

2016 Camp Many Mansions

Many Mansions

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Summer Camp Week Overview



Finally, they got to rub shoulders with some exotic and unusual movie stars—trained animals!

Animal Tracks showed our campers—and a few of our guests—some of their amazing animals and a little about what it takes to work with exotic animals. Campers learned some amazing new vocabulary, such as exoskeleton, nocturnal, invasive species, and prehensile. Some of the animals presented included Honeybear the Kinkajou, Pebbles the Kookaburra, Erminator the Burmese Snake, Bella Roo the Kangaroo, and Chrissy the Baboon.!



Week 1 went off without a hitch! When I Grow Up was a week based around life's occupations. One day saw them donning their chef hats to become master pizza chefs; the next, dinosaur archeologists! They learned about the conflicts of gardening and the perils of being a mailman through new and inventive outdoor games. Next, they strode out into the field of marine biology, learning all about the zones of the ocean and the creatures that live there.



Not only were the folks from Animal Tracks very knowledgeable about their animals, they are very talented, interacting with animals on movies like *Night at the Museum*, *Dr. Dolittle 2*, and *Arachnophobia*.

Everyone is excited and looking forward to the weeks to come.

Fundraising Update

Camp fundraising is in full swing! This year, we have a goal of \$25,000 for individual donations and \$25,000 for sponsorships. So far, we're at \$17,300 for donations and \$1,800 for sponsorships!

If you or your company would like to support us, help us meet our goals! Remember, it costs over **\$50,000** to put on a program like this. This program is 100% free for the resident low-income youth. It is the only kind of program in the community, and it is loved deeply by the residents who get a chance to participate in it. Every little bit helps. *Be a part of the puzzle!*

Meet some of our amazing sponsors!

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The Gift of Giving: National Charity League



Every year, Camp Many Mansions is honored to host a two day volunteer event for National Charity League. National Charity League (or NCL) is a non-profit organization of mother-daughter volunteers. It was established in 1925 in our very own state of California.

NCL is a beloved ally of Many Mansions. From their strong love of volunteerism to their enthusiastic participation in supply drives, NCL has supported in many ways across many children programs.

This year, 8 mothers and 11 daughters volunteered on June 13 and June 14 to help prep supplies for seven weeks worth of crafts and activities. They did everything from sorting pool supplies to cutting templates to painting beautiful signs for our community rooms.



Thank you, NCL!

Camp Status

Week 1 of camp went off without a hitch! We have 64 campers, 25 teen leaders, and 29 volunteers signed up. Our campers and teen leaders represent 7 different Many Mansions properties.

This week was the very first week for Villa Garcia youngster, Yari. Yari was so excited to be a part of a program! All throughout the week, she rubbed shoulders with older kids, dove into camp activities hands-first, and stole all the volunteers' hearts. For Yari, who lives in a low-income household and has a physical disability, Camp Many Mansions serves as a unique, hard to come by chance for her to learn, have fun, and make friends.

We are so excited to have campers like Yari with us this summer and we hope to make this the best summer yet!



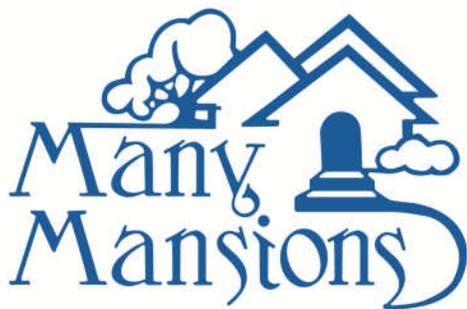
Camp Kick Off

This year, we started off a new tradition: a camp kickoff! We invited allies, friends, and board members of Many Mansions to Camp Many Mansions' first field trip. With this, we were able to share what it means to work with these youngsters through this very special program. Our guests and our campers celebrated this event through savory treats, sweet cake, and, most importantly, a stuffed animal raffle.

Because of the amazing generosity of our donors, we were able to give every Many Mansions child their very own stuffed animal to take home. From soaring birds to fluffy kangaroos, the campers were absolutely thrilled!

Thank you Operation Gratitude, local organizations, and all other donors who gave us this amazing opportunity.





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Take a TOUR with us!

We love showing people our programs in action! Contact Caitlin Lebron at Caitlin@manymansions.org to set up a personal tour!

Since 1979, Many Mansions has provided well-managed, service-enriched, affordable housing to low-income residents of Ventura County and its surrounding communities. By providing decent housing and life-enriching services to those most in need, we aim to break the cycle of poverty and remove the barriers that prevent members of our community from having a basic need met—a roof over their head.

We own and manage over 500 units of affordable housing, serve approximately 1,000 adults and 300 children, provide on-site services programs that include job training, case management, homework literacy, a teen club, and much more.

Our mission is to “endeavor to promote and provide safe, well-managed housing with on-site, life-enriching services for limited income residents of the Conejo Valley, Ventura County, and their surrounding communities.”

Ongoing Needs

Camp is up and running, but the campers could still use your help! We're still looking for:

- Spray sunscreen for swim days;
- \$10 gift cards or certificates for the reading program;
- Adult volunteers for swim days; and
- Monetary donations.

For item donations, please contact Heather at heather@manymansions.org. For monetary donations, please contact Caitlin at caitlin@manymansions.org. For volunteering opportunities, direct your inquires to Barbara D'Anjou at Barbara@manymansions.org. Thank you for all you do!

Camp Schedule

When I Grow Up	June 20-23
June Fest	June 27-30
Holidays Around the World	July 5-7
Lights, Camera, Action!	July 11-14
Adventure is Out	July 18-21
Imaginarium	July 25-28
Wacky Water Week	August 1-4