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ALTITUDE



2022

Summer Catalog



Welcome to Via West and Altitude!

Dear Camp Friends,

It is with great excitement that we present our programmatic offerings for the 2022 Summer season!

Since Via West Campus closed in March 2020, so much has changed, and we are thrilled to welcome back old friends and introduce Via West and Altitude to new camp families. Opening Via West Campus after a two-year break is a wonderful opportunity to refresh and update our operations. If you've been to camp here before, you will notice changes to a variety of ways we are doing things, including length of sessions, activities offered, a new online registration system that also helps collect medical information, and on-site check-in.

What hasn't changed is our commitment to our campers and meaningful experiences for everyone, regardless of their individual needs.

On behalf of the entire Via West Campus community, welcome (or welcome back) to camp! We have missed you and just can't wait to see you this summer.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Bill Morgan, Via West Director



Summer Program Descriptions

All of our sessions are supported by a number of generous grants from various organizations, including the County of Santa Clara, ENDUE Foundation, Escher Family Foundation, Farrington Historical Foundation, Helpers Community, Leo M. Shortino Family Foundation, Los Altos Rotary Endowment Fund, Micron Foundation, Myra Reinhard Family Foundation, Stella Gross, and Touchpoint Foundation. We would like to extend our gratitude to these wonderful organizations for their continued support of Via West and Altitude.

Traditional Day & Overnight Camps (Adults ages 18+)

Traditional Day & Overnight Camps (Kids, Teens, and Young Adults ages 5-22)

Traditional Day and Overnight Camps are designed for children and adults who have physical, cognitive, emotional, or multiple disabilities. Activities and programs are designed to be fun while also promoting important skill-building, such as independent living skills and executive function development. Each session has a central theme which inspires the specific activities. Generally, program areas include creative arts, swimming, culinary arts, hiking, music, sports and physical fitness, dramatic arts, and more. Sessions range in length from 5-10 days. Day campers do not attend on the first and last day of a session. For overnight camps, check-in is from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM on the first day, and check-out is from 1:00-3:00 PM on the last day. Day camps run from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM each day.

Supervision & Support

During the day, campers receive counselor support at a 3:1, 2:1, or 1:1 camper-to-counselor ratio depending on their needs and independence level. Campers at a 3:1 ratio are able to follow multi-step directions, are willing to attend programs, participate in group activities, maintain safe behavior with little prompting or redirection, and are successful in completing the majority of their daily life skills independently or with verbal reminders. A 2:1 ratio is most appropriate for campers who occasionally require close support. 1:1 ratio campers require close supervision or support due to aggressive or self-injurious behaviors, are unable to participate in activities in group settings, have complex medical or physical needs, or are dependent on staff to provide physical support in the majority of their life skills needs.

Via West may not be able to accept campers who require intensive 24-hour medical care or who require medical procedures not easily managed in a camp environment. This is determined at the discretion of the director and/or the Health Services Manager RN. We also may not be able to accept campers who have or need an active restraint program, who are at a high risk of elopement, or who are otherwise unable to tolerate social settings. Medical or behavioral needs may be assessed by the director and camp leadership as the need arises.



Summer Program Descriptions

Adventures in Life Readiness (Adults ages 18+)

Adventures in Life Readiness (ALR) programs are for campers who can be successful at a 3:1 camper-to-counselor ratio, are able to provide most personal care needs independently or with minimal reminders, follow multi-step directions, maintain safe behaviors, and are ready to master relevant knowledge, skills, and attitudes for working at Via West in preparation for community work settings. ALR campers will assist with camp programming. They will also be coached on workplace scenarios and practice executive functioning skills, social norms, and household management skills. ALR is a multi-tiered program that will have additional opportunities during the respite season. To enroll, participants must have completed at least two summer and/or weekend sessions within the past five years. These sessions run concurrently with select traditional overnight camps, and there is no day option available. Check-in times will be from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM on the first day and check-out times will run from 1:00-3:00 PM on the last day. **Participants must be pre-approved in order to enroll.**

Altitude (Kids and Teens entering 6th through 12th grades)

Altitude is designed for neurodivergent campers who have social-cognitive support needs such as autism and ADHD. We provide fun, recreational experiences where skill building is inherent. The intent of Altitude is to give campers experiences that will help them build social skills and self-confidence to prepare for the transition from youth to adulthood and form meaningful friendships. For overnight camps, check-in is from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM on the first day, and check-out is from 1:00-3:00 PM on the last day. Day camps run from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM each day.

At Altitude, we provide 3:1 camper-to-counselor support. Altitude campers have conversational language skills and are not currently struggling with any significant behavioral challenges. At school, a typical Attitude camper is in a mainstream classroom setting.

