



## JAM CAMP WEST 2024 CAMPER PACKET

**Dear Jam Camp West 2024 Campers and Families,**

Jam Camp West is coming up on Saturday, July 13-19, 2024 .

We are so excited to meet your camper(s) this summer for an incredible week of music, dance, and community. With an array of classes, performances, and exciting activities all held in the gorgeous redwoods of No. Ca, we hope you and your camper(s) are as excited as we are. The Living Jazz staff, counselors and co-counselors and our amazing line-up of faculty all look forward to welcoming you on the first day of camp.

Below you will find this year's Student Packet. Please be sure to review this information packet before camp! Your 2024 Class Schedule and Class Descriptions are below!!

If you still have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email us at [info@livingjazz.org](mailto:info@livingjazz.org).

See you at camp!

Stacey Hoffman, Camp Director

**This packet includes important documents to read through and forms that you MUST fill out.**

**[DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE](#)**

**[CLASS DESCRIPTION DOC](#)**

**[CLASS SELECTION FORM](#)**

**[HEALTH BACKGROUND AND MEDICATION FORM](#)**

**Please fill out and submit the Class Selection Form and the Health Background and Medication Form.**

### **Original Deadlines**

**Monday, June 3, 5pm-** Deadline to Submit Completed Class Selections

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 5pm -** Deadline to submit the Health Background and Medication Form

**\*\* Now that these dates are past, PLEASE make sure to submit all forms ASAP!**

**About the Class Selection Form:** Campers are asked to select a 1st and 2nd choice for each class period. In most cases, depending on class size or how many piano and keyboard players want a certain ensemble (we have a limited amount of keyboards and drum sets in ensemble class locations), campers will get their first choice. In some cases, campers will get their 2nd choice. Therefore, it is important to fill out this form correctly. Auditions for The Advanced Instrumental Ensemble at 9:15 am will take place on the first day of camp sometime after registration by Karen Segal, Ensemble Instructor. There is nothing campers need to do to prepare! I will be contacting those campers separately in advance of camp with more info.

This year we are offering 2 levels of ensemble classes during each class slot. Please consider which level might be right for your camper! The definition of what we mean by Beg./Int. or Int./Adv. is written in the ensemble section of the class description document.

**• SATURDAY, JULY 13**

All campers **MUST** be tested with an at home rapid test for COVID-19 the morning of Saturday July 13. Take a picture of the result with your cell phone and also place the negative test result in a zip lock bag with your camper's name on it. The test result **MUST** be shown upon arrival at camp. Depending on the length of your trip to camp, the line on the results can change, so you can show us the picture on your phone if that is the case. If your camper tests positive for COVID-19, they must stay home. Please email [stacey@livingjazz.org](mailto:stacey@livingjazz.org) to let her know.

**CAMPER DROP OFF-SATURDAY, JULY 13 - 1PM**

Camper drop off is at Redwood Glen Camp, Loma Mar. Please note: Lunch is not provided. Make sure your camper(s) have eaten before arrival. Upon arrival, please park and go directly to the registration tables. **Remember! You must show proof of your camper's negative COVID-19 test at registration.** Do NOT bring your camper to camp unless this test has been completed before arrival and shows a negative result!

Registration which will include

- Name check
- Proof of Negative COVID-19 at home Rapid Test  
(bring photo on cell phone and result in zip lock bag with camper's name)
- Housing assignment
- Class schedule pick up
- T-Shirt distribution
- Name tag pick up

- Medication intake (if applicable)

Campers may then be escorted to the outside of their cabin, where they will be greeted by their counselors. Counselors will assist with belongings and accompany campers inside.

Once your camper has been accompanied inside their cabin, all families will be asked to leave the site. We appreciate everyone's understanding, patience, and support as we do everything possible to keep our community safe and healthy during the week of camp.

