



## A Letter from Dylan Matteson, Bruin Woods Manager

Dear Parents:

Welcome to another summer at Bruin Woods! I am extremely excited and honored to take on the role of the Bruin Woods Manager for the 2010 summer of Bruin Woods. I am blessed to be able say that this will be the 5<sup>th</sup> summer I have spent at this camp, and I am devoted to making this 26<sup>th</sup> year of Bruin Woods the best the camp has ever seen.

The camp experience has completely defined my life and has shaped me into the person I am today. This is why I am excited to say that this summer we have put great effort focusing on THE KIDS. Your child is about to take part in a journey at Bruin Woods that will greatly impact their young lives. Every child deserves a camp experience, and this year at Bruin Woods we have made it our endeavor to give yours an adventure they have never experienced before. We've made this our focus because we believe that what we have at Bruin Woods is a vital element in a child's total development.

We are able to make a positive impact on your child's summer experience by keeping this camp magical, giving your child an opportunity to take part in something that is not offered anywhere else. What makes Bruin Woods such a magical place for your kids? - Our UCLA Student Staff Counselors. This year over 250 students at UCLA applied to be a part of our program, and we are certain we have the best 54 candidates taking care of your family this summer. The entirety of the Student Staff is dedicated to infusing their enthusiasm for life into the kid's groups, as well as being positive role models for each child. Each counselor has been trained by professionals to ensure that every child has sufficient "safety nets" to engage themselves in new healthy experiences. Our counselors are here to facilitate FUN. As the American Camping Association puts it, "Fun is the

foundation upon which courage, cooperation, self respect, and a sense of contribution, inclusion, and responsibility are constructed."

We have constructed a newer, fresher program for your child including: brand new games, an incentive program for good (Bruin-like) - behavior in group, kid's group hikes, logic based activities, and even healthier foods at the Bear and Grill. Also, we have made a concentrated effort to add more family-based activities into the program, as the concept of family at Bruin Woods is extremely important to us. We feel that these changes, coupled with our truly All-Star Student Staff, will result in an unforgettable experience for new campers and returning campers alike.

Thanks for your time and get ready for the experience of a lifetime for both you and your child.

With Much Bruin Woods Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan Matteson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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