

# SUMMER CAMPS

## 2012 / #1

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6<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Camp Guide

29 full day & overnight camps listed

Part 1, Full Day and Overnight Camps (Part 2, half-day camps, April 11 2012)

### Camp Fair in Moraga Touts Variety of Summer Activities

Parents Urged to Sign Up Early

By Sophie Braccini



Photo Sophie Braccini

Yukyeong Kim cautiously wandered the grounds of the Hacienda de las Flores on Saturday, March 3, interacting with summer camp vendors who gathered there for the Moraga Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Expo.

The young South Korean mother moved to Moraga just a few weeks ago, following her husband on an expatriate contract, with their two boys, ages 6 and 8. The camp fair was a perfect opportunity for them to see what's customary and possible for children locally. For the children who do not yet speak English, the fair was a concrete way to get a feel for what they'd like to experiment with this summer.

This direct interaction was the motivation behind Moraga Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram's idea to hold such an event. "We want to show Lamorinda families all the possibilities that are offered here in town," he said. "Having the opportunity to meet the camp operators and talk to them gives a much better idea [of the camp] than looking at a catalogue."

Ingram, his team, and the vendors were lucky that there was such a spring feel in the air on Saturday. With warm sun and flowers in bloom, the Hacienda was itself a perfect advertisement for the peaceful Moraga summer to come.

Estelle Dupart and Martha Rutzen both came to the Hacienda with husbands and children 5 and 8 years old. "We're going to register my son for baseball again and we are getting ideas of what's available for my daughter as well," said Rutzen, who received a flyer about the event in her child's backpack.

About a dozen vendors' booths filled the Hacienda courtyard, each a part of the Parks and Recreation summer (and some spring) camp offerings. "We offer a mix of sports, games and academic camps," said Ingram. "Usually the sports camps are the ones that fill up at the beginning of the summer, while parents tend to register their children for more academic subjects as the start of the school year gets closer."

In addition to traditional sports offerings, like lacrosse, baseball, cheerleading and basketball, two new exciting offers in the sports category include fishing and scuba diving, said Ingram. ... continued on page E5

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Website: [www.LafayetteRec.org](http://www.LafayetteRec.org)

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### Cal Shakes (Lafayette)

Summer Shakespeare Conservatories: Five- and Two-week Conservatories offer classes including acting, improvisation, stage combat, and movement. Afternoons are spent in rehearsals for public performances of Shakespeare plays at the end of the program. New this year: tech/design track taught for grades 9-12.

Dates: June 18 to Aug. 3 (Grades 3-12) Scholarships available.

Phone: (510) 809-3293

Website: [summershakespearecamp.org](http://summershakespearecamp.org)

### Camp Galileo (Lafayette)

see ad

(Pre-K - rising 5th graders)  
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Dates: various dates and times available

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Phone: 1-800-854-3684

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### Camp Edmo (Moraga)

see ad

Camp Edmo is for kids (pre-K - entering 4th grade) to explore, create, have fun and grow. Our Arts & Science and Animation activities are designed by Edventure More in partnership with the California Academy of Sciences, Children's Creativity Museum and MOCHA Camp hosted in Moraga at Rheem Elementary. Other Bay Area locations available.

Dates: various dates and times available

Phone: (415) 282-6673

Website: [www.campedmo.org](http://www.campedmo.org)

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Camp listings collected and compiled by Wendy Scheck

## Camp Hacienda (Moraga)

This summer, Moraga Parks and Recreation will again be offering CAMP HACIENDA, a day camp for kids ages 5-10 that will incorporate sports, games, crafts and more in the safe, secluded environment of the Hacienda de las Flores! Come for a full day or a half day.

Dates: June 11 – Aug. 10  
Full Day: (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Phone: (925) 888-7045  
Website: www.moraga.ca.us

## Camp Orinda (Orinda)

Enjoy one adventure after another! This camp for ages 6-10.5 includes games, arts, crafts, hiking, skits, sports, special fun days, and twice-weekly field trips (Exploratorium, Lawrence Hall of Science, the Jungle, Waterworld and many more)! One- and two-week, full- and extended-day camps are offered.

Dates: various dates and times available

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Phone: 1-888-709-TECH (8324)  
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## Orinda Parks & Recreation (Orinda)

A variety of full-day camps are offered for beginning to advanced levels (ages 4-14): Basketball (July 2,3,5,6), Golf, Lacrosse, Mini-Hawk, Soccer (June 18-22, July 30-Aug. 3, Aug. 13-17), multi-sport (Aug. 13-17) and musical theater camps. Orinda summer camps awarded "Best of Lamorinda 2011" by Lamorinda Moms!

