



Making a difference in children's lives by sending kids to camp.

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Our newest endowed campership

Thank you Bart Verheijen, former Kennolyn camper and counselor

Bart first came to Kennolyn as a 7-year-old, back in 1999. He was a camper for 3 years in a row, then missed a few summers. But he returned as a CILT, and went through the whole counselor-in-training program. After that, he was the counselor for Angel's Camp and Big Creek for a couple of summers, spent a couple of summers working with older campers, worked as the CIT Director for 2 summers, then spent his final full summer working at Day Camp as Program Supervisor.

In 2017, his last full summer on staff, **Bart decided to donate a portion of his salary to the foundation, so he could sponsor a child's summer camp experience at Kennolyn.**

That was the first time a current Kennolyn employee had made that kind of commitment, and we were so grateful! Jared King from the Northern Mariana Islands got to come to Kennolyn thanks to Bart's generosity, and here's a quote from a letter he wrote Bart: "The new friendships and bonds that I made during camp was the best! It is literally my BEST summer ever!"

But that wasn't enough for Bart – he's now a lawyer in the Netherlands, and has recently set up an endowed campership, so that one camper every summer will be able to attend Kennolyn, in perpetuity. In 2019, the first camper to receive the Bart Verheijen Campership was Teddy Alamar, from Avon CT. His counselor said Teddy's favorite parts of camp were having fun with the group, doing activities, and having outpost adventures.

Bart, thank you for everything you're doing to ensure kids have an opportunity to attend Kennolyn. You're making a big difference in children's lives!



We couldn't believe Anthony got a scholarship for such an awesome camp. He was so excited he even wrote about it in school assignments. He overcame a fear of new places and making new friends - and felt so proud of himself. He tried new things he never had the chance to try like archery, axe throwing and cooking! He still makes me the foods he cooked over campfire, but at home in the oven. If you could see the look on his face when he makes the recipes he learned! Still to this day, he shares with friends and family the things he did, and the friends he made, all in one week!

*Thanks so much!
Sincerely, Sarah & Anthony Jr (2nd grader).*



Bart as a camper with Aunt Marion & Uncle Max and then as the CIT Director.

Camp this Summer

Kennolyn, one of the few overnight camps that operated in California last summer, received feedback that during the summer of 2020, even more than other summers, camp had a huge impact on children who attended. It was a chance at normalcy after an extended period of lockdowns, and a time to safely connect with peers in the outdoors away from the constant technology that has come with distance learning and little time with friends.

This coming summer, with the increased knowledge about Covid and how to fight the spread, we are happy to report that Kennolyn



Kennolyn Camps

will once again be able to safely operate overnight and day camp, and Gold Arrow will also be welcoming kids back to camp. Some of the safety protocols put into place include Covid testing, limiting close interaction to a cabin (cohort) group, lots of time outdoors, masking when outdoor social distancing can't be achieved, increased sanitizing, reduced capacity and many more.

Kennolyn's celebration of its 75th summer in 2020 was postponed to 2021 and the reunion has been rescheduled. Kennolyn has, however, planned small Founders' Day and 75th Summer celebrations during each session this summer. Check the Alumni page on the Kennolyn website for updates on when the reunion celebration will take place.



Our 2020 Recipients



In other camp news:

KENNOLYN AT HUNTINGTON LAKE

Unfortunately the Huntington Lake facility suffered severe damage to the kitchen, lodge and cabins during the Creek Fire of September 2020. This location will be unable to have camp during the summer of 2021, but is in the process of rebuilding with hopes to be back next summer.

CAMP KREM

Camp Krem burned in last summer's CZU Lightning Complex Fire, but they're already planning the rebuilding process. Unfortunately their property has been vandalized a couple of times since August because no one is allowed to live on the property. But they intend to resume their traditional face-to-face programming as soon as it is safe. That will require a slow ramp-up, and they'll probably need to use other facilities while their camp is being rebuilt. They're also running some online activities:

- Their virtual "Kremtastic" Zoom Room Fun program will begin again soon under the leadership of Kristen Carter (certified music therapist and former Music Program Director). The program will include guest appearances – such as a puppeteer – to increase camper interest.
- They're holding regular Parent Support Group activities on Zoom, and parents are grateful for the life-line these programs provide during isolating time.

To learn more and find out how you can help this nonprofit camp, please visit:
<https://campingunlimited.org>



A Via West fieldtrip

VIA WEST

Via West will be offering Social Saturdays and Sundays starting in June. These outings will be to local venues such as the Animal Assisted Happiness Smile Farm, the Japanese Friendship Gardens and the San Jose History Park. Via West Camp will restart in September and will offer 30 sessions throughout the school year, complemented by monthly Social Saturday and Sunday offerings.

CAMP WAMP

Camp Wamp will run virtually again this summer. This year they are opening up their program to all children with disabilities, not just physical, and they hope to attract at least 100 kids!

CAMP HAMMER

Camp Hammer, owned and operated by Twin Lakes Church, was severely damaged last August by the CZU Lightning Complex Fire. Unfortunately the camp will need to be rebuilt and is unable to operate at this time. Twin Lakes Church's *Kay Trust* reached out to Kennolyn for the second summer and offered to use their campership funds to sponsor campers at Kennolyn through MMCF. Their generosity is so appreciated and we hope to see Camp Hammer up and running in the near future.

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We are very saddened to announce the passing of **Pam Wood** on December 31, 2020.

As we detailed in our 2019 newsletter, Pam and her husband Dick were an integral part of Kennolyn for many years. They spent a number of years as assistant directors of Hi-Camp and Specialty Camp and also ran an Easter equestrian camp for about 10 years. Pam and Dick also had purchased property from Aunt Marion and Uncle Max, which is where they built a home and raised their children, residing there for over 40 years.

Pam had a long career in Soquel and Santa Cruz schools as a special education teacher.



This summer we will honor and remember Pam through the Pam Wood Memorial Campership to be awarded for one week at Kennolyn Overnight Camp.