

Berkeley Echo Lake Camp Artist-In-Residence (AIR) Program

We are looking forward to introducing our new Artist-in-Residence program at Berkeley Echo Lake Camp! Similar to Tuolumne's AIR program, our artists provide amazing opportunities for our campers to enjoy arts, crafts, and a variety of unique trades in an outdoor recreational setting. We greatly appreciate your interest in volunteering as an AIR at Berkeley Echo Lake Camp during our youth camp and family camp programs this summer.

Description

The AIR program is designed to bring youth-oriented crafts into our camp setting during our youth camp program, and family/adult-oriented crafts during our family/50 and Better camp program. Please note, we mainly run youth camps at Echo Lake, so most of our artists will be scheduled during those programs. The majority of our youth campers over the summer are between the ages of 10-14.

AIRs will be responsible for the provision of their own supplies and materials (*depending on the activity being offered, camp may be able to supplement some supplies*). All AIRs are required to provide a negative TB test as well as complete a fingerprint background check to be eligible.

Activity Offerings

Our Artist-In-Residence program has limited space availability, and artists will be selected based on camp needs. From experience, we know that campers appreciate projects that are tactile, offer a 'take-away' or finished product, and enhance/incorporate aspects of the camp experience. Some examples of past artist offerings include:

- Origami
- Advanced Macramé
- Ceramics
- Leather Carving or Stamping
- Photography
- Felting
- Drama or Performing Arts
- Drawing / Painting
- Dance
- Basket Weaving
- Paper Weaving

Accommodations

Artists will be provided a private cabin for the duration of their stay, generally five days and four nights for Youth Camp and four days/three nights for Family or 50 and Better Camp. AIRs will have a residence that can accommodate between 1-6 people.

Requirements

Artists commit to teaching:

- Youth Camp: one 2 hour class (morning) and one 1 hour class (afternoon) Tuesday-Friday for a total of 7 sessions (11 hours of total program time).
- 50 and Better/Family Camp: 2-3 hour class each day of their stay (a total of 3 sessions / 6-9 hours of program time). The 2-3 hour activity can be split into shorter one hour programs.

This offering guarantees a free stay for the AIR. The AIR may also bring two additional adults or two children under the age of fifteen at no charge (1 adult and 1 child also allowed). Up to three additional family members may receive a fee waiver up to 80%, provided they use one tent cabin. **Please note--AIRs during 50 and Better Camp can only bring up to two additional adults (no children or additional campers allowed).** *Children staying during youth camp are more than welcome to join in our youth camp programs during their stay.*

Typical Artist-In-Residence Schedule (Youth Camp):

Day 1- Monday	Day 2-5- Tuesday-Friday	Day 6- Saturday
<p>Arrival- AIRs can arrive to camp anytime after 3pm. They will start to settle in and enjoy an afternoon getting acclimated to camp or enjoying the surrounding area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am- Breakfast • 9am- Program Prep • 9:30-11:45: First Session • 12:00pm: Lunch • 3:30pm: Program Prep • 4:00-5:00: Second Session <i>(please note, AIRs will not be responsible to teach this afternoon session on Friday)</i> • 6:00pm: Dinner 	<p>Departure- AIRs can leave Friday afternoon or Saturday, but are required to check out no later than 4pm on Saturday. They can choose to stay at camp or explore the area if they want to.</p> <p><i>Camp is only a 20 minute drive from South Lake Tahoe and walking distance to Desolation Wilderness, so there is lots to explore!</i></p>

Typical Artist-In-Residence Schedule (50 and Better/Family Camp):

Day 1	Day 2-3	Day 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am: Arrive and settle into cabin • 12:30pm: Lunch • 2:30pm: AIR Session #1 • 5:30pm: Program clean-up, enjoy camp remainder of the evening • 6:30pm: Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am: Breakfast • 9am: Program Prep • 9:30am: AIR Session 2 and 3 • 12:30pm: Program clean-up and lunch • Enjoy camp the remainder of the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am: Breakfast • 9:30am: Cabin Move-Out • 11am: Check-Out

Application Deadline

AIR applications are now open! Applications can be sent to Jill Reasor at jreasor@berkeleyca.gov. Our camp staff will review applications and notify applicants of their acceptance as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

1. The Undersigned ("Volunteer") has requested to perform various works in exchange for room and board, for a period of several days at the City of Berkeley's Echo Lake Camp. Volunteer understands that s/he will perform such work unsupervised. Work will include, but not be limited to: teaching art classes for Echo Lake campers and/or staff, which may include working with others who have no experience whatsoever; handling hazardous materials; and operating tools and other machinery. Volunteer understands that there are risks associated with working with such individuals, materials and tools. Volunteer will observe and comply with all applicable safety procedures regarding such work.
2. Volunteer understands that s/he is voluntarily participating in this activity with knowledge of the danger involved and agrees to accept any and all risks of personal injury.
3. As consideration for participating as a volunteer at Echo Lake, volunteer hereby agrees that s/he, and her/his assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives, will not make a claim against or sue the City of Berkeley or its employees, agents, volunteers, or contractors for injury or damage resulting from the negligence, whether active or passive, or other acts, however caused, by any of its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or contractors of the City of Berkeley as a result of her/his participation in the volunteer program.

I HEREBY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE CITY, AND ITS OFFICERS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND CONTRACTORS FROM ALL ACTIONS, CLAIMS, OR DEMANDS THAT I, MY HEIRS, GUARDIANS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES NOW HAVE OR MAY HAVE IN THE FUTURE FOR INJURY OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION AS A VOLUNTEER AT ECHO LAKE.

4. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM INJURED IN THE COURSE OF THIS VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY, THAT I AM NOT COVERED BY THE CITY OF BERKELEY WORKER'S COMPENSATION PROGRAM. I authorize the City of Berkeley to seek emergency medical treatment in case of injury, accident or illness. I understand that I will be responsible for medical costs incurred by such accident, illness or injury.
5. I UNDERSTAND THAT PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, I MUST BE FINGERPRINTED PRIOR TO WORKING WITH CHILDREN AS A VOLUNTEER. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT MY FINGERPRINTS WILL BE ANALYZED BY AN INDEPENDENT STATE AGENCY TO DETERMINE IF I HAVE A RECORD OF "SUMMARY CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION" THAT WOULD BE RELEVANT TO MY QUALIFICATIONS TO WORK WITH CHILDREN; IF I HAVE SUCH A RECORD, IT WILL BE DISCLOSED TO THE CITY THROUGH THIS PROCESS.
6. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT I am releasing the City AND ITS AGENTS from liability if I am injured during the activity.

Date: _____

Participant Signature: _____

**2026 Berkeley Echo Lake Camp
Artist-In-Residence (AIR) Application**

General Information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address (include city, state and zip):

Primary Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Successful applicants will be required to provide a negative TB test and complete a background check which includes DOJ fingerprinting.

Summer 2026 Session Dates:

Please rank by number your TOP THREE session choices (*i.e. put a 1 next to your number 1 choice, a 2 next to your second choice, etc.*) :

Session 1 Youth Camp (June 15 - 20)	Session 2 Youth Camp (June 22 - 27)
Session 3 Youth Camp (June 29 - July 4)	Session 4 Youth Camp (July 6 - 11)
Session 5 Youth Camp (July 13 - 18)	Session 6 Youth Camp (July 20 - 25)
Session 7 Youth Camp (July 27 - Aug 1)	Session 8 Youth Camp (Aug 3 - 8)
Session 9 Youth Camp (Aug 10 - 15)	50 and Better Camp (Aug 17 - 21)
Family Camp (Sept 4 - 7)	

