

2026 SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMPS

at U.C. Santa Barbara!



CAMP 1
JULY 7-10

CAMP 2
JULY 12-15

CAMP 3
JULY 17-20

CAMP 4
JULY 22-25



Take Me To Your
LEADER
Leading Earth's Next Generation!

FOUR-DAY LEADERSHIP CAMP AT UCSB
FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 IN THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

CADA Leadership Camp is a four-day immersive experience designed to strengthen student leadership skills through collaboration, hands-on projects, and practical application. Students are placed into councils led by credentialed CADA staff and engage in leadership topics that build a strong foundation for returning to campus in the fall.

Each council completes a collaborative project during camp, reflecting real-world leadership responsibilities such as coordinating the talent show, leading student and staff recognition, managing large-group activities, supporting media and technology, and creating lunchtime experiences. Participants engage with three keynote speakers and gain practical ideas through rally sessions, SWAP sessions, and interest-based workshops.

An advisor or responsible adult must attend with each school delegation. Delegations of more than 15 students require a second advisor or responsible adult. And delegations are limited to 20 students or less.



ADVISORS

Advisors meet daily with CADA Camp staff to review camp policies, routines, and expectations. Professional learning topics support both new and experienced advisors in strengthening strategies aligned to their school's activities program. Daily school debrief sessions provide structured time for advisors and students to reflect on ideas gained, capture key takeaways, and begin planning for the upcoming school year.





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LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Through whole-group and smaller workshop-style sessions, campers will develop effective leadership skills and gain valuable ideas to implement on their campuses.

- Develop personal and interpersonal skills.
- Ensure future success in high school, college and the 21st century workforce.
- Staffed by professional and credentialed educators.
- Training California student leaders since 1984.

At CADA Camp, your student leaders will acquire the skills necessary to help them promote a positive school culture and climate and serve, involve and connect the students on your campus. Watch as they become:

- Dynamic Student Leaders
- Well-rounded Team Players
- Creative Problem Solvers
- Effective Communicators
- Successful Presenters
- Visionary Planners
- Prepared for College and Career Studies



FUNDING FOR CADA CAMP MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THESE SOURCES

Associated Student Body funds, school site and district budgets, LCAP funds, Title IV (Safe & Drug Free Schools), Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program (TUPE), Title 1, IDEA funds, School-to-Career sources (because of the large number of SCANS skills offered), and local community service clubs. Don't be afraid to explore other avenues of funding.

TALENT SHOW

Student campers are invited to try out to participate in the camp talent show. This extremely popular show features singing, dancing, acting, juggling, skits or any other talent you or your group has. Bring your musical instrument, your music, your dance steps, drama presentation, or anything else you might need to participate. Sign-up for tryouts during check in on day one of camp.

FULL SCHEDULE

From the moment students arrive at camp, the schedule runs from sun up to past sun down. Our philosophy is to provide a full experience for our students and their advisors. While we provide some time in the schedule for school delegations to debrief and collaborate each day, much of your common planning and goal setting will take place after camp ends: on the trip home, back on your campus, often with the rest of your student leadership organization. Students are encouraged to take notes, attend all sessions, and return to school to report back all of the ideas and excitement they gained from camp.

FUN AND GAMES

Upon arrival at camp on day one, activities will be available during check-in time to allow students to begin networking with their new friends from around the state. Daily recreation activities will be available during lunch time. And a camp dance will be held one evening of camp. We encourage all students to model appropriate dancing during this event as they would back on their school campus.

REGISTRATION INFO

Step 1

School Registration (Online Only - Register Now)

Complete Camp Registration for your school at cada1.org/leadershipcamps.

- *Student names not needed until May*
- Select registration rate based on when you will pay your balance in full:
 - Early Rate - Full Payment due by 3/20
 - Regular Rate - Full Payment due by 5/15
 - Late Rate - Full Payment paid after 5/15
- **If paying by credit card**
 - Complete online registration & submit credit card information for payment
- **If paying by check**
 - Complete online registration
 - Select the "sending check" payment method
 - Print invoice at the end of registration process
 - Mail invoice and check to CADA Central

Step 2

Submit Advisor & Student Information (by May 15)

Using the Camp Hub at

cada1.org/camphub

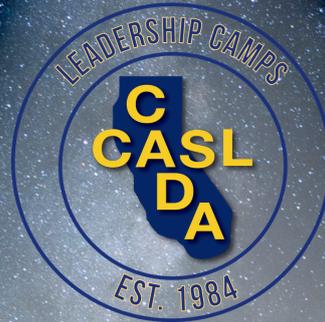
All students and advisors attending camp with your school must complete the Online Information Form by May 15. We need this form completed to:

- Assign housing & councils
- Notify catering of dietary needs
- Order correct t-shirt sizes

CADA Camp Student Medical Form: All campers will need to bring two copies of this completed medical form to camp with them.

Schools will be financially responsible for lost keys, and will be billed after camp. Schools may choose to collect key deposits from their students.

Lost key fee: \$60



TRAVELING TO UCSB

TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP

All students are to be transported by parents, advisors, or a common carrier (train, bus, or plane). Due to legal concerns, students may not drive themselves to camp under any circumstances.

PARKING AT UCSB

Parking fees for private automobiles are not included in the camp registration cost. Individuals will need to purchase a parking permit for their vehicle(s) using the UCSB automated mobile system. More information will be included on the CADA Camp Info Hub. School district "E" plate vans are exempt from parking permit requirements.

ARRIVING BY AMTRAK TRAIN?

