



CIRCLE V RANCH CAMP

& RETREAT CENTER Est. 1945

FRIENDS OF CIRCLE V FACT SHEET

- WHO:** Founded in early 2012, “Friends” are all volunteers who support the mission of Circle V Ranch Camp—to provide a traditional, residential summer camp experience in a safe, nurturing environment for kids ages 7-13. There are no dues or fees to become a “Friend” of Circle V—just a commitment to help!
- WHY:** Most children who attend (or want to attend) Circle V Ranch Camp need financial assistance to do so. Of the 1,255 kids who attended Camp in Summer 2013, 95% received scholarships known as “camperships” to help their family pay the fees.
- WHEN:** Year-round opportunities to volunteer & contribute work/wealth/wisdom are available at Circle V.
- NEEDS:** Monetary donations for camperships (\$425 per child) are always needed and welcomed. For summer 2014, here are some of the actual items needed:
- Archery equipment: (New bows, arrows tabs and armguards) - \$250
 - Beach Towels: (100 needed for kids who don't bring their own) - \$500
 - Board Games: (new or gently used)(games such as Mancala and Checkers are popular) - \$250
 - Brushes and Hair Ties - \$200
 - Children's Socks and Underwear - \$100
 - First Aid Supplies (Band-aids, Neosporin, green soap for poison-oak, children's Tylenol, cough medicine, Bactine, insect repellent, sun block SPF 50) - \$500
 - Flashlights and Batteries: (100 needed for kids who don't bring them) - \$500
 - Foosball Table and Ping Pong Table - \$1,000
 - Gymnastics Equipment - \$1,000
 - LEGOS® of all types and sizes
 - Musical Instruments (especially folk guitars) - \$1,000
 - Portable 25-foot Climbing Wall - \$25,000
 - Portable Ga-Ga Pit - \$1,000
 - Sleeping Bags: (75 needed for kids who don't have one or ruin one) - \$1,200
 - Sweaters (75 needed for kids who don't bring their own) - \$1,500
- HOW:** For more information about becoming a Friend of Circle V Ranch Camp; please contact:
Nadine Melancon, Camp Committee Chair: 805-693-9706 or melancons@verizon.net
For information about camper fees, applications and campership details, contact:
Ray Lopez, Camp Director, 805-688-5252 or rlopez@svdpla.org
www.circlevranchcamp.org and <http://svdpla.blogspot.com/>
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Circle-V-Ranch-Camp/105307186181003

MORE ABOUT THE CAMP

- WHERE:** In Santa Barbara County's beautiful Santa Ynez Valley across from Cachuma Lake (Address: 2550 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105)
- WHAT:** A traditional summer camp with activities including hiking, swimming, nature, beach, archery, arts & crafts, painting, drum circle, reading program, photography, baseball, basketball, ping-pong, foosball, soccer, miniature golf, campfires, skits & songs. Campers stay in air-conditioned cabins or conventional canvas tents and enjoy 3 nutritious daily meals served family-style in the Dining Lodge—supervised by caring, trained counselors and long-time staff
- HISTORY:** Circle V Ranch Camp was founded by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Los Angeles in 1945, and has been located on 30 acres in the Los Padres National Forest in Santa Barbara County's Santa Ynez Valley since 1990. During autumn, winter and spring, the Camp is available for rental to other non-profit groups and organizations for meetings and retreats.