

Camp Paivika opened in 1947 as one of the first fully accessible camps in the United States. The name 'Paivika' (pronounced pi-vee-ka), translates to "dawn" in the language of the Cahuilla Native Americans, and was chosen by the first group of campers to visit Camp Paivika so many years ago.

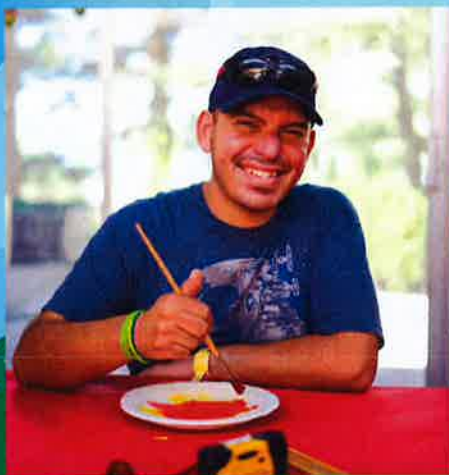
#### STAFF TRAINING AND CAMPER SAFETY

All seasonal staff candidates are interviewed by Camp Director Kelly Kunsek, who has been the on-site director of Camp Paivika since 1995. Thorough background checks are conducted for those considered for positions. Those selected participate in an extensive, six-day training program to prepare them in their roles working with our campers.

#### CAMPER MEDICAL CARE

Our comfortable healthcare center is staffed by registered nurses who provide medication management and other medical care regimes for campers who would not otherwise be able to enjoy the full Camp Paivika experience.

Camp Paivika is fully accredited by the American Camp Association and is an equal opportunity provider.



## WINTER & SPRING PROGRAMS

### Outdoor Adventure

- » Held in early Fall
- » For a small group of adult campers
- » Midweek off-site campout near a mountain, lake, or on the beach

### Group Ski Trip

- » Held during winter months
- » Offered in cooperation with the U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center in Big Bear. Specially trained ski instructors are matched with each participant to insure a safe, fun and successful ski experience.

### Mom's Retreat

- » Weekend event held in the Spring
- » Uplifting, restorative respite for women who care for family members with disabilities
- » Activities and offerings include delicious food, professional therapeutic massage, discussion groups...and much more!
- » Workshop presentations by experts who address issues affecting individuals with disabilities and provide partnerships with tools for stress management and support.



*\*Because the Outdoor Adventure and Group Ski Trip are not on Camp Paivika grounds, these activities are open to special needs campers who require minimal personal hygiene and medical care.*

**Camp Paivika is also available for conference, retreat, and special event rentals. Contact for info.**

Camp Paivika is located at:  
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Cedarpines Park, CA 92322  
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*"Thank you for your sanctuary. Our daughter looks forward to Camp Paivika all year. She is full of excitement when she knows the time is near; she feels joy when she is there and enjoys staff's love and warmth. Our daughter leaves each session with sadness; she is leaving people who accept her no matter what and she savors the memories made. Camp Paivika gives each camper something to look forward to and makes them feel special."*

— Barbara's mom

**Memories and friendships that last a lifetime.**  
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#### PROGRAMS OVERVIEW:

Located in the beautiful San Bernadino National Forest, Camp Paivika offers overnight summer programs for people of all ages with mild to severe developmental and physical disabilities such as autism, ADHD, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and Down syndrome.

Programs at Camp Paivika offer a traditional camp experience delivered with nurturing support and, above all, an emphasis on fun. Days are filled with well-supervised morning-to-night activities that are creatively adapted to enable new experiences and encourage participation. Our programs are aimed at allowing campers to make friends, try new things, and become more confident.

*"At Camp Paivika I learn independence and how to advocate for myself. The strong bond the campers share with the counselors is unbreakable. The staff members act far beyond their roles as staff by creating ever-lasting friendships with us. This has shown us that friendships cannot be interfered with by the concept of "age" or "disability."*

- Camper Joshua

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Ability First Camp Paivika is operated under special use permit with the San Bernardino National Forest.

#### CAMP PAIVIKA SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Specially Designed Heated Pool with Hoyer Lifts



Staff Led Horseback Riding



Adaptive Sports and Recreation



Creative Arts and Crafts



Nature Studies



Performing Arts

