I am happy to be serving as President of the Board of Directors for the Community Campership Council for 2017-2018. It has been a rewarding experience, these first six months, to lead a great team of volunteers as we prepare for this summer and helping kids experience camp--some for the very first time! Our organization, now 52 years old, has assisted many kids with a rewarding camp experience, thanks to you and all of our friends in the area! In 2017 we helped 471 youth attend camp. They grow in their outdoor education and appreciation for nature, and the world around them! I am happy for the direction that CCC is headed this year, thanks to the excellent job of our Board. Beth Huss is doing an incredible job as our Chief Operations Officer and Dave Kempton served admirably as our 2015-2017 President and has been such a great mentor for me in guiding our organization. We have very two important fund raisers planned to assist us in providing funds for kids to attend camp these next few months! A big thank you in advance to all camps and organizations represented on our board.

A letter to supporters has launched this year's Kids to Camp Campaign. We are hoping everyone will respond as soon as possible as the kids are eager to go to camp this summer.

We also have planned a NEW major fundraising event called: GOT CAMP?, on Sunday, May 20 from 4-9 p.m. It will be held at the Elks Lodge, 1400 East Washington Avenue, El Cajon. Here are some great reasons for you and your friends and family to register for this event: GOT CAMP will be exciting, fun and beneficial to hundreds of young people by raising money for our budget. We need YOU to invite friends to join you for this fun event to BE A KID at CAMP. More details on this event are on Page 2. We will even have a campfire and be singing camp songs, sure to evoke memories of your childhood camp experiences! This event is an adult event as they are the kids at this event! Dave Kempton is chairing this event.

Golf anyone! Our Kids to Camp Scramble is scheduled for July 13 with a 8:30 am shotgun start. It will be held at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. See information on Page 2 and registration is available on our website at www.kidstocamp.org . Derek Hartley is chairing this event.

We are always looking to increase participation in our events and strongly urge each agency to be active on our board and participate in events that help us send your kids to camp. Together, we can have our best year in supporting kids in our community to attend and gain rich experiences at camp!

~Vic Enchelmayer
Got Camp???

This year we are planning a new fund-raising event for our Kids to Camp Program. We have titled it Got Camp? It will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018; 4 to 9 pm. The location is the Elks Lodge at 1400 East Washington, El Cajon, CA 92019. Guests will participate in activities that take place at camp. We will have a dinner with a dutch oven dessert and S'mores around the camp fire. Come and join in as we sing the songs our campers learn. There will be a no host bar and a Silent Auction. The cost will be $100 per person or $185 a couple. This is for adults only as they are the kids that day. Registration for the event is available on our website: [www.kidstocamp.org](http://www.kidstocamp.org) or call 858-268-9888 for more information. If you cannot attend please consider making a donation.

Kids to Camp Scramble

Our Annual Kids to Camp Golf Tournament will take place at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. The date is Friday, July 13th. It will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. There will be lunch following the tournament. Trophies will be presented for 1st and 2nd place foursomes, longest drive and closest to the pin. There will be a putting contest before the start.

Individual golfers pay $175 and foursomes are $600 and you can sponsor a hole for $125. Registration is available online at our website [www.kidstocamp.org](http://www.kidstocamp.org) or you can call the office at 858-268-9888,

Pin-Up Golf will again be present and have games on the holes. Volunteers can also come and help by staffing the hole-in-one, On the green hole and putting

The Camp Experience More Important Than Ever . .

From The Mailbox

What a wonderful experience I had at camp! I learned about nature, made a new friend and tried something new. The new thing I tried was taking a 2 minute shower. The nature thing I learned was that the tail of a bobcat is important because it helps it to balance. The new friend I made was from another school and I never would have met her if I had not gone to camp. Camp was one of the best moments of my life.

~ Nicole

Camp was really fun and we got to learn how to sail and learned all about the boats and how to use them, I love this camp!

~ Jayne

Thank you for what you have done for me. I didn't know that I could handle being away from my Mom and Dad for one week, but I found out I could take care of myself. I lost my fear of climbing big rocks and I learned about Earth’s 7 major resources. We went hiking at night and it felt like an animal was going to attack us, but the only animal we saw was during the day and it was a turkey. The closest thing we got to a predator was puma poop. Well, again thank you a lot, lot, lot. I hope you have a great life.

~ Javier
"Camp made me the woman and mother that I am today", declared one of our supporters. "Camp was where I learned to do things all by myself. I packed my own bag, made my own friends, had my big personality accepted by adults I trusted and looked up to. As a teenager camp was a refuge, somewhere I didn't feel pressure to be anything except who I was. I was given the chance to be friends with girls who were very different than me. Friendships that would last the next 20 years." These words really tell how camp changes children's lives.

Our donors have made a real difference in the lives of San Diego children for the past 52 years. Last year generous contributions provided 471 children the opportunity to experience camp programs. Not all families can provide a session at camp for their child. The Community Campership Council is still the only agency that exists solely to send San Diego's financially challenged children to camp. We have been doing it since 1966.

Here is some recent feedback:

- "Camp was amazing! A once in a lifetime experience. All of the hikes, campfires and meals were just wonderful. The food was so good!"

- "Our daughter attended CIT (Counselor in Training) Camp. We saw wonderful changes in her as she delighted in taking care of and planning programs for younger children."

- "It was so much fun. I learned so many songs and met so many friends. Can I go back next year?"

With help from each of you we can continue to offer many San Diego boys and girls a memorable, fun filled summer experience. We would appreciate your support as we continue to change children's lives.

Boys & Girls Go To Camp

Again this year, we are excited to announce a collaboration with the Boys and Girls Foundation to continue their program called "Boys and Girls Go to Camp". This program provides camp scholarships to at-risk youth (ages 6-17) in San Diego County.

Parents of youth in this age group should submit a letter explaining why their child would benefit from a week at camp along with a campership application by May 15, 2018. Applications can be found online at [www.boysandgirlsfoundation.org](http://www.boysandgirlsfoundation.org) The Boys & Girls Foundation Grants Committee will select the deserving children. Each child selected will receive a $250 voucher to use at one of the 28 camps working with us. This amount will cover the cost of a week of Day camp and will pay 40% to 70% of the cost at a resident camp.

The Community Campership Council will provide information to parents which will help them choose the best options for a camp experience based upon the child’s interests.

~ Beth Huss
Chief Operations Officer

My trip to camp was awesome because we got to climb rocks and go hiking. I also met new people. The food was so good. We got to see mountain lions, deer and wild turkeys.

~ Marcia
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