

# COMMUNITY CAMBERSHIP COUNCIL, INC.

Providing a 2020



View of Nature

## TENT TALK

### *From a Former President .....*



## 2020 Final Edition

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*Dave Kempton* September 30, 2020 the Community Campership will close our doors and file for dissolution.

Since 1966 we are proud to have helped 74,397 children attend summer camps and outdoor school programs. Unfortunately, the events of this year have changed how people can interact face to face. This means that summer camp programs have ceased to exist, or have drastically altered their programs. We have seen that the non profit agencies that we have supported are now doing their own fund raising, and are not depending on the Community Campership Council for Camp scholarships.

We do believe that there is great value in children attending outdoor education and camping programs. We are confident that when we have gotten through this Pandemic, children will return to outdoor camping and education programs. Families will still need financial help to be able to send them; in fact the need will be greater. For that reason, we are pleased that the Boys and Girls Foundation of San Diego will be continuing our work. As we close our operation, we are transferring our

remaining trust and funds unspent this year to them. They have agreed to continue to offer a Voucher program for families needing financial assistance for camp.

In closing, I would like to thank all our loyal donors and supporters who, over the years, have helped us help the children of San Diego attend camp. You have participated in our many fund raising events, sent us wonderful donations, and served on our Board of Directors and committees. I must mention the dedicated staff who have served and guided our organization. Bailey Gallison was one of our first executive directors and served for 18 years. He was followed by Susan Rezner who expanded the scope of our service, and forged an alliance with the Boys and Girls Foundation. Finally, we especially want to thank Beth Huss. Since 1985 she has served the CCC in many capacities, an finished as our final Executive Director.

And so we close this last chapter of the Community Campership Council. As a long time supporter and Board Member it has been a pleasure working with all of you. Thank you for allowing me to share this experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Kempton'.

*David Kempton*

## *From Our President .....*



*Faith Mitchell  
President*

After 54 years of helping kids go to one of the many wonderful camps in San Diego County, we have come to a time when we must say goodbye and close our doors. This was not an easy decision by the Board and we hope other agencies will pick up supporting the many kids that wish to go to camp. Over the last few years, Community Campership Council has not received the donations we once did. With COVID-19 causing businesses to shut down and the effect it has had on the economy, many donors have been unable to continue their support. This greatly affected our ability to do achieve our mission.

It has been an honor to serve as the President this last year and to be able to serve with the entire Board of Directors. I am proud to say that the council has been able to assist in sending thousands of kids to many of the camps which has helped to make a difference in their lives. The experiences the kids had were life changing and helped them to learn more about the wonderful world of nature and science that will certainly influence their lives for years to come.

Millions of kids have attended camps in San Diego County, and as they have grown to adults, they fondly remember their time at camp and in nature. Some have said that it changed their dreams and aspirations in life, got them more involved in science, made them appreciate the friendships they found, and saw a new side to their teachers. At a recent open house for a camp, a family showed up with their child and said they had both gone to camp together and became friends but were from different schools. They stayed in touch with each other and eventually got married. They were excited to return to camp and see how it had changed yet many parts of it remained the same. Hopefully there will continue to be stories of kids making new friends, forming life long bonds and getting a whole new perspective on themselves and life. Showing children the many possibilities they have in life that are sparked from a camp experience is so rewarding and enlightening.

I and the Community Campership Council wish to express our sincerest gratitude to all of our generous supporters and volunteers throughout the years, and wish all the best.

