



2026 Summer Program

City Council Funding Request

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Ensuring Every Fort Bragg Child Has a Summer.

Flockworks is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit delivering artful, enriching education to Fort Bragg since 2006. Camp Flockworks launched in 2025 — and we're scaling up in 2026 to serve more families than ever.

19

Years on the
Mendocino Coast

70+

Local Staff
Members

1,000+

Youth Served
Annually

Our Mission

Spark creativity and curiosity to build resilience — championing inclusive experiences that empower youth, educators, and artists across the Mendocino Coast.

Key Milestones

2006

Founded by artist Janet Self

2018

Art@Schools launched at Dana Gray & Redwood

2023

Assumed management of FBUSD after-school programs

2025

Assumed Cobalt Gallery & launched Camp Flockworks

After-School Programs (TK–12) | FBUSD

Safe, enriching after-school environment for students at Dana Gray, Redwood, Fort Bragg Middle School & Fort Bragg High — homework help, enrichment, and activities funded through state & federal grants with FBUSD.

Cobalt Creative Community Center

Took over Cobalt Gallery in 2025 and are rebranding it as a creative community center — aligned with citywide celebrations, First Fridays & local events. Free workshops, student exhibitions from Noyo & other local schools, and community parties open to all.

Community Events

Active presence at 4th of July, Paul Bunyan Days, Fiesta Latina, MCC Fest, National Night Out, Caspar Fest, Fort Bragg Magic Fest, and more — bringing arts and enrichment to the whole coast.

Camp Flockworks

Launched 2025 — inclusive arts & enrichment summer camp, grades 1–6, with a sliding-scale tuition model so no child is turned away.

78

Kids Served

75%

Needed Financial Assistance

11

Local Jobs Created

10+

Enrichment Partners

~\$340

per child, per week — full days, all summer, built around the schedules of working Fort Bragg families. Three out of four families needed financial assistance — and we served them anyway.

What Camp Looked Like

-  Arts & creative workshops with local artists
-  Swimming & recreation at CV Starr
-  Theater with Gloriana & cooking with Rosa
-  Gardening with Noyo Food Forest
-  Films at Coast Cinemas & visits to Fort Bragg Public Library
-  Inclusive programming with Match & Redwood Coast Regional Center

What 2025 Proved

- ✓ Families need this — demand exceeded capacity
- ✓ The sliding scale model works for Fort Bragg
- ✓ Local partnerships make a richer program
- ✓ Camp creates real, local employment
- ✓ Community believed in it — \$40K+ raised through donations
- **In 2026 we're doubling down — and we need a partner to do it affordably**

75% of 2025 campers qualified for financial assistance — and we served every one of them.

How We Set Prices

Tuition is determined by household income relative to the Federal Poverty Level and family size. Families submit tax returns for verification and are placed in the appropriate tier.

2025 Tuition Tiers (Weekly / 4-Week Session)

Tier	Income Bracket	Weekly	4-Week
A	Up to 150% FPL	\$50	\$200
B	151–200% FPL	\$100	\$400
C	201–275% FPL	\$150	\$600
D	276–350% FPL	\$225	\$900
E	351–425% FPL	\$300	\$1,200
F	Above 425% FPL (Full Price)	\$375	\$1,500

Tax returns required for verification. No family turned away for inability to pay.

2026 Projected Subsidy Need

Based on 120 campers at 2025 income distribution, \$315/wk break-even

Tier A ~37 campers
\$265 subsidy/wk per camper

Tier B ~18 campers
\$215 subsidy/wk per camper

Tier C ~6 campers
\$165 subsidy/wk per camper

Tier D ~9 campers
\$90 subsidy/wk per camper

Higher enrollment lowers the break-even — making camp more affordable at every tier.

