



## High Tech Experience At Astro Camp For Hawthorne Students

By Dupé Aleru

Sixth grade students at Hawthorne School attended Astro Camp in the San Jacinto Mountains—a range near Idyllwild, east of L.A.—for two days last week to explore the wonders of the universe by embarking on high tech, science adventures in a mountain environment.

Astro Camp is a 90-acre facility which offers a unique experience for children interested in exploring science and adventure outdoors. It offers science based classes such as

robotics, engineering, rocketry, astronaut training, and adventure-based classes like rock climbing and mountain biking. These hands-on activities allow children to not only have fun, but to explore science in a different way through the use of hands-on laboratory activities in state-of-the-art facilities.

Overall, Hawthorne students claimed to have had a phenomenal experience studying astronomy, physical science and earth science.



**ASTRO CAMP**—Hawthorne School's sixth grade class experienced remarkable hands-on science lessons during its two-day trip to Astro Camp near Idyllwild.



**100TH DAY OF SCHOOL**—Advisors Gloria Kirschenbaum and Judy Wollman along with TEADS students pose with the canned donations the school raised for the Westside Food Bank.

## TEADS Food Drive For 100th Day of School Celebration

By Dupé Aleru

Temple Emanuel Academy Day School's (TEADS) Student Council commemorated the 100th day of school by conducting a school-wide food drive to be donated to the Westside Food Bank.

Each class at TEADS was asked to collect cans—the goal being to collect 100 cans of food during the two-week food drive prior to the 100th day of the school.

What were the results? Students collected over 500 cans of food. The food was then donated to the Westside Food Bank.

This initiative demonstrates TEADS' commitment to the community and school values.

"The student council congratulates the entire student body for this successful campaign with a special thanks to council members Ori, Aviva, Danna, Simon, Matthew, Adina, Kia, Adi, and Rebecca," said Director of Admissions Tanya Stawski. "Your hard work and dedication paid off in a big way."

Contact her at 310-288-3737 ext.246 for tour information or questions about Temple Emanuel Academy Day School.

The Courier's Director of Education Dupé Aleru has released her new self-published children's book, *Animals In Action A-Z*. *Animals in Action A-Z*, is an emergent reader for children ages 3-6, who are learning the alphabet. "Alli and the other animal characters come alive on their action words adventure," said Aleru. "There are playful, multi-colored pictures and an engaging story to entertain children as they learn to recognize the sound-letter relationship as beginning readers." To purchase *Animals In Action A-Z*, visit [www.createspace.com/3511248](http://www.createspace.com/3511248).

## BV Seventh Grader Takes Part In UCLA's IronBruin Triathlon

By Dupé Aleru

UCLA held its 7th annual IronBruin Triathlon this month which included Beverly Vista's very own Joe Kolko—seventh grade student and a member of the Juniors Triathlon Club.

A day prior to the race, UCLA held a catered pasta dinner, sponsored by BJ'S Restaurant and Brewhouse, concurrently with the "packet pickup" for \$10. In addition to the "packet pickup", triathletes were also asked to pick up their number, where they received a t-shirt and goodies bag.

The distance of the race was: a 400 meters swim (8 laps of 50m), 13.5 miles on the bike (4.1 laps of 3.3 miles) and 5.00 kilometer run (1 lap of 3.1 miles).

"The Juniors Triathlon Club trains athletes between the ages



Susan Kolko and Joe Kolko

of seven to 19 with organized runs, bike rides and coached swims. In addition, transition and bike workshops are built into the program to help kids get ready for the different aspects of a triathlon," said Todd Larlee.

For more information on triathlon training, contact Larlee at [todd@juniorstriathlonclub.com](mailto:todd@juniorstriathlonclub.com).

## TEAM

(Continued from page 20)

game elimination) BH defeated second seeded Orange High School, 25-22. After that win, the team was on a mission to take the following two rounds and win the tournament.

In the semi finals, BH defeated Santa Ana Valley, 25-14. At the finals, BH defeated Crean Lutheran High School, 28-26, 25-21 to take first place.

Jason Nik had a team high, 10 kills and shared the team lead in digs with Brandon Adams with 10. Adams also had seven kills and three service aces.

Key plays included crucial hits by Duston Park, great tips from Daniel Tabariai and key defense by Daniel Dayan and Joshua Johnson.

*Do you have a story for the "School Is Fun Page?" If so, contact Dupé Aleru at [daleru@bhcourier.com](mailto:daleru@bhcourier.com).*

## Charlene Liebau's Talk On Wait List Ideas For Students Applying For UC System Admissions

By Charlene Liebau  
College Admissions Editor

In a recent message to college counselors the University of California has sent out information about its use of the wait list which I wish to share with you.

We are all aware of the budget woes facing the state and its impact on public education, including higher education and UC.

At present, the university system enrolls more than 11,570 students for whom it receives no state funding. In order to maintain standards of excellence, the goal now is to manage the enrollment at each of the nine undergraduate campuses.

In light of the number of students enrolled who are not being funded makes current and future admission decisions more critical.

In order to more effectively manage the number of students

enrolling in the UC schools, the wait list is being employed at all campuses except UCLA and Merced.

If you (or your student) receive a letter placing you on a wait list the following may prove to be helpful information:

- Students may receive a wait list decision from more than one campus

- If offered a place on a wait list, the student must "opt in" in order to qualify for further admission consideration.

- If on a wait list and opted in, freshman applicants will be notified of their status (admitted or not) no later than June 1.

- If a student decides to "opt in" on the wait list at a UC campus, or at any other college (public or private), it is important to recognize that decisions on the wait list may not be made until June—well after the May 1 "student decision date." In this case, if the student later

accepts an offer of admission from a wait listed college, they will forfeit their deposit at the first campus.

- UC campuses will consider appeals for admission. This, however, requires the student to present compelling new admission information—new since filing the original application.

The lesson here is: if you receive a wait list decision from a UC campus and wish to be considered again for admission—follow the directions to "opt in."

Also, May 1 is the date by which you must secure a place in a freshman class and commit to a college.

Charlene Liebau is the former director of admissions for CalTech and Occidental College.

She is also a finalist judge of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.