

# Following your passion

*Two local Marin brothers follow their dream...  
and create a camp for kids in Marin...Camp Doodles*

If your child is up early, dressed, and ready to leave on a fine summer morning, there is only one explanation: Camp Doodles. From swimming to tie-dye to frisbee golf, Camp Doodles has it all. Nobody has to be anyone but themselves, including the awesome counselors. The only criteria there is to have fun. In other words, it is a “home away from home.” What more could a kid ask for? The camp founder, David Hughes (also a 3rd Grade teacher), began the Doodles legacy just five years ago. He himself grew up in Marin. After seeing other camps and knowing that they could be better, he decided that it would be his goal to start one of his own. It wouldn't be for the money; it would be for the kids. His brother Jeremy backed the idea, and together they created Camp

Doodles. Says David, “To me, Camp Doodles is a second family.”

Camp Doodles is all about fun. No matter what age, from a

Kindergartener to a 6th Grader, everyone has their equal share of laughing, screaming, and games of all sorts. On theme days, such as Pirate Day, everyone dresses up like a swashbuckling plunderer. Even the counselors! Other theme days include luaus, ice cream, and hitting the pool. Of course, everyone chooses their own activities. If you don't feel like going on the scavenger hunt, there is always karaoke and crazy camp songs to look forward to.

With group games, arts & crafts projects, theme days, sports, songs, skits, science, cooking, story-time, swimming ice cream days, face painting and more, no campers will be bored here!

With so many wild activities, it would seem like children are almost asking for injuries. This is not the case. Safety is highly important to the staff of



*David Hughes(right), creator/founder of Camp Doodles, having fun at camp.*

Doodles, and they make sure that each activity is just as safe as the last. Counselors do a fine job of it, too. Who knew that something could be so fun, but safe at the same time?

Unfortunately, with so many people racing to sign up for Camp Doodles, they limit enrollment in order to ensure that personal touch — 120 children per day is the limit. If you aren't already signed up, have no fear—Camp Doodles accepts ten drop-ins each day for \$60 — a full day of fun. Weekly tuition is affordable, but depends on which specific week is chosen, ranging from \$195-\$235. The same goes for the two-week session as well.

The camp is located at Strawberry Point School in Mill Valley. David and “his family” will be celebrating their 5th anniversary this summer. Be sure to check out the Camp Doodles website for details at [www.campdoodles.com](http://www.campdoodles.com).

Hope to see you there!

