

# Kennolyn Camp To Begin 26th Season

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Santa Cruz County abounds with summer camps.

All the natural beauty and the recreational basics which local residents take for granted the year around are once-a-year-thrills for maybe 1000 kids who are sent to these camps for a few weeks during the summer.

One of the most distinguished private camps in the state is Kennolyn Camp, 8205 Glen Haven Road, now preparing for its 26th year. It is divided into two sections of more than 300 acres four miles out of Soquel.

Some 300 boys and girls spend from three to nine weeks engaged in more activities than the average kid indulges in most of the year.

One camp caters to youngsters beginning at 6 years, the other is set up for teenagers up to 17. It may be the largest co-educational private camp in the state.

It requires 85 counselors, mostly college students, to shepherd the kids about and see to it that they have what they are there for — fun.

Many of the counselors are skilled in sports, music and crafts, and the youths return home with new talents and hobbies.

At the heart of it all are Max and Marion Caldwell, an All-American success story.

Before World War II, Max was teaching at Fowler Elementary School and Marion at Fowler High school. In Fowler, it is not unusual that they would meet. They did and became one.

They had talked of starting either a private school or summer camp, but war intervened.

Max wrote home that "if I get out of this thing, let's get that camp started."

And they did. They roved around looking and finally purchased 60 acres on Glen Haven Road for \$10,000. The place was run-down. Trees grew out of the road into the area, but "it was our own redwood empire and we went to work," said Caldwell.

This was in 1946.

"We wrote to everybody we knew," he said. "Told them we were starting a summer camp."

Twenty-six kids arrived that first year — 15 paid, the rest were relatives.

Those were lean years at the camp. Caldwell went back into the school system, two years as principal of Bay View Elementary School and four years in the main school office as child welfare and attendance supervisor.

From the beginning, they decided upon standards of sanitation, safety and human guidance, some of which have been adapted as guidelines in the state camping organization. Caldwell is now state chairman of the legislative council for organized camps.

They toured colleges recruiting counselors, then held sessions to train them to their methods of relating to the campers.

Their practice of recruiting campers is to visit homes of youngsters attending Kennolyn and showing their slides to their friends. It was exhaustive work in the beginning.

"Now, it's a treat," said Mrs. Caldwell. "It's like visiting old friends, and recruiting is a pleasant social experience. We travel throughout the state."

Kennolyn is not inexpensive. Prices range from \$360 for three weeks and \$945 for nine weeks starting in June.

But the array of facilities is impressive.

Sixteen years ago the Caldwells purchased an additional 240 acres from the Vetterle Brothers — rolling mountains of redwoods, much of it overlooking a vast spread of Monterey Bay and Soquel where the teen-age, or Hi-Camp, is held. It adjoins their original property.

They keep 45 horses for summer and maintain a winter riding school.

The kids can learn scuba diving, swimming, surfing, the guitar, acting, cooking, weaving and golf.

Sunday is beach party day and two city transit buses are kept in constant use hauling the kids back and forth.

In the elementary camp a replica of a logging town serves as camp headquarters with a huge dining hall gaily decorated by Ralph Gray.

"We vary from the stereotyped Eastern summer camp," Caldwell said, "in that we do not stress competition. We stress, rather, learning of new recreational skills, camp responsibility and camping activities."

"We are flexible enough to offer backpacking in the Sierra if enough kids want it, sailing instruction and things like that."

