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Reduced-Cost Summer Camps and Programs

Most camps operated through a city Parks and Recreation Department offer subsidies and/or sliding scale fees. Local libraries typically offer free summer programs and reading incentive programs. In addition, many private camps offer financial aid - you just have to ask! Volunteering (Counselor in Training – CIT) is also a good way to provide teens with unique (and free) summer experiences.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR FINANCIAL AID

Local Park & Recreation Departments
(Check the website for your city)

Boy Scouts – Bay Area
Residential and outdoor camps
https://goldengatescouting.org/scouts-bsa/

Girl Scouts of Northern California
Residential and outdoor camps
http://www.camprocks.org/financial-aid

YMCA – various Bay Area locations
Day and Residential Camps
ymca.net/find-a-y-camp/

Hidden Villa (Los Altos)
Residential and Day Camps
hiddenvilla.org/programs/summer-camps/registration-financial-aid

Salvation Army Golden State Division
Residential & Outdoor Adventure Camps
831-461-2022
http://www.tsaredwoodglen.org/

Marine Science Institute (Redwood City)
Day Camps with a marine focus
http://www.sfbaymsi.org/camp-scholarship

East Bay Regional Parks
(Various East Bay locations)
"Camperships" available for qualifying low-income families 1-888-327-2757
https://www.ebparks.org/programs/day-camps

YOUTH INTERNSHIPS / STEWARDSHIPS/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Acterra (Silicon Valley)
Environmental-themed internships, stewardships & volunteer opportunities
acterra.org

Save the Bay (various Bay Area locations)
Bay restoration volunteer opportunities & stewardship experiences
savesfbay.org/

Animal Rescue Foundation (Walnut Creek)
https://www.arflife.org/youth-volunteer

Volunteer Match
https://www.volunteermatch.org/

Bay Area Volunteer Information Center
www.volunteerinfo.org

Palo Alto Youth Community Service
http://youthcommunityservice.org/programs/summer-of-service/