



# THE STICKY S'MORE

SUMMER FUN SINCE '41

News from Friends of Camp Natoma  
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## Calling all Campers!

The Amotan Express is coming to your neighborhood!

Deliveries on

December 15th & 17th



We have a special delivery for Camp Natoma campers - a **warm beanie** and a **coupon code** for 2021 registration! Delivery comes via a festive bus and musical performance, in your front yard! Go to [www.campnatoma.org](http://www.campnatoma.org) to add your house to the delivery route:

**December 15**

(South County & SLO)

**December 17**

(North County & Coast)

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello Camp Natoma families!

We are excited to be planning for a full summer of programs. We need dirt. And air that smells like air. We need to gather wood and our friends, to make s'mores and sing silly songs. To feel the tiredness that only hiking and playing outside all day in the summer heat brings. To rest our bodies in our cozy sleeping bags. Since 1941, Camp Natoma programs are ENTIRELY OUTDOORS and SCREEN-FREE, providing an excellent setting for personal growth and rejuvenation. As we approach next summer and Camp Natoma's 80th year, we know that now, more than ever, kids need camp. We will keep you informed of program plans. Online registration for 2021 programs is now open, see page 3 for more info.

*We send the warmest wishes for a happy holiday season to all Camp Natoma families.*

Sincerely,  
Emily Zbin & Camp Natoma Staff

# AN OPEN LOVE LETTER TO THE AMOTAN:

Hi Amotan!

Firstly we just want to say hi in a million different ways, hello and how are you?! How is your tree faring in front of the dinning hall? Do you miss us as much as we miss you? Is there more or less poison oak for you to eat? What is the coolest animal you have seen up there since we're not there to sing them away? How deep is Franklin creek right now? As you can imagine there are lots of things we miss about our beloved Camp Natoma, one of which is you Dear Amotan.

Love,  
Campers of Natoma

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE  
AMOTAN LOOKS LIKE?

P.S. Do you like to catch brass rings on the merry-go-round?

CAMP NATOMA  
KIDS!  
Hiking Series

## RECAP: SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Each Sunday in September campers visited Camp Natoma for a fun day of hiking, games, and laughter!

Here are some reports we heard from excited campers:

**Boulders:** the rocks are HUGE! the caves are mysterious! the ponds are stagnant! the birds are noisy!

**Old Church:** the creek is still flowing! the tall trees gave refreshing shade! the Spring Ridge is steep! what a view!

**Outpost:** we made it! so many soapstones! it's hot! can we stay? how many miles did we hike? I didn't know Camp Natoma was so big!

*Thank you to all who supported this program.*

*We look forward to offering another Kids' Hiking Series in 2021!*



# CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE



Camp Natoma's home on the internet looks brand new! Take a look around, and send the link to a friend you'd like to be a camper!

Also new is the **registration system**. Each family will make a "Camp Brain" account - and from there your registration process will be easier than ever!

**Winter Early Registration rates valid now through December 31st, 2020!**

## "Butt Rock!!!"



### Fecal Depository Report from *Dan Dan the Lavatory Man*

At Camp Natoma, a K.Y.B.O. is an outhouse or pit toilet, and stands for "keep your bowels open". For generations of campers, these "KYBOs" were the only option! Over the past couple seasons, we were able to remove or replace all 13 of those outdated outhouses! In addition to our 12 flushing toilets, called "the City Slickers", safe to say campers everywhere are *relieved* !

"E-LOOs", or **evaporative toilets**, are environmentally friendly (completely self-contained), designed to use heat from the sun to create a dehydrating flow of air, reducing the waste to a benign, low-maintenance powder, while also providing an odorless experience for the user! We now have "E-LOOs" at Handcrafts, Pioneer Camp, halfway to Hilltop ("Halfway House"), CIT Camp, and Stockton Camp - with another coming to Acorn Camp soon!



## CUSTOM PROGRAMS

Camp Natoma offers custom programs for local groups. Bring your group for a completely personalized Camp Natoma experience: enjoy the beauty of the oak woodland, unbeatable central coast stargazing, hiking, swimming and more.

We welcome sports teams, scout troops, schools, and more!  
*Now Booking 2021 Programs*



# WHAT'S AHEAD?



Camp Natoma is active on social media!  
Finds us @campnatoma on Facebook and  
Instagram for updates, exclusive content, and fun!

## December

Amotan Express Deliveries  
Winter Early Registration Rates

## February

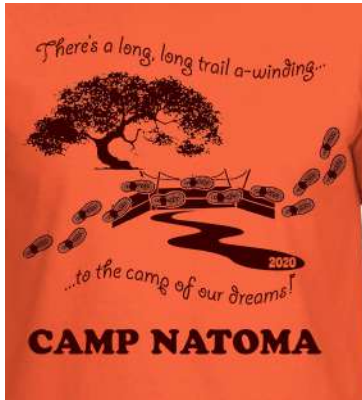
Restaurant Night Fundraiser

## January

Employment Application Available

## March

S'more Light Bonfire  
Spring Discount Registration Ends



# 2020 t-shirts

EMAIL US TO BUY YOURS!



# coming spring!

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