



# CAMP del CORAZON

*For kids and families living with congenital heart disease*



Summer camp - long days on the water splashing in the ocean, roasting marshmallows by the fire with friends. This is the image we have of summer camp, one that you may not have experienced if you have heart disease. Many children with heart disease are told that summer camp isn't for kids like them.

Founded by a Pediatric Cardiologist and Electrophysiology nurse from UCLA Medical Center in 1995, Camp del Corazon is a place for kids to take a vacation from being "sick kids." At CdC being "different" is normal. We are proud of our scars! Camp is a community where kids meet kids who share their experiences and concerns, and who really understand them.

In addition to our residential summer camping experience, we have developed impactful educational and experiential year-round programs for children and families living with the challenges of congenital heart disease. Camp del Corazon is a home for the entire heart family.



*"She's back! She is a little dirty and a lot exhausted, but elated, confident, beaming, bursting with fun stories and I think healthier, too! Counting down the days until next year's session!"*

– Camper Parent

*"Merely treating heart disease is not enough. We must strive to make these children feel good about themselves, to give them a sense of belonging."*

– Lisa Knight, RN  
Camp del Corazon Co-Founder

**Mission:** Camp del Corazon is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides year-round experiential opportunities for growth, education and support for children, young adults and families who are living with heart disease. **Tax ID#95-4599670**

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# Programs

## Summer Camp

**A free-of-charge summer camping program for children ages 7-17 with congenital heart disease.**

Our camp gives children living with CHD an outlet to bond with others who understand and know what they are going through. Camp studies have proven that camp helps to strengthen the confidence and self-esteem of children. There is no charge to those who attend our camp sessions. Children served by Camp del Corazon are not typically eligible for camps provided by other member agencies of the American Camp Association due to the fact that they require round-the-clock medical supervision and care. Our camp is staffed by amazing physicians, nurses, and thoroughly trained and vetted volunteer staff.

## P.A.C.E.

### **Progressive Adult Cardiac Experience**

P.A.C.E. is designed for young adults with heart disease, ages 18-25 who are looking to: Create a support network with people who face similar challenges in their lives, practice leadership skills that will help you make better life choices, build healthy lifestyle skills to support a healthy body and mind, and enjoy fun and challenging new experiences!

## Happy Heart Festival

**A day of fun, food, and heart education for the entire family, in partnership with the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation.**

Everyone is invited to participate - campers (old, new, prospective, all ages), camper families & friends, CHD families, counselors, doctors, and nurses. Features: Heart Valve Manufacturing Tour, Hands-On Activities, Games & Crafts, Heart Health Educational Sessions, and Lunch.

## Virtual Programming

Weekly programs for children and families to keep them engaged and involved, even when they may be homebound or too medically fragile to attend in-person activities.

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## Para las familias que hablan español:

Camp del Corazon es un campamento de verano residencial para niños que parecen de enfermedades del corazón. Existe desde 1995.

Para más información y para aplicar:  
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