



The Salvation Army, Ridgecrest requests your financial support of our 2023 Community Campership Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

We are sending 100 youth aged 8-17, from Ridgecrest and neighboring communities, to our Camp Redwood Glen in the Santa Cruz Mountains. For over 75 years, we have been giving underserved and at-risk youth, the opportunity to attend our fun week-long residential summer camp.

Many children will attend camp at no cost, or no more than \$25 a day cost for the family. No child will be turned away, if their family is unable to afford the camp fees. Many of the families The Salvation Army serves, are working hard, but are unable to meet the most basic financial needs. For these children, the opportunity to go to camp is not possible without community support. Camp provides for their basic needs and so much more.



The campers are provided a safe warm bed, and they enjoy lots of good food. For some kids, the three meals a day around a table family style, and afternoon snack shop and evening snack time, are a reason why this is the best week of the year.

Add to those necessities, that each child is provided with the knowledge that they are loved and that their dreams are attainable. Camp is a wonderful opportunity to participate in mentoring programs that encourage children of all ages and build up their self-esteem and confidence.

There are daily adventurous hikes in the redwood forest and down by the creek. The most popular activity for IWV kids is daily swimming in the refreshing pool. Activities like is archery, wrist rockets, paint ball, and all kinds of sports like soccer, kickball, capture the flag and relay races, and tug of war on our athletic turf field let kids run around in the cool mountain air. There is lots of arts and crafts. The schedule includes a daily afternoon rest time, and we encourage reading through our outdoor library for 30 minutes a day. The campers also have a few hours of free time to choose their activity in the afternoons. The fun days end with evening campfires and camp songs too.





Campers aged 8-12 are in Discovery Camp and Teens aged 13-17 are in Outdoor Adventure Camp. Ridgecrest camp dates are June 12-17, 2023. We also have a special camp for teens aged 13-17, that is music and art focused, happening July 10 -15, 2023.

The camp staff is young adults from all over the state. The camp recruits on college campuses and brings in international staff from around the world too. We have a few older teens applying to work at camp this summer.

This summer we hope to bus children to camp, through contracting with Sierra Sands Unified School District, and keep the transportation funds local.

Go check out [tsacampredwoodglen.org](http://tsacampredwoodglen.org) to learn a bit more about this amazing place that is dedicated to changing lives.

This year we are trying to reach a goal of raising \$50,000 to send 100 kids to summer camp. Would you consider a donation to help the kids who need it most, get to go to camp this summer?



We ask you to be a part of transforming young lives by generously donating to The Salvation Army.

Drop by 151 N. Downs St. RC Weekdays 9am-3pm with your \$500 campership donation to support one child with an amazing week of residential summer camp. You can contribute by cash, check, and credit cards, and also mail your gift to PO Box 189 Ridgecrest CA 93556. Please specify Campership on your donation. You can also give electronically on our website: [Ridgecrest.salvationarmy.org](http://Ridgecrest.salvationarmy.org).

All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.



Thanks from the all cool campers who will be given this summer opportunity by your generous giving.

May God continue to bless you as you have blessed so many others, especially the children!

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