



June 18, 2020

Notes from Ojai Valley School

Dear OVS Families,

Tomorrow marks the first day of summer and we are thrilled that we can now kick off the season by opening OVS Summer Camp! Last week, Ventura County gave us the green light to open as a day camp. We are now implementing plans for a fun, safe camp experience for our local day families from Ventura County.

Summer Camp will look a bit different this year as we adhere to protocols for social distancing, the wearing of protective face coverings when required, and grouping campers in small cohorts. But we know that children have been isolated and under tremendous stress for the past several months and it is time for them to get outside, explore, and play with friends! We look forward to offering a great day camp experience and hope to welcome you and your children back to campus this summer for one of the upcoming camp sessions.

I am also pleased to welcome Laurie Clark, our new Head of School for Lower Campus, who just arrived in Ojai having relocated from her former home and school in Arizona. Laurie has jumped into action, collaborating with our administrative team, and she is hard at work planning for our reopening in the fall. More information about Laurie is included in the post below. Laurie looks forward to contacting you soon and I encourage you to join us in welcoming her by email at lclark@ovs.org.

We look forward to being back in session for in-person classes on August 31 at Upper Campus and September 1 at Lower Campus. In the weeks ahead, we will continue to send our Notes from Ojai Valley School newsletter to you with updates on our reopening plans for the 2020/21 school year.

Sincerely Yours,

Michael J. Hall-Mounsey
Ojai Valley School
President/CEO

WELCOME LAURIE CLARK

Enjoy the first [Summer Virtual All School](#), featuring our new Head of School for Lower Campus, Laurie Clark! In this segment, Laurie talks about what drew her to OVS and shows her wilderness skills by climbing under Rose Valley Falls (an OVS rite of passage) with administrators Gary Gartrell and Mike Mahon. We also get introduced to her family, her dogs, and her love for the outdoors.

[VIEW VIDEO](#)



SUMMER CAMP OPENS

OVS Summer Camp is taking registrations for day campers! Join us June 28 - August 8 for adventures in academics, equestrian, robotics and more! Space is limited! Learn more at summer.ovs.org.

We would like to share our new safety protocols, which meet and exceed the standards set by the CDC, and state and local health departments. We have established these new norms so everyone can have a safe and enjoyable camp experience. [Click here](#) to learn more about what you can expect.



SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is a great way to keep your mind engaged and explore great literature. Students entering and returning to Ojai Valley School are encouraged - and in some grades required - to read thought-provoking literature and complete assignments over the summer that will stimulate ideas for discussion at the start of the year. Please review the Summer Reading Lists enclosed below. They are also available on the OVS [website resources](#) page:

- [Summer Reading, Lower Campus](#)
- [Summer Reading and Assignments, Upper Campus](#)

