**CAMP MISSION & GOALS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to insure that children of all economic and social backgrounds are given an opportunity to have a safe and healthy place to go where they can just find that inner child again without having to worry about external factors influencing their lives.  Our goal is to enrich the lives of all those who attend our camps.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE**

Camp4Kids is open to all persons regardless of race, religion, creed, color or national origin.

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**TYPE OF CAMP**

We are traditional residence summer camp. We Lease our week from the Great Long Beach YMCA, Camp Oakes (which is an accredited ACA camp) which has been around for over 60 years.

**CAMP GOALS & OUR PHILOSOPHY**

* By giving children the tools to better understand themselves, they develop problem solving skills, independence, confidence, and strength of character.
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* By teaching children how to live and work in a community, they learn to manage themselves in complex social situations, put others’ needs before their own, and to work with other individuals from different cultures and backgrounds.
* By helping children value nature, they learn to preserve, protect and appreciate the immeasurable gifts of the outdoor world.
* And, by instilling these actions, children grow to see and appreciate the beauty, magic, and possibility within themselves, others and the world.