CHILDCARE HEROES ASSEMBLE!

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KIDS' COUNTRY
A Non-Profit Organization

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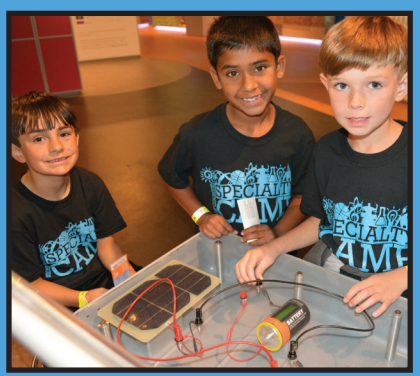
About Kids' Country

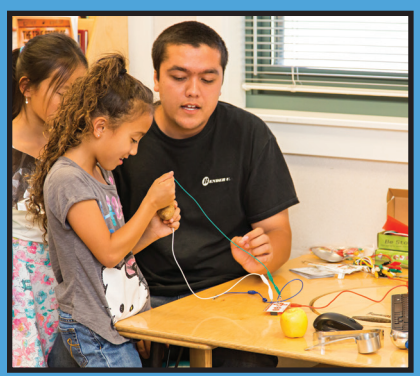
Kids' Country is a non-profit organization located on-site at 13 elementary schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Kids' Country offers an enriched childcare program before and after school with safe, fun, age-appropriate activities including organized intramural sports, homework time, STEM, music, cooking, arts and crafts, summer camps and more.

Kids' Country prides itself on its diverse staff and activities that enrich a child's world view. With a variety of lessons ranging from Lego Engineering to Stop Motion Animation, Kids' Country kids experience a lush cultural exchange with their teachers and peers. Homework time is vital to many of the Kids' Country families and a variety of resources are offered to assist them. The Kids' Country staff is full of experts in the field of childhood development and work hard to meet all of the children's needs.

Our staff are well educated, responsible and dynamic leaders in the field of school age care. They intentionally create an atmosphere where children feel welcome, nurtured and safe. Kids' Country is committed to ongoing professional development and training for its staff, which ensures a creative and exciting environment for your children to learn and grow.

Today, the Kids' Country locations throughout Danville and San Ramon continue to provide the same high quality childcare that the founding parents envisioned. Based on the demand of our clients, Kids' Country has diversified our curriculum offerings to enhance the time children spend with us. Investing in state of the art facilities, Kids' Country constantly upgrades and renovates our facilities. If you are interested in a career with Kids' Country or learning more, please visit our website at www.kidscountry.org.





Keynote Speaker

SONDRA PERRY
Local Author

Sondra lives in San Ramon with her husband Lance and is the step-mother of three and a grandma of one. She is the previous owner of both a catering company and a handmade soap business. She has now turned her talents to writing children's books. Her second book, **"Baby Carrots: Carrots of Wisdom for Little Ones"** is the first of a series of three books each with ten short tales that offer a gentle life lesson. These books were born from accumulating stories of life lessons she shared with her step-children using all kinds of critters, including Henry. Please join us before the morning session to listen to Sondra's wonderful story; she will be sure to motivate us all!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00-8:30 ..... Registration / Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 ..... Opening / Keynote Speaker-Sondra Perry

9:45-11:00 ..... **Session 1**

- → Leveling The Playing Field (MPR)
- → Everything You Wanted To Know About Licensing! (Room 1)
- → Understanding Allergies (Room 2)
- → Enjoying Teaching (Room 3)

11:15-12:30 ..... **Session 2**

- → Indoor Transitional Games (MPR)
- → Making Makers (Room 1)
- → #Mindfulness (Room 2)
- → Demystifying Common Core (Room 3)

12:30-1:30 ..... Lunch in the MPR/Raffle

1:45-3:00 ..... **Session 3**

- → Battle Games (MPR)
- → Edible Education (Room 1)
- → Quick Tinking (Room 2)
- → Bullying Awareness (Room 3)

Workshops

Session 1: 9:45-11:00

LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD (MPR)
MARC TRAPANI
PE Specialist, Rancho Romero Elementary, SRVUSD
My goal as a physical educator is to create a program that consistently gives all students a chance to showcase their areas of expertise be it athletic, problem solving, memorization, strategy and/or leadership. Come to this interactive workshop where you will actively participate in structured, organized activities that will promote teamwork, cooperation and self-confidence in children at your centers.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT LICENSING! (ROOM 1)
KIMBERLY BROWN
Associate Executive Director, Kids' Country
Learn about licensing regulations in a fun atmosphere! Engaging discussions, collaborative role play, interactive games to get you prepared for a state licensing visit.