## **FINAL SHOWCASE**

### **• Friday, July 19, 1:00pm**

Families are welcome to attend the Final showcase. **The showcase will start at 1pm.** (Please do not come early and please note that we are not providing lunch.) For everyone's safety, please make sure you are free of all COVID related symptoms before arriving at camp. We will not be requiring masks. Please go directly to the Steeldrum Pagoda for the 1st performance. If arriving after 1:15, please go directly to the Main Stage for the remainder of the performance. Families- please bring a sun hat, sunscreen and water bottle. (It can be very sunny and warm during the final performance.) Feel free to bring snacks. The performance will not be over until about 4:00 pm.

## **DEPARTURE**

### **• Friday, July 19, 4:00 pm**

Camper Pick-up - For those that cannot make the final showcase.

## **JAM CAMP TUITION BALANCE**

If you haven't already done so, please try and get your full balance in as soon as possible. You can [SIGN IN](#) to your online account to access the balance payment link. If you do not know your password, click the Forgot Password link on the [My Account](#) page. Additionally, feel free to reach out to [info@livingjazz.org](mailto:info@livingjazz.org) and we can also resend your pay balance request link.

## **LEGAL FORMS REQUIRING SIGNATURES**

All families were **already** sent a document via HelloSign (sent from 'Living Jazz Admin') of Pre-Camp Forms requiring signatures

These forms included:

- Camper Medical Waiver Form
- COVID-19 Protocol
- Jam Camp West Camper Rules & Regs
- Release of Liability
- Media Waiver
- Harassment Policy
- Jam Camp Anti-Bullying Pledge

- Letter to Parents of Mental Health (no signature needed)
- Demographics (optional)

Additionally, as mentioned above, there is the separate

**[Health Background and Medication Form](#)**

This asks for:

- Emergency Contacts
- Emergency Contact for last minute pick-up at camp (for those who haven't provided this info yet)
- Health History Form
- Medication Information
- Medical Insurance Information

Both the health background forms and the pre-camp forms **must be completed and submitted by Wednesday, June 12, 2024**. Please check your email in case you neglected to fill these forms out or reach out us at [info@livingjazz.org](mailto:info@livingjazz.org) so we can resend them to you.

## **STAYING IN TOUCH**

We invite all families to join our closed Jam Camp West Facebook group so that you can follow us during the week. Here is the link: [facebook.com/groups/jamcampwest](https://facebook.com/groups/jamcampwest).

Deborah Knapp, professional photographer, will be posting pictures of our campers every day!

**If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@livingjazz.org](mailto:info@livingjazz.org).**

**To reach us during the week of camp please call Redwood Glen Camp at 650-879-0320. A**

**Redwood Glen staff member will take your message and we will return your call as quickly as possible.**

## **\* COVID-19 PROTOCOL \***

**Please read the following information carefully. We have done our best to ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone onsite during the full 7 days we will be together.**

Most of our camp activities will be held outside. However, there will also be indoor classes, indoor buffet lines for meals, and of course cabins for sleeping.

Jam Camp West has always been an intergenerational community comprised of campers, staff and faculty that cares deeply about the health and safety of everyone involved. Our full community will be composed of children through seniors, and some of our participants may be immunocompromised.

We are paying close attention to recent CDC and American Camp Association guidelines regarding COVID-19 to determine our camp policy.

We recognize not everyone has the same perspective about the virus and the vaccinations. With everyone's safety in mind, and with the most recent information, we remain committed to doing the best we can to keep everyone updated and safe.

We want to make sure that everyone knows about our requirements and recommendations.

## EVERYONE

- **REQUIRED** - All campers, faculty, and staff **MUST** show **proof of a negative rapid COVID-19 test taken the morning of arrival**. Please take a photo on your cell phone and also bring the result in a zip lock bag with your name on it with you to registration. (Depending on the length of your travel, original results can fade, which is why we suggest taking a photo as well.)
- **REQUIRED**- All campers, faculty, and staff must **bring 3 additional rapid tests** to camp, as we will be testing during the week, especially in the case of an outbreak.
- **RECOMMENDED AND ENCOURAGED** - We **recommend and encourage** that everyone on site (campers, faculty, and staff) be **fully vaccinated** to the extent they can based on their individual situation.
- **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** - Science shows that vaccinations lose effectiveness after 5-6 months. If your camper (or you as a staff/ faculty member) has not received all available vaccines and your most recent vaccination will fall outside of a 3-month period before camp, we strongly recommend receiving the most current booster if eligible by age.
- **REQUIRED**: For those flying in for Jam Camp, we **REQUIRE** that all camp participants wear an N95 mask on the plane and when you are walking through the airport and highly trafficked indoor areas.
- **OPTIONAL**: All camp participants have the option of wearing a mask during the week of camp.

