

Register to Volunteer with Us!



Be a hero for a heart camper by volunteering at our summer camps

All we have in this world is each other. Life is meant to be shared.



CAMP TAYLOR

Fun Tackles Fear,
Friendships Bloom Fast, and
Scars are Badges of Honor!

by phone
(209) 545-3853

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KidsHeartCamp.org



Our Camp Facility

Nestled along the San Joaquin River, the Camp Taylor expansive campus is on flat land amongst the foothills in the beautiful Central Valley of California. Immersed in nature, the facility boasts many camp vibe spaces including an Archery Course, Climbing Wall, Team Building ground elements, Boat House, Pond for kayaking and canoeing, Water Garden, Dining Lodge, Ice Cream Parlor, fully stocked Game Room, Pottery Barn, and ten cabins sleeping up to one hundred people.

Interested in booking to rent the Riverfront Camp Taylor Facility? Booking@KidsHeartCamp.org



CAMP TAYLOR

a FREE Summer Camp
FOR CHILDREN
with Heart Disease



Camp Taylor
8224 W. Grayson Road, Modesto, CA



KIMBERLIE GAMINO
Founder and Executive Director

A Personal Note From Our Founder



I remember the day my son was born like it was yesterday. The feeling of panic that set in as my husband and I were introduced to the world of pediatric cardiology and helplessly watched our newborn suffer with a battery of tests and surgeries. Our son, Taylor was born with Hypo-Plastic Right Heart Syndrome. My world as I knew it stopped. Taylor has now endured four open heart surgeries and a stroke. The pediatric intensive care unit was an all too familiar place for my family. As Taylor suffered, I came to grips with the reality that we would never know how long his fragile heart would last.

I've lived with heart disease in my home for many years now. I know first-hand how to best help children navigating their youth and their family's unfortunate journey along the path of heart disease. The programs that we offer through Camp Taylor are the direct result of my love for my own son, a family deeply rooted in serving others, blessings from God, and the support of an awesome community. The Camp Taylor organization, 20 years strong, is the life work of my family with help of many wonderful volunteers over the years. Come join us as we make the world a little brighter for children.

-With Love, Kimberlie Gamino
Executive Director & Founder



ROLLIN "PAPA" PODWYS
Camp Director



Children with heart disease belong at

CAMP TAYLOR



Programs

The Camp Taylor organization is a California non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation created to enrich the lives of children fighting heart disease. Camp programs serve hundreds of people each year at a minimal cost to the families. These medically supervised programs provide educational and self-esteem building activities. One older sibling may attend camp at the age appropriate camp.

- ♥ **Youth Camp** Ages 7-12
- ♥ **Teen Camp** Ages 13-17
- ♥ **Mentor/Leadership Camp** Ages 16-21 prior/current teen campers
- ♥ **Family Camp** Children of all ages
- ♥ **Young Adult Program (Y.A.P.)** Ages 18-32
- ♥ **Time Out 4 Heart Mom's** A weekend camp for mothers of children with heart disease

Kids Meet...Scars Blend...Wonders Happen!

Additional Information

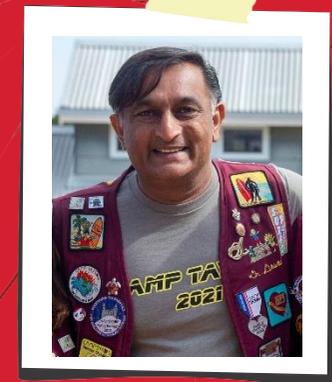
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Our Mission

To create positive, self-affirming experiences in the lives of children with heart disease.



Each camp schedule offers challenging and fulfilling recreational activities including archery, climbing wall, fishing, swimming, crafts, campfire skits, and cabin scavenger hunts. Pediatric cardiac patients and siblings share life-transforming experiences with children in similar circumstances and instantly become friends. Camps are staffed by 30-60 volunteers each, a significant percentage of whom constitute healthcare professionals, including one or more pediatric cardiologists. Activities that set Camp Taylor apart from other camp programs include Interactive Heart Education classes, Giving Tree sessions, and Heart Art Journaling time. These highlighted camp programs are therapies created to help each camper identify, learn, and work through challenges related to living with heart disease in a fun and welcoming environment.



Dr. Kevin H. Desai
Pediatric Cardiologist
Camp Medical Director