

The Experience

At The Painted Turtle, we seek to serve those children whose daily challenges due to their illnesses have prevented them from enjoying some of the best parts of childhood. Their time at The Painted Turtle is filled with friends, carefree fun, laughter, outdoor adventure activities, and the security of round-the-clock supervision by California's top medical professionals.



The Painted Turtle

A medical specialty camp that serves 120+ conditions, free of charge to families, including:

- metabolic conditions ♥ orthopedic conditions
- muscular dystrophy ♥ rheumatic conditions
- Crohn's Disease ♥ ulcerative colitis ♥ IBD
- cerebral palsy ♥ cystic fibrosis ♥ epilepsy
- spina bifida ♥ ataxia ♥ skeletal dysplasia
- hemophilia/Von Willebrand disease
- kidney disease ♥ liver disease
- neuromuscular conditions

The Well Shell

The medical needs of our campers are our top priority. The Well Shell clinic houses four colorful treatment rooms, a hemodialysis lounge overlooking our lake, two cozy rooms, and a fully stocked pharmacy. We have intentionally removed any hint of a hospital presence to make Campers feel more at ease.



Ways to Help

No child or family will ever pay to attend camp. The fulfillment of The Painted Turtle's ongoing vision relies on the generous support and participation of volunteers, corporations, foundations, and individuals. Your gift or involvement can help children with serious illnesses rediscover the wonder of childhood through a magical experience that has the power to transform their lives.



The Painted Turtle

a serious fun camp
founded by paul newman



Get Involved!

Administrative Office: (310) 451-1353

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The Painted Turtle is a California-based
501 (c) (3) non-profit organization



thepaintedturtle.org

The Painted Turtle is more than a camp

It's a place where children with serious medical conditions can just be kids.

In 1999, Paul Newman and Page Adler co-founded The Painted Turtle, creating a community that supports children's medical needs, inspires them to reach beyond their illness, and provides care and respite for their families.

As a member of the SeriousFun Children's Network, an international family of medical specialty camps, The Painted Turtle is the only medical camp of its kind in California. Children with chronic and serious illnesses arrive seeking an authentic camp experience, and what they discover is confidence and a sense of belonging that lasts long after they head home.



Camp Fun Includes:

- ♥ Archery ♥ Arts & Crafts ♥ Boating
- ♥ Fishing ♥ Horseback Riding
- ♥ Ropes Course ♥ Silly Olympics ♥ Stage Night ♥ Swimming ♥ Woodshop ♥ & More Adventures!

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Year-round Programming!

Summer Sessions are week-long experiences for campers, grouped by similar medical conditions.

Family Weekends allow the whole family to live the magic of Camp in a community of people who can relate to them.

Leadership Programs enrich camp for 17 or 18-year-old former campers with team building, workshops, and more.

Outpost brings the joy of Camp to children being treated in hospitals and clinics throughout California.

Camp at Home offers campers and their families a chance to connect in the virtual space with a variety of interactive online activities.