Board-Approved 2026 Schedule

Session 1 3 weeks June 8 – June 27	July 4 Break June 28 – July 5	Session 2 3 weeks July 6 – July 25	Session 3 2 weeks July 27 – Aug 7
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◆ Exploring flexible 1-week enrollment options — currently under consideration to make camp accessible for more families on any schedule.

Building on What Worked

In 2026 we're expanding everything that served our mission in 2025 — the same enrichment partnerships, the same inclusive model, the same full-day structure that let Fort Bragg parents work. More kids. Lower cost. Stronger program.

- ◆ Most 2025 enrichment partners returning
- ◆ Working to add free lunch & snacks for all campers
- ◆ Camp Director: Jessica Green, 5th Grade Teacher at Dana Gray

2026 Goals & Employment Impact

150

Total campers across all sessions
Up from 78 in 2025

\$315

Target cost per camper / week
Down from \$340 in 2025

70+

Flockworks staff — many employed through camp
Full-time summer hours for local residents

Location: First Presbyterian Church | Higher enrollment lowers per-camper cost for every family.

Grades 6–9 | First Presbyterian Church | Two 3-week sessions | Mon–Fri, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | 16–18 campers per session

Program Highlights

- Daily coastal field trips: hiking, kayaking, swimming at CV Starr
- Weekly art enrichment at Cobalt Gallery
- Leadership & social-emotional learning curriculum
- Co-developed with Mendocino Coast Clinics
- Campers mentor younger kids at Camp Flockworks — building real leadership skills

Keeps older youth connected to Flockworks — building a pipeline from camper to community leader.

Teen Job & Career Exploration

Real opportunities available right now on the Mendocino Coast:

- CV Starr lifeguard certification & training
- CPR & first aid certification
- Local volunteer opportunities & civic engagement
- Teen-accessible jobs: hospitality, events, arts roles
- School aide & after-school program positions

Coast Career Pathways We Explore

Hospitality & Tourism • Education & Childcare • Healthcare & Wellness
Arts & Creative Industries • Marine & Environmental Sciences
Local Government & Public Service • Retail & Small Business

OUR REQUEST

\$25,000 – \$35,000

City of Fort Bragg Municipal Funding Request — Summer 2026

Total 2026 subsidy need: ~\$85,000 | Community fundraising + city partnership closes the gap.

In 2025 we raised \$40,000+ in community donations to help close the gap. Growing to as many as 150 campers—with approximately 75% needing financial assistance—a municipal partnership would help ensure the program remains affordable for Fort Bragg families.

What Your Investment Unlocks

40+

Subsidized
camp spots

150

Total kids
served (up to)

~\$315

Target cost
per camper/wk

11+

Local summer
jobs created

This is not a profit venture. Every dollar goes directly toward making camp accessible to working Fort Bragg families.

Working Families

75% of our families need financial assistance to send their kids to camp. Without subsidies, these children simply stay home. Your investment means parents can work knowing their kids are safe, active, and thriving.

Economic Impact

Camp Flockworks puts money directly into Fort Bragg's economy. 11+ local summer jobs created. Revenue for local partners including CV Starr Center, Gloriana Theater, and Noyo Food Forest. Working families supported — parents who can work because their kids have a safe, full-day program. Every dollar invested stays local.

Local Jobs

Camp Flockworks directly employs 11+ Fort Bragg residents — many already working in our after-school programs. Summer camp gives them full-time hours and stable income during months when other work dries up.

Investment in Our Youth

Mendocino County has some of the highest rates of Adverse Childhood Experiences in California. Safe, structured, enriching summers are proven to build the resilience that buffers childhood trauma — reducing long-term costs to families, schools, and the community. Every summer a Fort Bragg child spends safe, connected, and creative is an investment in who they become — and in the kind of community we all share.

Every child deserves a summer that changes them.

Fort Bragg families are counting on programs like this one. With your support, we can serve 150 kids this summer, keep prices affordable, create local jobs, and build something this community can be proud of for years to come.

We respectfully request \$25,000 – \$35,000 in municipal support.

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