



RAD Camp

Venue Announcement FAQ

Q: Why is RAD Camp finding a new home?

A: Due to long-term effects of the pandemic, the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center (IROEC) is no longer renting their property to third-party groups, like RAD, so Vanguard University will be our new home if we are able to host our camps in 2022!

Q: Where is Vanguard University located?

A: Located in Costa Mesa, CA, Vanguard is centrally located in Orange County!

Q: Are the dates for summer camp changing?

A: Yes, this year we are working towards hosting two camp sessions. The first session, for RAD Camp (adults 22+), would be June 26 – July 2. Volunteer arrival would be Sunday, June 26 and camper arrival would be Monday, June 27. The second session, for both Mini Camp (children 4-12) and Jr. Camp (teens 13-21), would be held simultaneously from July 9 – July 13. Volunteer arrival would be Saturday, July 9 and camper arrival would be Sunday, July 10. (More details to follow on the new “combined” session for Mini Camp and Jr. Camp.)

Q: Is it definite that RAD will be hosting in-person summer camps in 2022?

A: Our RAD Team is doing everything in our power to work towards reopening our in-person summer camps, but life can be unpredictable. If the past couple of years have taught us anything, they have shown us that RAD is about WHO we are with, not where we are! We have Risen Above Distancing throughout the pandemic and will Rise Above this transition too. If we're together (online or in-person), it is RAD!!!





Q: What will stay the same at the new venue?

A: If we are able to host our in-person summer camps, you can expect the same awesome day programs and night events and many opportunities for campers and volunteers to make summer camp memories! All your favorite Camp traditions, like waterfall, dance parties and cheering before meals, will be a part of the experience. Get excited!!

Q: What will be different at the new venue?

A: We are happy to share that Vanguard's campus is ADA compliant and many, if not all, of the buildings are air-conditioned! The campus is also more accommodating in that participants can easily walk or wheel to each area rather than trek up large hills. While the campus is open to multiple groups at one time, RAD would have designated areas for programs and overnight housing and the University provides on-campus security. Since Vanguard does not have an on-campus pool, our team is planning to partner with nearby high schools or colleges to utilize theirs.

Q: What are the sleeping arrangements like?

A: Since Vanguard is a university, RAD would have access to dorm-style housing, meaning we would have exclusive use of multiple floors in one of the dorm buildings. Each room would have a minimum of three people and a maximum of four people. Directors and Staff would be close at hand for 24/7 support.

Q: What is the dining hall like?

A: RAD would have access to Vanguard's main dining hall as well as support of their dining staff to accommodate three meals a day for participants. The dining hall can accommodate both standard meals and most special diets!



Q: What is the medical station like?

A: The University's campus has a built-in medical station with two rooms, one of which has cabinets that can safely store medication and supplies. The RAD Team is actively meeting with its Medical Advisory Committee to determine the best protocol and procedures for check-in, check-out, medicine distribution, etc. Stay tuned for more information in 2022!

Q: What will your COVID policies be?

A: The safety and wellness of all our participants has and ALWAYS will be RAD's top priority. We continue to meet and consult with our COVID Task Force comprised of medical, legal, risk and local county and school personnel to ensure we have access to the best information and safety protocols. As the summer camp dates approach, the RAD Team will circulate its finalized protocols and procedures, which will apply to all campers and volunteers at every level of the organization.

Q: Would it be possible to get a "sneak peek" of the campus?

A: Our team is working with Vanguard to possibly host a RAD Open House in the coming months! We are also working on a video tour and/or map for anyone who may not be able to visit the campus in person.

Q: I have additional questions about the new venue. Who should I contact?

A: You are welcome to call us at 949.387.5219 or email us at Camp@RADCamp.org!

