

Income-Based Camp Registration Guide

How We Determined the Tiers

We developed our camp pricing model using the **Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** as a foundation and adjusted it to reflect the cost of living in **Fort Bragg, California**. The Federal Poverty Guidelines provide a baseline for income eligibility for many assistance programs nationwide, but we recognize that the cost of living on the Mendocino Coast is higher than the national average.

To ensure fair pricing, we structured our sliding scale based on percentages of the FPL, adjusting upward to account for local economic conditions. This allows us to provide meaningful discounts for families who need them while ensuring the camp remains financially sustainable.

- **Tier 1:** Families earning up to 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- **Tier 2:** 151% - 200% of FPL.
- **Tier 3:** 201% - 275% of FPL.
- **Tier 4:** 276% - 350% of FPL.
- **Tier 5:** 351% - 425% of FPL.
- **Tier 6:** Above 425% of FPL (full-price families).

We continuously evaluate demand and funding to determine if we can **expand discounted tiers**. As more families enroll at full price or as donations increase, we can **open additional slots for lower-cost tiers** to make camp even more accessible.

How It Works

At our camp, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to experience a summer full of creativity, exploration, and fun. To make our program more accessible, we use an **income-based sliding scale** for camp fees, with tuition starting at **\$375 per week**.

Because we need to ensure financial sustainability while keeping camp affordable, we have **a set number of spots in each pricing tier**. As more families sign up at the full-price tier, and as we receive donations, we will be able to **open additional spots at the lower-cost tiers** to support more families. Our goal is to **continually assess demand and make informed decisions** to expand accessibility while maintaining a balanced program.

How to Register Using the Sliding Scale

Step 1: Determine Your Tier

Use the **income chart** below to find the tuition tier that aligns with your household size and annual income. Household size includes all family members living with the camper (parents or legal guardians, dependents, and the camper being registered).

Household Size	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	Tier 6
2 People	Up to \$31,725 → \$50/week	\$31,726 - \$42,300 → \$100/week	\$42,301 - \$58,500 → \$150/week	\$58,501 - \$74,025 → \$225/week	\$74,026 - \$90,000 → \$300/week	Over \$90,000 → \$375/week
3 People	Up to \$39,975 → \$50/week	\$39,976 - \$53,300 → \$100/week	\$53,301 - \$73,500 → \$150/week	\$73,501 - \$93,275 → \$225/week	\$93,276 - \$110,000 → \$300/week	Over \$110,000 → \$375/week
4 People	Up to \$48,225 → \$50/week	\$48,226 - \$64,300 → \$100/week	\$64,301 - \$88,500 → \$150/week	\$88,501 - \$112,525 → \$225/week	\$112,526 - \$130,000 → \$300/week	Over \$130,000 → \$375/week
5 People	Up to \$56,475 → \$50/week	\$56,476 - \$75,300 → \$100/week	\$75,301 - \$103,500 → \$150/week	\$103,501 - \$131,775 → \$225/week	\$131,776 - \$150,000 → \$300/week	Over \$150,000 → \$375/week
6 People	Up to \$64,725 → \$50/week	\$64,726 - \$86,300 → \$100/week	\$86,301 - \$118,500 → \$150/week	\$118,501 - \$151,025 → \$225/week	\$151,026 - \$170,000 → \$300/week	Over \$170,000 → \$375/week
7 People	Up to \$72,975 → \$50/week	\$72,976 - \$97,300 → \$100/week	\$97,301 - \$133,500 → \$150/week	\$133,501 - \$170,275 → \$225/week	\$170,276 - \$190,000 → \$300/week	Over \$190,000 → \$375/week
8 People	Up to \$81,225 → \$50/week	\$81,226 - \$108,300 → \$100/week	\$108,301 - \$148,500 → \$150/week	\$148,501 - \$189,525 → \$225/week	\$189,526 - \$210,000 → \$300/week	Over \$210,000 → \$375/week

Step 2: Select Your Price at Registration

When you register, select the **corresponding camp fee** based on your income tier. A **deposit** will be required at the time of registration, with the full balance due by **May 15**.

Step 3: Income Verification (For Tiers 1-5 Only)

If you register in **Tiers 1 through 5**, we will ask you to submit **income verification documents** (such as tax returns or pay stubs) through our secure system. Families in **Tier 6 (highest-income tier)** do **not** need to submit income verification.

Alternative Verification for Families Without Tax Documentation

We understand that not all families have access to traditional income verification documents. If you are unable to provide tax returns or pay stubs, our **administrative team** will work with you to determine an appropriate tier based on other available information, such as proof of assistance program enrollment, employer statements, or other financial records. Please reach out to our team for assistance.

Step 4: Limited Tier Availability

Sliding scale spots are **first-come, first-served**, with limited availability in each tier. If a tier is **full**, you can either:

- Register at a **higher tier** if you are able, or
- Join the **waitlist**, and we will notify you if additional spots open up.

Step 5: Expanding Access

We will **monitor registration data** and **adjust tier availability** based on demand and financial support. As **more families register at full price** or as **donations increase**, we will **open more discounted spots** to make camp accessible for as many families as possible.

Financial Assistance & Payment Plans

If you need additional financial support, we may be able to provide **additional assistance beyond the sliding scale** as funding allows. We also offer **payment plans** to help spread out the cost of camp tuition. Please **contact us** if you would like to discuss **financial aid options or payment plans**.

Help More Kids Get to Camp

If you are in a position to help, **consider making a donation** to our camp scholarship fund. Every contribution helps open **more spots at lower tiers**, ensuring that more children can experience the joy of camp, regardless of financial circumstances.

We are committed to **growing this program** and supporting as many families as possible. Thank you for being part of our camp community!