PLEASE NOTE: Via West Campus is a peanut/tree nut free campus. Products containing nuts or that are prepared with nut products are not used or stored in our facilities. For the safety of our campers, staff, and visitors with nut allergies, please take care to ensure that any food and cosmetic products you bring on campus are nut free.



Registration Information

Registration will be open for all summer sessions at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Campers are not limited to the number of eligible sessions they apply to attend. Via West Campus, however, is limited on the number of camper spaces available, which varies by session. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a registration deposit of \$145 per session to secure reservation. We strongly encourage you to register online by going to <https://viaservices.org/services/via-west/>. However, if necessary, we will accept your registration by mail or email with your registration deposit.

Pricing

Pricing for all sessions includes nursing, education, 3 meals a day, snacks, and all scheduled program activities. Each session lists the private pay rate for each ratio as well as the SDR (supplemental daily rate). The SDR is a mandatory rate, paid in full by the parent/caregiver in addition to what is funded by the regional center. Due to the skyrocketing costs of labor, utilities, food, and supplies, we must increase the SDR to \$145/day this year. If this presents a financial challenge to families, please take advantage our financial assistance program.

Regional Center Funding:

A minimum of 8 hours of Regional Center respite funding per day is necessary to register with these funds. If your camper does not meet this minimum, you will be charged the private pay rate. In order for your camper to be considered paid in full via Regional Center funding, the following items are required:

1. An Authorization to Purchase Services to be sent to the Via office before the start date of the session (Regional Centers are unable to authorize payment for services after the start date of the service.)
2. The full payment of the private pay portion or the supplemental daily rate. If payment is not received from the regional center as authorized, you will be responsible for the remainder of the payment due at the private pay rate.

Financial Assistance:

We believe that camp is a benefit to campers and their families, and the cost of camp should not prohibit anyone from attending. Thanks to generous private donations and grant funding, scholarships are available to Via West and Altitude campers in need of financial assistance. You may now apply for scholarships at the point of online registration. Contact the camp office at 408-243-7861, ext. 214 if you are unable to complete online registration.



Traditional Day & Overnight Camps Adults Ages 18+ Surf & Turf*

June 7-14 Overnight

Session Fees - 1:1 \$3,670 / 2:1 \$3,090 / 3:1 \$2,220 / SDR \$1,160

June 8-13 Day Camp

Session Fees - 1:1 \$2,640 / 2:1 \$2,310 / 3:1 \$1,800 / SDR \$870

Come have fun in the sun at this year's *Surf & Turf* beach week! Even though camp is in the mountains, you'll think you're relaxing on an island in the middle of nowhere. Between beach-themed crafts and making tropical treats, we'll even find time for a poolside beach party complete with hula dancing. What a way to kick off a summer of fun!

**ALR available for this session*

Via Vacation Getaway*

June 17-26 Overnight

Session Fees - 1:1 \$5,430 / 2:1 \$4,715 / 3:1 \$3,180 / SDR \$1,450

June 18-25 Day Camp

Session Fees - 1:1 \$3,520 / 2:1 \$3,080 / 3:1 \$2,400 / SDR \$1,160

Need to get away and spend time in nature? *Via Vacation Getaway* is the perfect option for you! Come see all of the relaxation that Via has to offer, like swimming in one of our majestic pools, creating your own ceramic masterpiece at the Aartvark, hiking in redwood forests, and practicing yoga to the sounds of birds chirping in the trees.

**ALR available for this session*

Game Time*

August 10-17 Overnight

Session Fees - 1:1 \$3,670 / 2:1 \$3,090 / 3:1 \$2,220 / SDR \$1,160

August 11-16 Day Camp

Session Fees - 1:1 \$2,640 / 2:1 \$2,310 / 3:1 \$1,800 / SDR \$870

Do you love playing sports and watching games? What about watching sports and playing games? If that sounds like you, then *Game Time* at Via West will be right up your alley. This week will be jam-packed with all of the fan-favorites, and you'll get to design your own game and share it with others! Tired of games? Take some time to relax in the pool or make crafts at the Aartvark!

**ALR available for this session*



Traditional Day & Overnight Camps Kids, Teens, Young Adults Ages 5-22

Back In Time

June 29-July 3 Overnight

Session Fees - 1:1 \$2,235 / 2:1 \$1,895 / 3:1 \$1,390 / SDR \$725

June 30-July 2 Day Camp

Session Fees - 1:1 \$1,320 / 2:1 \$1,155 / 3:1 \$900 / SDR \$435

Do you ever wonder what people did for fun before electricity or the internet? Join us at Via West for a wild trip through the past during our *Back In Time* session. Whether it's dancing to the oldies, designing with tie-dye, learning to grow your own food, or playing games of ancient times, we'll be having all kinds of timeless fun. Of course we'll be wearing sunscreen, which was not available hundreds of years ago!

