

Join us

as we stay in Big Basin State park and explore the “less-discovered” parts of Big Sur, Santa Cruz, Monterey and Pescadero.

We will be guided by renowned naturalist
Nate Grieg,
visiting biologist and photographer
Ursula Esser,
professional musician Katie Cameron
and professional dancer, Pallas Sluyter

Family Night on Friday, July 29

Cost: \$1000

Includes meals, transportation,
and curriculum (to be sent out ahead of time)

10% discount for siblings and
if you invite a friend!

Also includes a Counselor in Training Program
for children 12 – 14

Special needs children welcomed



LearningPlay



Summer camp for children 6-14!
July 25 - July 30

We are very excited to announce our upcoming outdoor summer camp. This year's location will be based in the enchanting realm of redwoods within Big Basin State Park. Please join us and our amazing team of naturalists, mentors and teachers as we expose young inquiring minds to the wonders of the wild world.

Look forward to to a grand exposition of field biology where will seek to identify and learn about the myriad of creatures that call old growth redwood forests home. Things that hop, things that chirp and swim, and slither, and crawl are all anticipated on our walkabouts. We will also seek to discover nearly 100 plant species that take root within the evergreen kingdom.

We will explore creeks within the park as well. Natural waterfalls and swimming holes should entice eager minds to play in, and learn about the importance of, healthy waterways that provide vital nourishment to the surrounding landscape during dry periods.

We will seek out branches, bedstraw and other useful natural elements to construct a shelter where we will, sing and make music and tell tales of the old days.

We will also explore nearby Pescadero a charming little town that rests upon idyllic, gentle bluffs overlooking the vast Pacific. Prepare to place a slimy squid on a hook as the children learn to fish for some 20 different gamefish that inhabit the frothy tidal zone of the central coast.

We will offer daily morning and evening classes in the latest dance styles and musical performance techniques for parents and children.

On Friday night there will be a talent show and group performance. Parents are welcome to join in as audience or performers and participate in activities throughout the week leading up to the show or just come and relax on Friday evening and get a taste of the joys of sitting around a campfire in beautiful Big Basin State Park.

Please join us for a wonderfully fulfilling camp that is sure to nourish all participants with wholesome life lessons and inspire a greater relationship with the natural world.



About us



Chaia and Kelly

CHAIA MAY

Chaia May is an educator in the Bay Area with over 30 years of experience in working with children both typical and atypical. She has written 15 books, runs a music studio and directs a year long "out of the classroom" experience for youth emphasizing nature, sports and self-development. Chaia is a vendor for Ocean Grove Charter School home school program and a former national speaker on Sensory Integration in the Classroom. She is the proud parent of two daughters, Hannah and Ami and lives in Menlo Park, CA.

KATIE CAMERON

Professional touring singer 5 years in U.S. and Germany U.S.O. tour, singing Top 40 Dance, Soul/Blues, Motown and Country Rock music. Music Ed/Performance double major on flute Univ. Colorado. Studied private voice in LA with instructors from Lee Straasberg Theater Institute, Norman Luboff Choir, and UCLA Voice intensive. Coached in Landmark Worldwide's Team Management and Leadership group in Communications, won Western regional public speaking award "Communicate with Confidence"; merit badge counselor for boy scouts - swimming, business, public speaking, music.



Katie

NATE GRIEG

Nate Grieg is a lifelong outdoor enthusiast and educator, and has spent his life exploring the wilds of California and Western United States. His areas of expertise include natural history, microbiology, hydrology, navigation, hiking, fishing, and camp craft. Nate believes that every person can better themselves by enjoying a relationship with the natural world that surrounds them. His goal is to provide avenues for the youth to find inspiration and ambition for the challenges of everyday life through outdoor experiences.

PALLAS SLUYTER

A native of Los Angeles, Pallas Sluyter (aka Pallas Sridevi) has had an extensive and varied career touring the world as a professional dancer, choreographer, teacher, and coach. She produces and hosts her own internationally broadcast radio show, Pallas' Dutch Invasion'. Additionally, she is a writer, and a singer/songwriter/musician. Pallas began training in ballet at age four and at eleven was awarded the Ford Foundation scholarship from the New York City Ballet. She was awarded scholarships from the American Ballet Theatre, San Francisco Ballet, Ballet West, and Dupree Dance Academy. She has danced professionally in ballet companies, movies, the first MTV videos, modern dance companies, and musical theatre. She has choreographed for stage and screen, and teaches classical ballet, streetdance, and modern dance for children through professionals. She has years of experience teaching special needs children and adults. She brings joy and passion to her teaching and her wide array of creative endeavors.



Pallas

Cliff Evans is a competitive Rodeo and steer Roper and our horseback riding instructor!