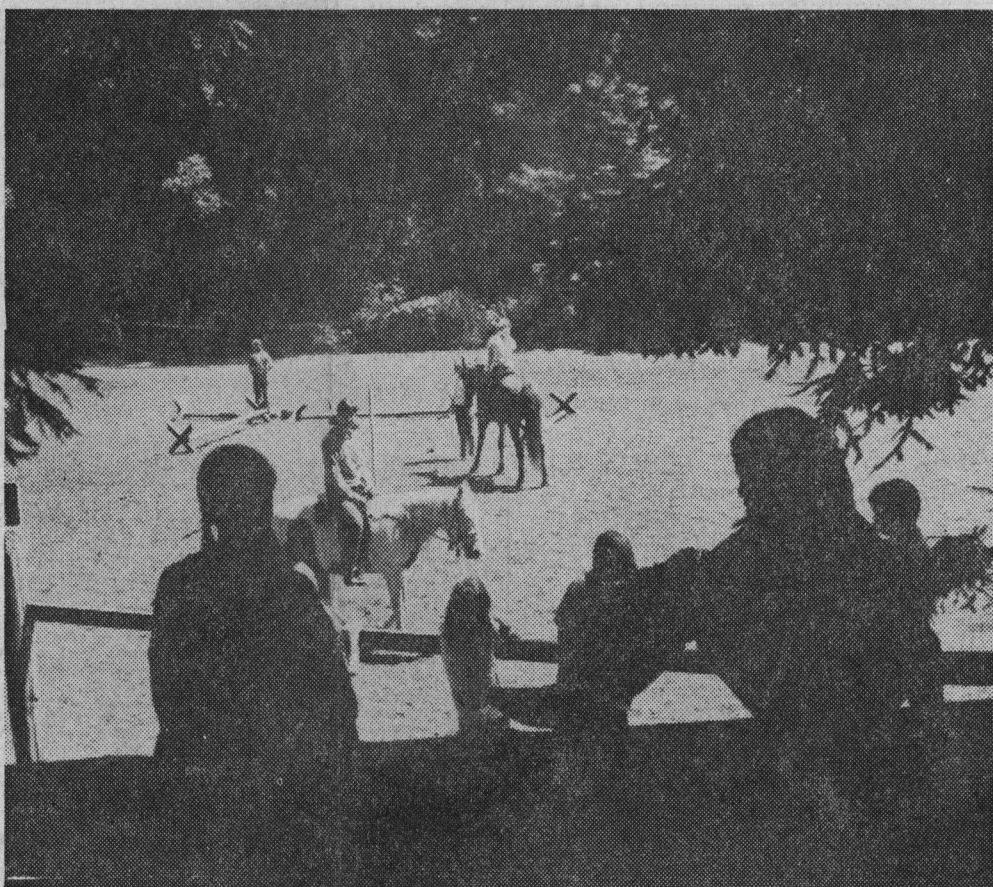
"Our campers come from Mexico, Germany and parts of the U.S., but mostly they're from California."

One of the unusual camping features is the overnight horse rides, a water carnival and horse show.

And always in the middle of it are the Caldwells. They live the camp and have a sumptuous home at Hi-Camp overlooking the bay, appointed in a Mexican motif.

Caldwell, with all his work, has found time to serve as a trustee for Cabrillo College and with his term up in June, is running for re-election.

Their two children were raised at Kennolyn. Kenneth is now a resident orthopedic surgeon and Carolyn is a speech therapist in Monterey County. The camp name is a composite of their names.



Youngsters at Camp Kennolyn receive riding instruction on the old corral as part

of the summer activities in the Santa Cruz mountains.

The camp maintains some 45 horses the year around, with a riding school in the winter.

## Area School Districts Face Major Decisions On Financial Problems

Major decisions on school finance are expected this week in at least three Santa Cruz County public school districts—Santa Cruz City Schools, the Pajaro Valley Unified Schools, and the Live Oak Elementary School District.

The governing board of the Soquel Elementary School District and the Santa Cruz County Board of Education also have scheduled meetings.

First to act will be the Santa Cruz City Board of Education which will convene tonight at 7:30 in the board room of the administration building, 133 Mission St.

Trustees are expected to take final action on whether to call a tax election next June to seek increase in the high district's operating tax rate.

In other business, Santa Cruz trustees will consider a contract with an architect for design of a new gymnasium at Santa Cruz High School and for general planning. The new gym would replace a facility that does not meet earthquake safety provisions of state law.

Pajaro trustees, who will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in a special session in rooms 54-57 of

next year's preliminary budget as part of their deliberations for a June tax election.

The Live Oak board also will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the library of the Live Oak Elementary School, 1916 Capitola Road.

Trustees will receive recommendations on a possible election to seek voter approval of a tax hike.

Soquel trustees will start their regular meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the library of Capitola School, 504 Monterey Ave.

The agenda includes a discussion of seventh and eighth grade

reorganization, a presentation by Candy Love's eighth grade English class, a proposal for a drug counseling and guidance program, and the proposed calendar for 1971-72.

The Santa Cruz board also will consider a proposed vocational course in ornamental horticulture; a request by the certificated employee council, which represents teachers, for a fact-finding study on use of additional income from the state; and a report from the committee on drug abuse.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education will meet in special session on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 200 of the county center to receive the presentation of the 1971-72 preliminary budget for programs for exceptional children and adults.

## Cabrillo Plans Survey On Health Service

Cabrillo College will ask help from several medical quarters in determining what kind of health services it should offer its students, according to Dean of Students John Peterson.

Peterson said he expects shortly to call a committee of medical advisers together to determine the type and extent of services which should be offered.

## Eagle Scout