*~Faith Mitchell*

## *From a Past President .....*

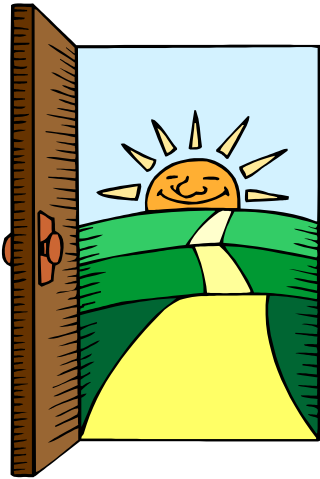


*Vic Enchelmayer  
Past President*

I have really enjoyed my 10+ years of involvement in Community Campership Council. Both while working with the Boy Scouts of America and after retirement, it was a joy to assist our organization in its mission to help kids experience the outdoors in a camp setting and learn about nature and the world around them. For over 50 years, CCC provided support for families to send their children to outdoor education camps and other agency summer camps. I know first hand the benefits of spending a week in nature and have learned a lot about life while in the outdoors as a young man and as an adult leader. Working with the CCC board and serving as President for two years was a valuable experience. What an incredible board we have had over the years. The fundraisers, the outings, the special events and golf tournaments have been so enjoyable. I wish everyone well in the future and hope we can have an annual opportunity to gather for a social or Christmas get together.

*~Vic Enchelmayer*

## Providing a 2020 View of Nature.....



### Parents We Helped

A father asks for help. One of the biggest changes in our lives this past year was moving into my sister's house. My son misses having his own room and his old friends. It would mean a great deal to him to have something to look forward to this summer.

An unemployed veteran:

My daughter is a very smart child but lacks the opportunity for physical activity. Please help me get her outdoors this summer.

A social worker writes: Addison is a beautiful bright 13 year old girl currently living in a group home with 40 other children. Addison is very deserving of a camper-ship and would benefit from being able to attend camp independently.

Asher is extremely shy and has struggled in school the last 2 years. My husband and I have been struggling and I believe our problems are affecting our son. I think a break from home would benefit him.

~A Mom

### Campers Write

***I loved it when we had ice cream bars for dessert***



To me camp meant learning about nature, meeting new people, and how to work as a team. In our cabin we played a game and we had to be together as a team using a GPS to find hidden stuff. I want to go to camp again. ~ Gabriel



At camp I learned something new. I tried to make a fire with a bow and arrow. I didn't make a fire but my group did have smoke. ~ Matt

I loved camp. My three favorite things I did are the following: Customizing a rock, learning about the Grandfather oak tree and going on a night hike.

~ Mike

Amazing, 6th Grade Camp was not only for learning but to meet new people and to make new friends. Scientific facts were made interesting to kids whose interest was not towards science. Not just listening about science, but experiencing it in the best way it can be.

~ Nikki



*A Camper's View of the Mountains*

## Our Supporters

### Recent Support from October 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020

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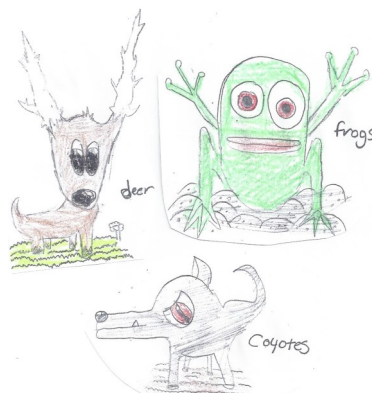
Mr. Richard MacGurn

## 2019-2020 Kids to Camp Program Report

### 167 kids received campships:

- 167 children attended camp in the fall and spring as part of Sixth Grade Camp. Four schools were selected to participate by San Diego County Office of Outdoor Education.
- 67% of the campers were girls and 33% were boys. 100% percent were older kids between 10 and 17.
- Latinos represent 37% of the campers, 28% were Caucasian, 20% were African American, 12% Asian Pacific, and 3 % American Indian.
- 86% qualified for free lunch.