Summer Olympics

July 22-29 Overnight

Session Fees - 1:1 \$3,670 / 2:1 \$3,090 / 3:1 \$2,220 / SDR \$1,160

July 23-28 Day Camp

Session Fees - 1:1 \$2,640 / 2:1 \$2,310 / 3:1 \$1,800 / SDR \$870

Even though 2022 is a Winter Olympics year, we'll be celebrating all that is wonderful about the world's greatest tradition of sportsmanship and skill with our *Summer Olympics* week at Via West! We'll learn some Olympic history, explore a variety of Olympic games, celebrate opening ceremonies, and compete under our own lodge flags. And the best part about summer games - all the water activities to keep us cool in late July as we go for gold!

Friendship Week

August 1-7 Overnight

Session Fees - 1:1 \$3,190 / 2:1 \$2,690 / 3:1 \$1,940 / SDR \$1,015

August 2-6 Day Camp

Session Fees - 1:1 \$2,200 / 2:1 \$1,925 / 3:1 \$1,500 / SDR \$725

Via West is the best place to make new friends and to catch up with your old ones too! Grab your buddies and head to camp for our fantastic *Friendship Week* of celebrating each other and making memories to last a lifetime. We'll enjoy all of the beauty and excitement that camp has to offer, make friendship bracelets at the Aartvark, go for a buddy hike, spend the afternoons cooling off at the pool, and learn new campfire songs with friends.



Altitude Kids and Teens Entering 6th through 12th grades

Altitude camp is designed for neurodivergent campers entering 6th through 12th grades who have social-cognitive support needs such as autism and ADHD. Altitude is a place where participants build social skills, independence and self-confidence. We offer a fun summer vacation where life skills develop and friendships blossom. With warmth, guidance, and ongoing support, we prepare our participants for the transition to young adulthood, future relationships, and the rest of their lives!

The Altitude participant has back-and-forth conversational skills, is not currently struggling with any significant behavioral challenges, and is typically independent within a mainstream classroom setting.

Altitude offers a 3:1 camper-to-counselor ratio. Our participants learn through an organic process, in which our staff recognizes significant learning opportunities while the participants engage in fun, traditional camp activities such as swimming, athletics, art, drama, and more.

Our aim is for all of our participants to increase their level of responsibility and independence over their time at Altitude.

Around the World

July 9-19 Overnight

Session Fees - \$3,050 / SDR \$1,595

July 10-18 Day Camp

Session Fees - \$2,655 / SDR \$1,305

Want to learn more about the world we live in and its people and traditions, without leaving the comfort of camp? Head to Via West Campus for *Around the World* with Altitude! Spend time with your friends, new and old, and try new things from other places around the globe. These could be new games, foods, crafts, songs, and holiday traditions. Come have fun with us and get your camp passport stamped somewhere new every day!



Covid-19 Policies and Protocols

As needs and recommendations from public health officials continue to change, so do our Covid-19 practices, which will meet or exceed Santa Clara County, California, and CDC requirements.

The most up-to-date practices will be listed on Via's website here: <https://viaservices.org/covid-19-updates-and-important-information/> and will be included in your session confirmation reminder email sent out one week before your session. This season, we are waiving our cancellation fees, with no questions asked. If you or your camper are not feeling well, or if you are not comfortable with the risks of attending a program or the steps we are taking, you can withdraw up to the time of check-in, without penalty.

Via West Covid-19 protocols in place as of April 1, 2022:

- All staff and campers are required to be fully vaccinated in order to attend.
- All staff are required to use disposable masks (surgical, KN-95, or N-95) while indoors, except during mealtimes, when sleeping, and when participating in aquatic activities.
- All campers who are able are required to wear a disposable mask (surgical, KN-95, or N-95) when indoors. Masks are not required while outdoors, eating, sleeping, bathing, and while participating in aquatic activities. Via West provides masks to both campers and staff as necessary.
- Staff and campers presenting with Covid-19 symptoms will not be permitted to stay at camp.
- Upon arrival, both staff and campers are required to take a rapid/antigen test. A negative test is required in order to remain on Via West Campus.
- Via West requires campers and their families to indicate their understanding of Covid-19 risks.
- Please keep your camper home if they are experiencing symptoms of any communicable disease, including Covid-19 or flu symptoms.
- We ask that you, and especially your camper, practice as much physical distancing and mask-wearing as possible during the seven days prior to their stay at camp.
- While on campus, staff will continue to monitor for signs or symptoms of Covid-19.

Please be aware: we are taking steps to limit the transmission risk of Covid-19 on Via West Campus such as increased cleaning frequency, increased space between beds in lodges, increased prevalence of outdoor activities, encouraging physical distancing, encouraging frequent hand washing, and waiving cancellation fees. However, participation in group activities, such as camp, still poses a real risk of contracting Covid-19 and other communicable diseases.



Via West Campus Map