

Requirements

Scientists commit to teaching:

- Youth Camp: one 2 hour activity program (morning) and one 1 hour activity program (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 SIR. The SIR may also bring two additional adult or two children under the age of fifteen at no charge (1 adult and 1 child also okay). Up to three additional family members may receive a fee waiver up to 80%, provided they use one tent cabin. **Please note--SIRs 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 Scientist In-Residence Schedule (Youth Camp):

Day 1- Monday	Day 2-5- Tuesday-Friday	Day 6- Saturday
<p>Arrival- SIRs 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 • 9:45-11:45: First Session • 12:30pm: Lunch • 3:30pm: Program Prep • 4:00-5:00: Second Session (please note, SIRs will not be responsible to teach this afternoon session on Friday) • 6:00pm: Dinner 	<p><i>Departure- SIRs 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.</i></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 (Family Camp/50 and Better):

Day 1	Day 2-3	Day 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am: Arrive and settle into cabin • 12:30pm: Lunch • 2:30pm: SIR 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: SIR 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

SIR 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 science 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 Scientist-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 2025 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)	

