



**Yippie!** Camp de Benneville Pines has reopened for eight weeks of Fall fun! Art Groove, Young Adult Camp, and Music in the Mountains recently wrapped up, and volunteers have been working hard to make the camp more fire safe by trimming tree limbs and clearing forest fuels from the ground. The number of participants at each camp is held to half capacity and, 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 is 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.



Since the 2020 El Dorado Fire, Camp has experienced mudflows off the mountain into the campus during heavy rains. To date, over \$80,000 has been spent to install barriers on the mountainside behind the Staff House, Craig's Cabin, and the Maintenance Building to slow down water and mud that follow the natural contours that 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.

To help sustain operations, Camp is raising \$350,000. A small group of camp supporters has come 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.

