



THE IRVINE RANCH OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

2022 Summer Program Highlights

The Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center is the place to be when it comes to Summer Day Camp! The IROEC combines outdoor programming and STEM to deliver weekly packages of learning and fun.

Some of the fun and exciting things we are planning:

Adventure Hill

Do you want to reach new heights on our climbing tower or fly across a sagebrush canyon on our zipline? How about challenging yourself on our high ropes course or building a stronger team on the low ropes, teambuilding course? After assisting you in putting on a helmet and harness, our trained staff will offer encouragement as you push your boundaries and see the IROEC from a whole new perspective: the top of Adventure Hill!

(Height, weight, and age restrictions apply. High Ropes course only available for Adventure Camp participants.)

Shooting Sports

Practice your sharp-shooting skills at our BB and archery ranges. Staff will walk you through proper safety and techniques to help you aim for the bullseye!

Water Sports

Our aquatics center, with two swimming pools, is the perfect cure for hot days! Here you can splash or lounge around our mini, Olympic-sized pool (3.5 ft to 7 ft deep). Then make your way to the 182-foot curving waterslide that takes 5 turns before dipping you into the pool (3.5 ft deep). Lifeguards and trained staff monitor all swimming activities to ensure a fun and safe experience!

(Height, age, and swim test restrictions apply for deep water swimming and using the slide.)

Team Building Initiatives

Collaborate with your fellow campers on team skis, pipeline, wobbly hook and other challenges. This program promotes open communication and problem solving. Campers are led by our group leaders and will have fun while learning about themselves.

Nature Hike or Zoo

Take a walk through the California chaparral and explore the plants, animals, and insects native to Southern California. You will learn about food webs and see a grand view of the surrounding area. For older campers, we will also take a hike through Irvine Regional Park and to the Orange County Zoo to see animals and plants native to the Southwestern United States. Animals on exhibit include black bears, mountain lions, bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, great horned owls, coyotes and turkey vultures. The zoo also features a barnyard with goats, sheep, pigs, and pheasants.

(Campers 9 years and older will go on the hike to the zoo.)



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STEM

Our STEM program is going to bring life to science, technology, engineering, and math components. Head over to the mine and learn what it was like to be a miner during the California Gold Rush. You might even find gold! Then, immerse yourself in STEM activities that revolve around our Earth system or structural integrity.

NASA GLOBE

(Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment)

Campers will be citizen scientists and explore the importance of soil and the impact of varieties found in different areas. They will investigate the differences between sand, clay, and silt and seek to understand the importance of ground coverage and rooted plants.

What's All the Buzz?

Let's learn about one of our favorite pollinators, bees! Where do honeybees live, and what role does each bee play in the hive? How are they different from native bees living in our community? Campers will have the opportunity to make a native bee house OR roll a wax candle!

Want to enjoy camp with a Buddy? Just let us know!

A single buddy request is available for each camper during the registration process. Please make sure that you have the correct name and spelling when requesting your buddy. Buddy requests of differently aged campers will attend the programs and activities of the youngest camper. Campers with multiple requests or day-of change requests cannot be guaranteed.