Dates: various dates and times available

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## Camp Kefli (Lafayette)

The Camp Kefli staff leads a wide range of programs that are appropriate to each age group (K – 8), filling our two one-week sessions with fun. Some programs utilize the wonderful Temple Isaiah facility while others take place off site. We offer creative theme days and adventures that enrich and delight our campers!

Dates: Aug. 6-17 (M, T, Th, F – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.); (W – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Phone: (925) 284-9191  
Website: www.temple-isaiah.org/kefli

## Camp Pura Vida (Boonville) see ad Overnight

A sleep-away program operated by Adventure Day Camp, Camp Pura Vida is nestled among redwood trees and the Rancheria River offering a beautiful and tranquil setting for the program. Activities include hiking, sports, horseback riding, fishing, camping, arts, drama, and more.

Aug. 5-12 (8 days); or Aug. 5-16 (12 days).

Phone: (925) 937-6500  
Website: adventuredaycamp.com

## Lafayette Summer Music Jazz Workshop (Lafayette)

This week-long music workshop provides an intimate and inspiring environment for learning and playing jazz. Master classes, improvisation workshops and jazz combos are led by some of the preeminent, professional musicians in the field. Directed by Stanley Middle School music director Bob Athayde.

Dates: One week only (July 30-Aug. 3)

Website: www.lafayettejazz.wordpress.com

## Rancho Del Lago Riding Camp (Briones) see ad

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## Lorne Smith Lacrosse (Moraga) see ad Full Day and Overnight

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Overnight Camp: July 2-6 (includes July 4 trip to Moraga Commons to watch the fireworks)

Day Camp: June 11-14 (new camp for 2012, for boys ages 10-16. Start your summer right!)

Website: www.lornesmithlacrosse.com

## Redwood Ranch Horse Summer Camp (Oakland Hills) see ad

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Dates: Weekly sessions June 13 – Aug. 26 (9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Phone: (510) 531-0262  
Website: www.redwoodranchstables.com

## Roughing It Day Camp (Lafayette) see ad

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Dates: various dates and times available

Phone: (925) 283-3795  
Website: www.roughingit.com

## Roy's Magic Camp (Moraga) see ad

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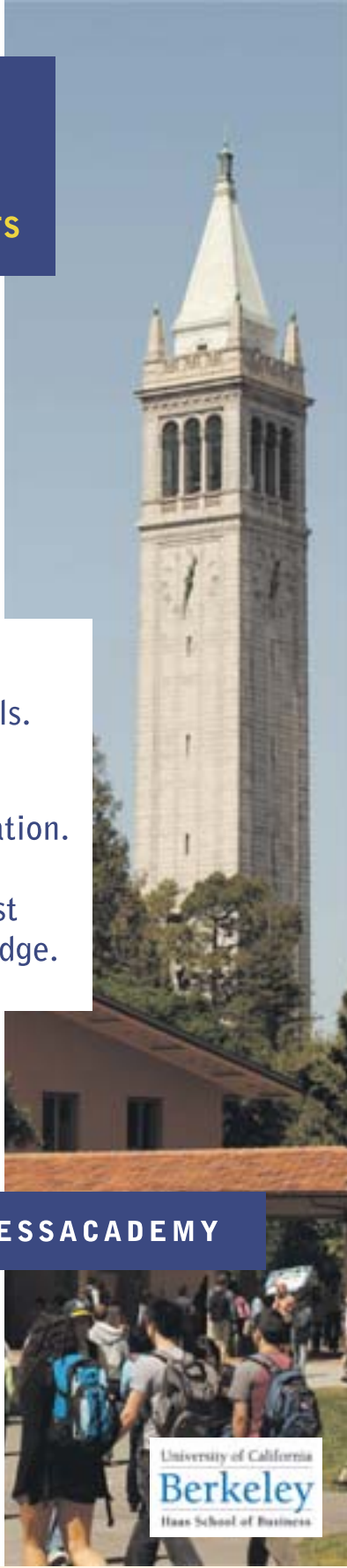
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Phone: (925) 376-7900

Website: [www.saklan.org](http://www.saklan.org)

### Sewnow! Fashion Design (Lafayette) (SPRING BREAK CAMPS)

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Dates: June-August

Phone: (925) 283-7396

Website: [www.sewnow.com](http://www.sewnow.com)

### Sienna Ranch (Lafayette)

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Dates: various dates and times available

Phone: (925) 283-6311

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### SMC Summer Camps (Moraga)

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Dates: various dates and times available

Phone: (925) 631-4FUN (4386)

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### Summer Park Program (Moraga)

This camp is a "drop-in" day program for children ages 8-12. The park will be staffed with Recreation Leaders and children will be able to come and go as they (you) please. They will spend their days participating in age-appropriate sports, crafts, games, nature walks, etc.