Camp meant  
meeting animals  
in person. ~ Ian





## *From a Campership Recipient...*

You all know the starfish story. I think I've heard it told at least three annual meeting dinners or breakfasts over the years. There's a bunch of starfish washed up on shore and a kid is walking along the beach chucking them back into the surf one by one. An elder walks by and says "Why are you doing this? There are millions of starfish on this beach, you could do this all day and it wouldn't matter to these masses!" and the kid replies "It mattered to that one.". The CCC took this approach, helping the kids they could over years and years without wavering or tiring. In my current role as the Program and Operations Director for Camp Stevens, and in my tenure as a Camp Director and Outdoor Program Manager for Girl Scouts San Diego, I have met so many youth who never would have had the opportunity to go to summer camp were it not for

the hard work of the CCC staff and board. But my gratitude goes beyond the youth I now serve. As a child growing up in the Linda Vista area, with a large intergenerational family, a disabled parent, and one blue-collar income to operate off of, there is no way my parents could have afforded to send me and my siblings to camp. But every year I went to Camp Winacka with the help of the Community Campership Council and the Girl Scouts of San Diego. As a now lifelong camp professional, I know I carry the skills I learned at camp with me every day. But so do my peers who are now nurses, coders, scientists, parents, athletes, and farmers. The reach and impact of the CCC is immeasurable, immutable, and persistent. You all have my deepest gratitude.

*Gabby Coburn*  
*Program & Operations Director Camp Stevens*

## *From the Chief Operations Officer.....*



*Beth Huss*

It was 1985. Don had just retired from the Navy and we were moving to San Diego. I needed a job so we could qualify to purchase a house. Jill Teegarden from Girl Scouts told me to apply at the Community Campership Council as they were looking for an Administrative Assistant. The application was sent in and then I had an interview with Bailey Gallison. On October 25, 1985 I began working with the CCC for four hours a day.

It is now 2020 and my work with the CCC will soon be completed. What a great time it has been and I have learned and experienced so much. It began with 4 hours a day and in 2004 it went to 8 hours a day. From 1985 until 2002, I was the head cook at Camp Winacka during the summer and would go into the CCC office on my days off to catch up with the work.

I learned to write grants, do fund-raising campaigns, help plan for fund-raising events and so many other

things. When I started work at the CCC everything was done on a typewriter. Bailey decided we needed a computer so we did a fund-raiser to afford it. Finally in 1987 one was purchased and I needed to learn an entire new set of skills but the computer made many things so much easier.

I have met so many great people and worked with them to raise money to send kids to camp. One of the things I really enjoyed was reading the thank you letters the kids wrote to us. That was a job that required a box of Kleenex be nearby. However, it made me realize how much going to camp changed lives.

On September 30 we close our doors for the last time after 54 years of sending kids to camp. It has been an experience and I have enjoyed it so very much. Thank you to all our Board members, volunteers and donors for your continued support. I wish you the best. Hope you still continue to help kids go to camp in some way.

*Beth Huss*  
*Chief Operations Officer*

## *From Former Board Members....*

We have enjoyed our years with the Community Campership Council, beginning with Bailey Gallison, and continuing with many other wonderful friends and colleagues. The money raised by this organization helped so many youth experience camp and camping. We are blessed in San Diego to have so many

wonderful places for young people to be active. Memories are made at camp. And we are proud that we helped raise funds for those memories to happen. God Bless you all.

*Gail and Randy Hesseltine*

## *From A Current Board Member....*



*Deb Oberg*

2020 - The symbol for perfect vision. Although the future is very uncertain right now, I must say that hindsight is always better! As we spent the last few months going through the old "stuff" that accumulates over 54 years of doing business, it has given me a chance to reflect on what the CCC has

accomplished over the years.

- Thousands of youth were given the opportunity to have a camp experience and for many of them it was life changing.
- All of the wonderful people that I met over the years by attending the various Oscar Parties, Golf Tournaments, Annual Meetings, Christmas

Parties and just regular monthly meetings. I hope to continue some of the many friendships that I have cultivated over this time.

- The generosity of the many organizations, corporations and individuals who financially supported us so that we had the funds to complete our mission every year and send as many youth as possible to camp. Thank you for your support.

It has been my pleasure over these last few years to be able to serve on the various committees, chair events and be you 2nd Vice President. My best to everyone in the future!

*Deb Oberg  
2nd Vice President*

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