## COVID-FAQ:

*What If I Previously Had Covid?*

**Please do not arrive at camp within 10 days of the original positive test result for COVID-19.** If you have any questions about this, please email Stacey Hoffman ([stacey@livingjazz.org](mailto:stacey@livingjazz.org)) or call her directly at 510-684-3612. Thank you for understanding, we are doing everything possible to keep our community safe during the week of camp.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Clothing should be appropriate for a typical outdoor camp experience. All classes will be taught outdoors, so be sure to pack a sweater and coat for mornings and evenings. It's usually cool in the morning, very warm midday, and again cool (or cold) at night. We are in a redwood grove not far from the ocean. Weather can be extremely hot or cold, so be prepared for both with appropriate attire for varying temperatures. **Please mark your camper's clothing and belongings to ensure they return home with the right person.**

\* **ALL BEDDING** –including **sleeping bags, pillows**, (warm blankets, and sheets if your child prefers this over just a sleeping bag or wants something extra). We will **NOT have additional bedding**, so be sure to pack what your child will need for the week. PLEASE mark your child's sleeping bag with his or her name.

\* **CLOTHING** – Casual clothing for both warm and cold weather including pants, shorts, t-shirts, sun hat, sweatshirt, undergarments, socks, pajamas, bathing suit, comfortable walking shoes, warm jacket or coat, hats, gloves, and scarves. It can definitely cool down at night and our open mic evening activities are held outdoors. Please keep this in mind when helping your child pack. We do not want them to be cold.

\* **SUNSCREEN AND BUG SPRAY**- Please bring a bottle of protective sunscreen and a bottle of bug spray for possible mosquitos.

\* **WATER BOTTLE** – Please put your camper's name on their water bottle.

\* **PLUS** – Flashlight, batteries, 2 towels, and toiletries. We will not have additional towels for your campers, so please make sure to remember to pack them.

\* **DANCERS** - bring sweatpants, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and sneakers, or other comfortable attire for dance classes. Hip-hop classes, if possible, should have black clothing.

\* **INSTRUMENTS** - Campers must provide their own instrument unless you are a drummer or keyboard player. If playing guitar or bass, please bring a small, light-weight amp, if possible. Drummers and keyboard players: drum sets and keyboards are provided. Percussionists: some percussion instruments are provided, but if you have any, please bring. Ukulele players- If you have a ukulele, please bring it! We will have a few extras for the ukulele class.

\* **MEDICATIONS** - If your child requires medications, please be sure to bring all medications with you in a clearly marked container. All medications will be collected on the first day at registration by our camp nurse. Please note: If your child has allergies that could possibly require emergency intervention (ie: bee sting reactions or peanut allergy that can cause acute allergic reactions) PLEASE bring your own EpiPen and this will be administered by our camp nurse only in the case of emergency.

\***FOUR RAPID ANTIGEN COVID-19 TESTS** - **One of these tests should be administered at home the morning of camp.**

Please take a picture of the result on your phone and also put the result in a zip-lock bag and write the camper's name on the outside of the bag. Bring this with you to registration. Bring the 3 other tests with your camper's belongings. Living Jazz reserves the right to test all campers each day during the week for the health and safety of the community.

*Do not bring valuables! PLEASE LEAVE JEWELRY, IPODS, CELL PHONES, CAMERAS AND OTHER VALUABLES AT HOME! If brought, Jam Camp WEST will not be held responsible for lost or damaged items. There is no cell coverage at Redwood Glen Camp.*

## Directions to Redwood Glen

Redwood Glen is located about 10 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean Coast, roughly halfway between San Francisco and Santa Cruz, CA, USA. We are a phenomenally scenic half hour drive south of Half Moon Bay.

