



## Camping at the Presidio Partners



The Presidio Trust is responsible for the transformation of the Presidio from an historic Army post into a premier national park that is financially self-sustaining. The Trust is leading the nation's largest historic preservation project, restoring the park's buildings and landscapes, and creating innovative programs. To learn about the Presidio Trust, visit [presidio.gov](http://presidio.gov).

National Parks, enhance experiences of visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future. To find out how you can support Crissy Field Center by joining as a Parks Conservancy member or becoming a volunteer, visit [parksconservancy.org](http://parksconservancy.org).



The National Park Service was created in 1916 to preserve America's natural, cultural, and scenic treasures and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. Today, the NPS manages 396 park sites across the country, including the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. For more information, please visit [nps.gov/goga](http://nps.gov/goga).



Crissy Field Center encourages new generations to become bold leaders for thriving parks, healthy communities, and a more environmentally just society. This multicultural urban environmental center is a partnership of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust. Since opening its doors in 2001, the Center has served more than 750,000 people with school field trips, summer camps, outreach and afterschool programs, youth internships, family events, and more. The Center's programs are supported by the over 14,000 members of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy as well as grants from private foundations and public agencies. The Parks Conservancy is the non-profit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate



Bay Area Wilderness Training creates opportunities for urban youth to experience wilderness first-hand and exists as a comprehensive source of support to agencies that lead youth wilderness trips. BAWT believes that urban youth, once exposed to wilderness, have a broadened sense of themselves, each other, and the world around them. For more information about BAWT, please visit [bawt.org](http://bawt.org).

## Who is eligible?

To participate in CAP, community organizations or schools must meet the criteria listed below. If your organization has multiple programs, each program must be evaluated for eligibility.

### Community organizations must:

- Offer their services for free or at low cost
- Work with children and youth who are part of families with limited income

In addition, youth served by the community organization must meet one of the following criteria:

- Receive free or reduced-cost lunch
- Have emotional, physical, or developmental needs
- Experience barriers that have prevented them from visiting a national park

To obtain an eligibility form, please call (415) 561-7757 or email [cap@parksconservancy.org](mailto:cap@parksconservancy.org).

**“The students learned to respect and appreciate nature and why it is important to protect nature/Earth. They also learned the importance of national parks and feeling comfortable in nature (being outdoors).”**

*~Teacher from Roosevelt Middle School*

## How does the program work? *If eligible, the following steps need to be taken.*

### STEP 1

The CAP Leadership Training is designed to provide leaders with the skills and resources to plan and lead a youth camping trip here in the Presidio and beyond. During the two-day and one-night CAP Leadership Training, teachers and leaders practice front-country camping skills and familiarize themselves with the Presidio's natural, historical, and cultural resources. Participants learn the basics on how to reserve future camping trips through CAP and are trained to lead place-based nature hikes and other outdoor activities. After program leaders and teachers have completed the Leadership Training, they are certified and can then begin scheduling camping trips to the Presidio.

**Training Cost**  
• \$45 per person

**“The most useful part of the training was learning the intentionality behind every process of camping and how that translates to leading groups.”**

*~CAP Youth Group Leader*

### STEP 2

Certified leaders can reserve their camping date for the season, which begins in March and goes through October. There are two campsites at Rob Hill; each accommodates up to 30 people and includes picnic tables, barbecue grills, a central campfire ring, running water, and restrooms.

### The camping package includes:

- Overnight stay at Rob Hill Campground in the Presidio
- Use of camping equipment including tents, sleeping bags, pads, and cooking equipment
- Participation in a 2 hour guided park program (optional)
- Discounted roundtrip transportation to and from your school or community center (if necessary)

**Program Cost**  
• \$75 per visit for group size up to 30 people, \$25 per additional night on same visit  
• \$100 for roundtrip transportation\*

*\*Teachers arranging their own district transportation may qualify for camping fee reductions*

**“The program was well organized, I felt prepared to lead my kids, and the equipment provided was phenomenal. THANK YOU!”**

