

LIGHTING THE WAY WITH FOOD AND PLAY

2025 Retreat Agenda

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, October 16

- 1:00 – 2:00 PM** **Registration**
Corque Hotel, 400 Alisal Rd, Solvang
- 2:00 – 5:00 PM** **Conference**
- 6:00 – 8:00 PM** **Dinner at Firestone Walker Barrelworks**
620 McMurray Rd, Buellton
Transportation provided, see full agenda for details
- 8:30 – 10:00 PM** **Optional Evening Activities**

Friday, October 17

- 7:00 – 8:30 AM** **Breakfast Buffet Begins**
Optional Walk Around Solvang
- 8:30 AM – 12:15 PM** **Conference**
- 12:15 – 1:15 PM** **Lunch Buffet**
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM** **Breakout Sessions by Position**
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM** **Afternoon Sessions at Vega Vineyards**
9496 Santa Rosa Rd, Buellton
Transportation provided, see full agenda for details
- 6:00 – 9:00 PM** **Dinner and Dancing at Vega Vineyards**

Saturday, October 18

- 7:00 – 8:30 AM** **Breakfast Grab-and-Go**
Optional Walk Around Solvang
- 9:00 – 11:45 AM** **Self-Driven Tour Rotations**
Oak Valley Elementary: 595 2nd St, Buellton
Santa Ynez Botanic Garden: 151 Sycamore Dr, Buellton
Zaca Center Preschool: 27 Six Flags Cir, Buellton
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch-to-Go and Continuing Education Certificates in the Park**
151 Sycamore Dr, Buellton

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

Corque Hotel, 400 Alisal Rd, Solvang, CA 93463

CONFERENCE BEGINS AT 2:00 PM

2:00 – 2:10 PM	Welcome Video
2:10 – 2:20 PM	Welcome from Catherine Brozowski , <i>Audacious Foundation</i>
2:20 – 3:30 PM	SESSION: Play With Your Food! Presented by Chef Bethany Markee, <i>Apples to Zucchini</i>
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Break
3:45 – 5:00 PM	SESSION: The Playful Mind – Where Thinking Begins Presented by Tom “Teacher Tom” Hobson

DINNER AND EVENING ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

5:30 PM	Buses Leave to Firestone Walker Barrelworks 620 McMurray Rd, Buellton, CA 93427
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Buses Leave to Corque Hotel
8:30 – 10:00 PM	After-Dinner Optional Activities – choose one The Maverick Open Mic Night / Solvang Escape Room / Ghost Story Tour / Sleep!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet at Corque Hotel OPTIONAL: Fitness Walk Around Solvang from 7:00 – 7:45 AM
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CONFERENCE BEGINS AT 8:30 AM

8:30 – 8:40 AM	Welcome from Wendy Read , <i>Audacious Foundation</i>
8:40 – 9:00 AM	Remarks from Michelle Robertson , <i>First 5 Santa Barbara County</i>
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Best Practice Videos & Voting for 2025 Winners
9:30 – 10:45 AM	SESSION: Raising Changemakers – Nurturing Voice, Values, and Vision Presented by Jenna Janzen & Jessica Derby, <i>Patagonia</i>
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SESSION: Nourishing Through Play – Reconnecting with Food and Your Inner Child Presented by Mary Galindo, <i>Rooted Santa Barbara</i>
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Q&A with Nancy Weiss & Mary Galindo
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch Buffet at Corque Hotel

BREAKOUT SESSIONS BEGIN AT 1:30 PM

GROUP 1 & 2 BREAKOUT SESSIONS AT CORQUE

1:30 - **Red Group: Matching the Developmental**

2:30 PM **Benefits of Play with PTKLFs**

Presented by Phoebe Ball & Loriann
Mastromarino, *Hollister School*

Yellow Group: A Visible Leader

Presented by Beth Rizo

Buses to Vega Vineyards

2:30 PM 9496 Santa Rosa Rd
Buellton, CA 93427

GROUP 3 & 4 BREAKOUT SESSIONS AT VEGA

1:30 PM **Buses to Vega Vineyards**

9496 Santa Rosa Rd
Buellton, CA 93427

2:00 - **Blue Group: Reawakening to Wonder -**

3:00 PM **The Playful Pathway to Well-being**

Presented by Heather Fox & Kirsten
Haugen, *Nature Explore*

**Green Group: Getting People On Board
and Outside**

Presented by Michelle Robertson,
First 5 Santa Barbara County

ALL CONVENE AT VEGA VINEYARDS BY 3:00 PM

3:00 - 3:30 PM **Snack Break**

3:30 - 4:30 PM **Colleague Circles - choose one**

Risky Messy Play / What Keeps Me Up at Night / Finding Substitutes & Retaining Staff
Leveraging Community Partnerships / Family Engagement / Food & Garden Ideas

4:30 - 4:45 PM **Break**

4:45 - 5:45 PM **Personal Time and Breakout Sessions - choose one**

Mindfulness Meditation / Tractor Ride & Games on the Lawn / Learn to Line Dance
Independent Journaling & Drawing / Unwind with Wine

6:00 - 7:00 PM **Farm to Table Dinner**

7:00 - 9:00 PM **DJ Darla and Dancing**

Buses Back to Corque Hotel Run From 8:00 - 9:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 - 8:30 AM **Breakfast Grab and Go at Corque Hotel**

OPTIONAL: Fitness Walk Around Solvang from 7:00 - 7:45 AM

9:00 - 11:45 AM **Self-Driven Tour Rotations**

Tours start at 9, 10, and 11 AM and last 45 minutes each. Groups are assigned.

Group A: Oak Valley Elementary → Santa Ynez Botanic Garden → Zaca Center Preschool

Group B: Zaca Center Preschool → Oak Valley Elementary → Santa Ynez Botanic Garden

Group C: Santa Ynez Botanic Garden → Zaca Center Preschool → Oak Valley Elementary

Addresses - OVE: 595 2nd St / SYBG: 151 Sycamore Dr / ZCP: 27 Six Flags Cir

LUNCH-TO-GO IN THE PARK BEGINS AT 12:00 PM

151 Sycamore Drive, Buellton CA 93427

Continuing Education Certificates to be Distributed