If accessing directions for Redwood Glen on a **GPS**, please use the following address:

1430 Wurr Road, Loma Mar, CA 94021

Please note that there is **no cell phone reception** within a radius of 10 miles around Redwood Glen. If you feel you've lost your way, you can call us for directions at **(650) 879-0320**. Points of reference if asking for directions are San Mateo County Memorial Park and the YMCA Camp Loma Mar. Redwood Glen is located off Pescadero Road between these two local sites.

### Simple Directions to Redwood Glen:

- Take Highway 92 West to Half Moon Bay. · Turn left onto Highway 1 South.
- Travel 15 scenic miles along the coast, and turn left at Pescadero Road.
- After 10 mi driving on Pescadero Rd, just after Memorial County Park, turn right at the sign for Redwood Glen Camp.

**Directions with greater detail... From the Bay Area:** From either 880, 280 or 101, take Highway 92 West to Half Moon Bay. Turn left (south) at Highway 1, which will be the second stoplight in Half Moon Bay, just past New Leaf Community Market on your right. Continue on Highway 1 for 15.5 miles to Pescadero Road and the town of Pescadero. Turn left (east), and proceed 9.6 miles through Pescadero to Loma Mar. (NOTE: Just pass the Loma Market, you will see a sign for Wurr Road. Do not turn. Wurr Road horseshoes back onto Pescadero Road.) At 9.3 miles you will pass the San Mateo Memorial Park entrance. In less than half a mile, turn right at Wurr Road where you will see signs directing you to Redwood Glen. Continue down a steep hill, across the bridge and up the hill to the entrance of camp and Wright Drive, which veers left just beyond where the road narrows.

**From the South Bay:** (Follow the directions above or take this alternative route which can save 20-30 minutes of driving). From either 101 or 280, take Highway 84 West to La Honda. Approximately one half mile past La Honda, turn left onto Pescadero Road. [Note: After about 1 mile, Pescadero Road makes a sharp hair pin turn. If you continue straight, you will end up on Alpine Road and may get lost!] Pass Jones Gulch San Francisco YMCA Camp. After passing Oakland YMCA Camp Loma Mar, turn left at Wurr Road and follow the signs to Redwood Glen. Continue down a steep hill, across the bridge and up the hill to the camp entrance and Wright Drive which veers left just beyond where the road narrows.

**Or- From the South Bay:** From CA-17 S towards Santa Cruz, exit onto CA-85 N toward Mountain View. Continue for 3.3 miles, and take the Saratoga Avenue exit. Turn left onto Saratoga Avenue, and after 2 miles, continue onto CA-9 S/Big Basin Way. Proceed for 7 miles and take a slight right on CA-35. Once on CA-35, travel for 6.5 miles and turn left onto Alpine Road. Continue straight for 7.5 miles onto Pescadero Creek Rd, and take sharp left to continue onto Pescadero Creek Road. After 4 miles, continue onto Wurr Road, where you will see where you will see signs directing you to Redwood Glen. Continue down a steep hill, across the bridge and up the hill to the entrance of camp and Wright Drive, which veers left just beyond where the road narrows.

**From Santa Cruz:** Take Highway 1 north to Pescadero Road and the town of Pescadero. Turn right (east), and proceed 9.6 miles through Pescadero to Loma Mar. (NOTE: Just pass the Loma Market, you will see a sign for Wurr Road. Do not turn. Wurr Road horseshoes back onto Pescadero Road.) At 9.3 miles you will pass the San Mateo Memorial Park entrance. In less than a half mile, turn right at Wurr Road where you will see signs directing you to Redwood Glen. Continue down a steep hill, across the bridge and up the hill to the entrance of camp and Wright Drive, which will veer left just beyond where the road narrows.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is not Camp Redwood Glen in Scotts Valley, which is affiliated with the Salvation Army.