



It's great outdoors month!



At the start of summer vacation school is the last thing on the minds of most kids and parents. And that's how it should be. But it doesn't mean that learning and discovery has to stop. The summer months present many incredible opportunities for kids to experience the world in ways that will help them form interests and shape them as people.

This year happens to be the first year that June is officially **Great Outdoors Month**. The idea is to encourage people to get outside to enjoy and develop a greater appreciation of nature. We think this is an awesome idea. Nature can be the best teacher. But it also prompts questions and curiosity which make the learning kids do in the classroom more meaningful. Here in California, we are especially blessed with amazing land and seascapes as well as with dense forests and pristine rivers that are all just waiting to be explored.

On a **simple camping trip**, for example, a child can develop life skills of swimming in a cold mountain lake or pushing through a tough hike. They might spend time watching a salamander forage through a pool or collecting interesting stones. They might wander through a forest of massive sequoias by day and marvel at how small it makes them feel in the world. Then, at night, gaze at a sky full of stars only to realize how tiny the earth is in the midst of a grand galaxy and universe. Yet, the whole time they are building character within themselves and relationships with those around them that are larger than life.

So get out there and enjoy nature this summer. The world awaits. And when it's time for school again, BEAS Academy will be ready and waiting for you.

Building BEAS Academy

While you are out enjoying the great outdoors and re-connecting with family and friends, we will be hard at work building up the school grounds and setting the stage for a wonderful learning experience at BEAS Academy.

During this past month we have been focused on firming up our arts program and building our outdoor classroom spaces to provide open air experiential learning when we are back in school. We have been very blessed to have partnered with talented artists and musicians to provide a well-rounded creative arts curriculum that covers the visual arts, music, dance, and theatre. We are pleased to provide an arts program that promises to cultivate the innate energy and creativity of the child's mind.

In addition to building a program to expand young minds we have been expanding the concept of our classroom space by building outdoor classroom spaces. One of these is a mini amphitheater type area where students can read and study in a less confined environment. This has been back-breaking- and fun-work which will result in an area where lessons will come to life and stories jump off the page into the imaginations of our students.

Planning has also begun for our educational community garden. This will be a functional vegetable and flower garden and life science lab where students learn the art and science of a garden, build community through teamwork, and develop work ethic. We have also been fortunate to have attracted the interest of some community members who have been working with us to transform this space.

We are having a blast creating this school and watching it take shape. Yet, there is still more to do. We are very welcoming to community members who want to join us in building a better education. If you are interested in volunteering for workdays, offering your time in other ways, or donating books and materials; please feel welcome to contact us.



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Our Mission

BEAS Academy provides support to families and helps students improve academic performance, close achievement gaps, enhance social-emotional well-being, and increase lifelong potential for success through our elementary school, after-school program, and parent education.

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