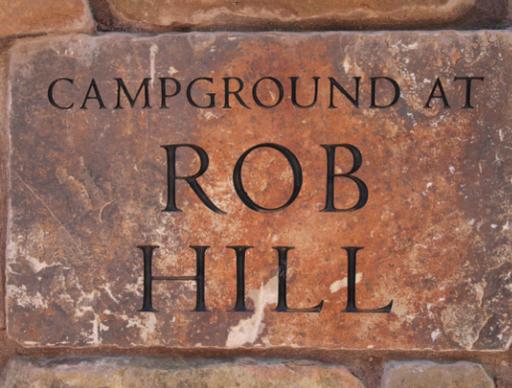
*~Program Coordinator, Opportunity Impact*

## Enroll in a CAP Leadership Training!

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A program of the Crissy Field Center, the Presidio Trust, the National Parks Service, and Bay Area Wilderness Training



## What was your most memorable outdoor experience?

Roasting your first marshmallow? Discovering that you could hike up that big mountain? Or was it seeing the Milky Way for the first time? If you have ever been camping, then you know the power of that experience. We invite you and your youth to see, hear, smell, touch, and taste your national park. Gaze at vistas of the Pacific Ocean and the Golden Gate Bridge. Hear the wind rustling the fallen leaves. Smell fresh ocean air. Hug one of the soft-barked redwood trees. Enjoy the sweet taste of s'mores after a long hike. You have the unique opportunity to create new and lasting memories with the youth you serve. Are you up for the challenge?

## Camping in San Francisco?

Yes! Stretching 40 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area preserves 80,600 acres of open space and provide unlimited opportunities for recreation, learning, and enjoyment. The Campground at Rob

Hill—nestled in a eucalyptus grove in the Presidio—is one of the hidden gems of this park. The only camping facility in San Francisco, Rob Hill is a fantastic venue for outdoor learning and fun, bringing the experience of a national park to the city's doorstep.

## Our mission

To provide meaningful gateway camping experiences to children and youth who traditionally have not visited national parks, the Crissy Field Center (operated by the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and National Park Service), Presidio Trust, and Bay Area Wilderness Training have developed the Camping at the Presidio (CAP) program. Designed for community organizations and schools, CAP is being offered through the Crissy Field Center and provides a dynamic and affordable way to enrich the lives of young people. The Presidio Trust, working directly with Crissy Field Center, is taking the lead in making this campground available to all our communities.

## What our participants are saying...

THANK YOU to everyone at CAP! My class had a very life-changing trip. They talked about it all the time until the year ended, and I'm sure they'll reflect on it often over the summer. I felt very supported and like I wasn't alone in the process. It meant a lot to me!

*-3rd Grade Teacher, Gordon Lau Elementary School*

This is my fourth season with CAP and it just keeps getting better. The new facility is the best you could get. We don't have to spend tons of money on transportation. Everything is so well put together that no one thing stands out as being better. I love CAP. My kids love CAP! That is all that matters. When asking the kids what they like best, they say everything!

*-4th Grade Teacher, Jean Parker School*

I think watching the youth take responsibility for most of their camping experience, including tent set up, meal prep, and cleanup was my favorite take-away. For most, it made the experience more meaningful and memorable. Roasting hot dogs over the campfire: delicious and empowering! This was all made possible by your orientations and gear. The staff seems to have put a lot of thought into every aspect of the program. CAP provides a solid infrastructure for our youth to create positive, meaningful outdoor experiences.

*-High School Youth Leader, Refugee Transitions*

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## Did you know?

- Youth who play outdoors have a greater ability to focus, have enhanced cognitive abilities, and have better health.
- Studies have shown that reconnecting with nature can help lift depression, improve energy, and boost overall well-being and mental health.
- CAP has served over 41,512 individuals from underserved communities since 2007.
- The CAP program has trained over 900 community leaders since 2007.

“Overall, to be able to spend time together outside in nature with a multigenerational group of people was amazing. People strived to make connections with one another and step out of their comfort zone; whether it be going on a hike, sleeping in a tent, sharing a memorable moment around the campfire, or simply letting themselves play, everyone challenged themselves and grew because of it”

*- Jessica Torres, Learning Center Program Manager, Seven Teepees*

