

# NEWS RELEASE FROM CAMP DE BENNEVILLE PINES

## Camp de Benneville Pines News and Updates

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**Yippie!** Camp de Benneville Pines has reopened for eight weeks of Fall fun! Art Camp recently wrapped up with 28 happy campers, and volunteers have been up at camp working hard to make camp more firesafe by trimming tree limbs and picking up forest fuels off the ground. The number of participants at each camp will be held to half capacity. COVID safety practices have been implemented.



2021 Art Camp

Everyone who attends Camp must be fully vaccinated against COVID. This is critical for the health and safety of all campers. All camp staff are vaccinated as well.

Camp will run on weekends only through Thanksgiving Camp, and then close December 2021 thru March 2022. Fingers are crossed for a springtime reopening when youth and children have had ample time to get vaccinated (April/May).



Since the 2020 El Dorado Fire, camp has experienced mudflows off the mountain into the campus during heavy rains. Over \$80,000 has been spent to date to install barriers on the mountain side behind the Staff House, Craig's Cabin, and the Maintenance Building to slow down the water and mud that naturally wants to flow into camp.

Straw walls, silt catching fences, K rails, sandbags and mud traps have been installed. It will take a few years for plants and grasses to grow on the hillside above camp and retain the soils naturally. The camp is committed to camper

safety and will need to cancel a retreat if a heavy rainstorm is expected on the mountain top.

[Read more](#) about Camp's 60th anniversary year and see how you can be a part of the legacy that is Camp de Benneville Pines--serving the 50 congregations of the PSW Service Area since 1961.

To help sustain camp operations moving forward, the camp is raising \$350,000. A small group of camp supporters came together to create a **matching challenge of \$175,000**. Our lofty goal is to match this money by December 31, 2021. The good news is the camp has raised \$85,000 to date. This means \$90,000 to go! [Click here](#) to read more camp news and learn what has been happening at YOUR CAMP on the mountain top or [click here](#) to make a donation of any size.

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