Shuttle service to the UCSB campus from the GOLETA train station (NOT Santa Barbara) will be available on the first and last day of camp for an additional cost (pre-registration required). Reserve by 5/15.

ARRIVING BY PLANE?

Santa Barbara airport shuttle service is no longer available. A list of ride share and taxi companies are available on the transportation page at cada1.org/camphub.

LODGING @ UCSB

EARLY ARRIVAL

Early arrival option for schools traveling a long distance is available at an additional cost. Early arrival schools arriving by train must make their own shuttle arrangements as the UCSB CADA shuttle is only available on the first and last days of each camp. Early arrival includes housing only the night before camp. Space is limited.

ROOMING

Students will get a taste of the college experience as they spend their nights in the residence halls at UC Santa Barbara. Students will be assigned two or three to a room. Camp councils meet in the residence hall common rooms. Advisors will get to relive their college experience as they also spend their nights sleeping in the residence halls on campus. Advisors are assigned two-to-a-room. Single rooms are available for an additional cost of \$50.00 per night, space permitting.

For GOLETA train shuttle or Early Arrival housing, reserve your spots by May 15 as part of your Camp registration or call CADA Central to add to your registration.





CADA SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP REGISTRATION & PAYMENT POLICIES



Content Includes:

- Registration & Payment
- Registration & Delegations
- Substitution & Transfers
- Advisor Policies
- Housing & Residence Policies
- Camp Operations
- Verification & Receipts
- Media & Liability Policies



Check out the Camp Recap Video Playlist on YouTube, featuring a decade+ of CADA Camps!

MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR



"We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win." — John F. Kennedy

Those who choose space exploration choose adventure, discovery, and a commitment to building something bigger than themselves. Small steps may feel ordinary in the moment, yet they often become giant leaps for the future. The impact of today's work is not always immediate—it can take years to fully see the results of effort, vision, and persistence. Every mission requires teamwork, thoughtful planning, and follow-through.

As preparations for the 2026 camps began, a space-themed focus opened the door to powerful parallels between space travel and the work of building positive school culture and climate. Strong leadership programs create meaningful impact for today's students while laying the groundwork for lasting traditions and growth. Students who launch new events this year may not witness their full impact as those events evolve over time, yet their leadership now is what makes future success possible.

Since 1984, CADA Leadership Camps have centered on bringing key student leaders together for four days of growth, connection, and collaboration. Students build leadership skills, network with peers from across the state, share ideas, and work together on council projects—many of which translate directly to campus initiatives during the school year. Camp also features inspiring keynote speakers and meaningful experiences that help student leaders build shared purpose and momentum heading into the new school year.

This summer's four camps will be held on the campus of UC Santa Barbara and are open to students in grades 7–12. Register early to reserve your school's preferred dates. Student names are not due until May 15, and schools save \$50 per student by paying in full by the early rate deadline. Delegations are limited to 20 students per school to allow space for as many schools as possible.

CADA/CASL Leadership Camps are staffed by a passionate group of CADA members who return year after year because they love working with your students and connecting with advisors from across the state. We can't wait to see you this July in Santa Barbara as we take an out-of-this-world journey—preparing your student leaders for a successful 2026–27 school year.

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PRICING

During registration, select the registration rate based on when you will pay your balance in full

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\$560/student

Early Rate

Payment in full by 3/20

\$610/student

Regular Rate

Payment in full by 5/15

\$630/student

Late Rate

Payment in full after 5/15

\$520/advisor - double occupancy

\$670/advisor - single occupancy

Membership in CADA is required for your school to attend Camp.

CADA/CASL Memorial Scholarship opportunity available. Application deadline is February 20, 2026. Details available at cada1.org/scholarships.

Online registration available at

cada1.org/leadershipcamps



11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Check-in / Lunch
 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM Program on the Green
 2:30 PM - 4:15 PM Council
 4:30 PM - 5:35 PM Throwdown
 5:45 PM - 6:35 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Keynote Speaker
 8:30 PM - 9:45 PM Evening Activity
 9:45 PM - 10:30 PM School Reflection/Goals
 10:30 PM - 11:00 PM Ready for Bed

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Morning Program
 9:05 AM - 9:50 AM Rotation 1
 9:55 AM - 10:40 AM Rotation 2
 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Camp Curriculum Lesson
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Lunch/Talent Tryouts
 1:40 PM - 2:30 PM Meet the Pros
 2:40 PM - 3:50 PM Council
 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Rally & Debrief
 4:55 PM - 5:50 PM SWAPS
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner/School Meetings
 7:00 PM - 7:40 PM CADA Slam!
 7:40 PM - 8:45 PM Keynote Speaker
 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Evening Activity
 10:00 PM - 10:30 PM School Reflection
 10:30 PM - 11:00 PM Ready for Bed

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Morning Program
 9:05 AM - 9:50 AM Rotation 3
 9:55 AM - 10:40 AM Rotation 4
 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM Camp Curriculum Lesson
 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Recreation
 12:30 PM - 12:45 PM Great Race
 12:45 PM - 1:50 PM Lunch/Recreation
 2:10 PM - 4:20 PM Council
 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM Talent Show Rehearsal
 4:35 PM - 5:45 PM Keynote Speaker
 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM Dinner
 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Talent Show
 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM Dance
 9:15 PM - 10:00 PM Reflections
 10:00 PM - 10:15 PM School Reflection
 10:15 PM - 11:00 PM Ready for Bed

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Breakfast
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Morning Program
 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Council
 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Camp Highlights/Closing

SAMPLE SCHEDULE - CADA CAMPS