Dates: June 18-July 13; and July 16-Aug. 10

Full Day: (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

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Website: [www.TownHallTheatre.com](http://www.TownHallTheatre.com)

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Dates: July 9-13, Monday-Friday (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

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#### About Orinda Resident Lorne Smith

- Princeton University '99 (3x All-American, 3x NCAA National Champion)
- Gilman HS, Baltimore MD (2x All-American, 2x MIAA Champion, Baltimore Player of the Year)
- Team USA U19 World Champion, '96
- MLL Pro Player LA Riptide '06-'07
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## Camp Fair in Moraga Touts Variety of Summer Activities

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Roy's Magic Camp

Some vendors set up a hoop and brought a few balls, and that was enough for kids to start running around and having fun on the large grassy field of the Hacienda. "That's what kids do best," said Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School teacher Jerry Gruen who presented information about the Moraga Sports Camp, "just having fun!"

But not all of the kids were interested in sports. "My daughter wants to do magic," said Dupart. "That's why we came here so the kids could see who the people are and we as parents can get an idea of what the interaction will be."

Roy's Magic Camp had come to the fair prepared to give potential young clients a taste of what the camp would be like, showing them tricks, getting

them to play and guess. Roy Porfido (Roy the Magician) got them involved and wanting more. "We teach them how to present themselves, puppetry, story telling, juggling and also magic," Porfido explained.

Next to the magician, the Jewelry Making vendor was showing off the natural beads and the tools the children will use during the camp to create bracelets, necklaces, earrings and other decorative objects. "We get mostly girls for this camp," she said, "but every year we get one or two boys as well."

One of the camps that has done well over the past years, and is expanding, is Camp Kinder Cool for incoming kindergarteners, said Ingram. "And this year two teachers are adding a Oneder Cool camp for

kids entering first grade." These camps are in the academics category and speak to local parents' determination to give their kids the best chance possible to succeed.

"Oneder Cool is for the transition from kindergarten to first grade. We focus on reading skills and phonics and making sure that they'll have that solid base to start first grade," said Rheem Elementary teacher Cathy Kathan. "But there will also be a lot of bubbles and Play-Doh, as well as outside, in the garden, and water play, while making sure that they learn to read." The camp will be held at Rheem but is open to any incoming first grader from any school district.

By the end of the fair, Recreation and Facilities Coordinator Kimberly Nelson was quite happy with the number of people who had signed up for classes. "We offered a 10 percent discount for people who signed up today," she said.

"This is a big help for the camp organizers," said Ingram. "One of the reasons for this offering (the 10 percent discount) was to get people to commit early so the instructors have some level of comfort." Ingram remembers instances when camps had only three kids signed up a week and half before the start date and had to be canceled.

"Parents who wanted to sign up three days before camp started were disappointed that it was no longer offered," he said.

At this time, there is still space in all the camps. You can register online at [www.moraga.ca.us](http://www.moraga.ca.us).

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## East Bay Camp Fair Comes to Lafayette

Submitted by Donna Eames

Representatives from more than 20 area summer camps will be available to answer questions and hand out materials regarding their camps to families with children ages 3 to 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 in the fellowship hall at the Lafayette United Methodist Church as part of the 2012 East Bay Summer Camp and Activity Fair.

Participating camps will include those offering various sports, music, nature, art, horses and riding, canoeing, fishing, academics, therapeutic, computers, digital design, photography, leadership training and more.

The one-day event will be sponsored by Chapter OE, Concord, of PEO International. PEO International is a philanthropic, educational organization in which the advancement of women is promoted through education. Proceeds from the Fair will help establish a scholarship fund for women at Diablo Valley College located in Concord, California. Information about PEO is further explained at [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org).

To learn more about the Fair, find details and contact information at [www.ebsaf.com](http://www.ebsaf.com).

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