UNDERSTANDING COMMON HEALTH ISSUES (ROOM 2)
ANJU LASHKARI, RN, CPNP
Health Educator/School Nurse, SRVUSD
Come to this important and informational workshop! It is designed to help teachers, administrators and childcare professionals prevent and manage potentially life-threatening allergic reactions, diabetes, and other health issues like celiac disease.

ENJOYING TEACHING (ROOM 3)
MELANIE STARK, M. ED
Educator
Lack of classroom management is the number one reason why educators are leaving the profession. The truth is that kids are NOT coming to school willing and ready to learn. The main ingredient missing in our classrooms today is nurturing with clear expectations. When students know you care, they will work harder for you and challenge you less.

Session 2: 11:15-12:30

INDOOR TRANSITIONAL GAMES (MPR)
KIVA HO
Site Director, Kids' Country
Are you and the kids tired of playing the same old games during group time or transitions? Then this is where you need to be! You will be able to experience playing fun games and will walk away with a packet filled with additional games to try at your centers!

MAKING MAKERS (ROOM 1)
LYNDA RYAN
Program Assistant, Kids' Country
"Making" emphasizes discovery, embraces autonomy, celebrates failure, and builds community. Participants will leave with hands-on experience as well as a playbook for how to create maker spaces in after school programs.

#MINDFULNESS (ROOM 2)
ROWENA ALEGRE
Assistant Site Director, Kids' Country

Welcome Mindfulness as a tool for both personal and teaching standpoints to attain better self-awareness and support children in our program towards emotional competency, impulse control, and mind-body awareness through engaging hands-on Mindful Teaching strategies.

DEMYSTIFYING COMMON CORE (ROOM 3)
LYNNE BERTRAM
SRVUSD

Do you want to learn more about Common Core Standards and how childcare providers can assist children with homework after school? Participants will gain knowledge about Common Core and learn new strategies to assist children during homework time.

Session 3: 1:45-3:00

BATTLE GAMES (MPR)
ERICA FRITZ/MAKENZIE NETH
Site Director/Assistant Director, Kids' Country

Battle Games are a helpful tool to have in your bag of tricks when working with children. Battle Games are a fast-paced relay competition that takes place between two players who race against the clock! Come prepared to battle it out with your peers at this workshop and walk away ready to create and implement your own Battle Games with any age group.

EDIBLE EDUCATION (ROOM 1)
ELIZABETH CASTILLO
Assistant Site Director, Kids' Country

This workshop will share Kids' Country's journey from inspiration to implementation as the Edible Education Project team worked to start and maintain gardens, develop healthier snack menus, and introduce serving snack-"family style". We will focus on the garden component and participants will leave with practical tools and tips for staring their own garden programs.

QUICK TINKING "HOW TO BE A RESOURCEFUL TINKERER (ROOM 2)
JP NEANG
Curriculum Specialist, Kids' Country

Participants will understand the principles of 21st century thinking and "forward thinking." Understanding foundations of a circuit test and make their own LED creations using affordable materials.

BULLYING AWARENESS: IDENTIFYING DIFFERENT TYPES OF BULLYING (ROOM 3)
CHRIS KARNEY
Site Director, Kids' Country

One out of every four students (22%) report being bullied during the school year, (National Center for Educational Statistics, 2015). Bullying is an ever growing problem amongst kids at school and in out of school time care. During an open discussion about bullying we will define what bullying is and identify the 4 most common types of bullying. Understanding when a child is being bullied is the first step in helping the situation and it also helps the child know that they have an ally and aren't alone.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING CHILDCARE HEROES ASSEMBLE CONFERENCE HOSTED BY KIDS' COUNTRY!

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