goose, Rubber Ducky Bulls-Eye, Spray Bottle Tag, Water Limbo and more. So campers pack your swimsuit and get ready to get wet!

Special Event

Friday, August 13, 2021 Wacky Water Day

Wacky Water Day will be an entire day of wacky water fun. Campers will pick their favorite water games, crafts and activities.

Friday, August 20, 2021 End of Camp Water Party

We will celebrate a summer of fun and learning by throwing a big party! Inflatable water slides will be included and maybe even dunking your camp counselor! Bring your swimsuit, towel and water shoes because you are going to get wet!