

LIGHTING THE WAY WITH HOPE, WONDER & PLAY

2026 Retreat Agenda

TK Group

October 22 – 24, 2026

Allegretto Vineyard Hotel

2700 Buena Vista Dr, Paso Robles, 93446

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, October 22

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| 4:00 – 5:00 PM | TK Registration |
| 5:15 – 9:00 PM | Welcome Reception, Dinner, and DJ |

Friday, October 23

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| 7:00 – 8:30 AM | Breakfast |
| 8:30 – 12:15 PM | Conference |
| 12:15 – 1:15 PM | Lunch |
| 1:15 – 3:30 PM | Conference |
| 3:30 – 4:45 PM | Go Play! Explore the Allegretto Vineyard Resort |
| 5:00 – 9:30 PM | Dinner and Tours of Sensorio |
- Buses load from 4:45 – 5:00 PM and return from 7:45 – 9:30 PM

Saturday, October 24

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| 7:00 – 8:30 AM | Breakfast |
| 8:45 – 12:00 PM | TK Self-Driven Center Tour Rotations |
| | Marie Bauer Early Education Center |
| | Cuesta College North Campus Children's Center |
| 12:00 PM | Lunch at Barney Schwartz Park |

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

TK REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 4:00 PM	
Allegretto Vineyard Hotel	
EVENING PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5:15 PM	
5:15 – 6:15 PM	Welcome Reception
6:15 – 9:00 PM	Dinner and DJ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet at Allegretto Vineyard Hotel
CONFERENCE BEGINS AT 8:30 AM	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Welcome Video and Remarks from Catherine Brozowski
9:00 – 10:15 AM	SESSION: Little Humans. Big Leadership. Presented by Katya Armistead
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 12:15 PM	SESSION: Active Playful Learning: Where the Science of Learning Meets Education In and Out of School Presented by Kathy Hirsh-Pasek
12:15 – 1:15 PM	Lunch Buffet at Allegretto Vineyard Hotel
1:15 – 1:45 PM	Michelle Robertson
1:45 – 2:15 PM	SESSION: HOPE & Advocacy in Santa Barbara County Presented by Lori Lander Goodman
2:15 – 3:30 PM	Best Practices: Videos, Colleague Circles, and Voting
3:30 – 4:45 PM	Go Play! Explore the Allegretto Vineyard Resort
EVENING PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5:00 PM	
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Buses Leave for Sensorio (Buses leave promptly at 5:00 PM)
5:45 – 6:45 PM	Buffet Dinner at Sensorio
6:45 – 9:30 PM	Sensorio Experience
7:45 – 9:30 PM	Buses Return to Allegretto Vineyard Hotel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00 – 8:30 AM

Breakfast Buffet at Allegretto Vineyard Hotel

SELF-GUIDED CENTER TOURS BEGIN

Marie Bauer Early Education Center Address: 1626 Vine St., Paso Robles, 93446

Cuesta College North Campus Children's Center Address: Dallons Dr., Building N4000, Paso Robles 93446

NOTE: Please refer to the map and directions provided. Apple and Google Maps are incorrect.

8:45 – 9:00 AM

Travel to Marie Bauer

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Marie Bauer Tour & Session

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Travel to Cuesta North Campus

10:30 – 11:45 AM

Cuesta North Campus Tour & Session

TRAVEL TO BARNEY SCHWARTZ PARK FROM 11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

2790 Union Rd., Paso Robles, 93446

Follow the arrows and enter at first driveway. Proceed uphill to parking lot for Lake Picnic Area.

BAGGED LUNCH IN BARNEY SCHWARTZ PARK AT 12:00 PM

CENTER TOUR SESSIONS:

Marie Bauer Early Education Center

Session: Play, Purpose, and Progress: Fostering Inclusive Practices in TK

About the Presenter:

Heather Wahlberg serves as Director of Early Childhood Education for Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, where she supports the district's Transitional Kindergarten programs, oversees the preschool assessment team, and leads the Marie Bauer Early Education Center—a fully inclusive preschool. Marie Bauer has served as a model of innovative inclusive practices, providing districts with sensible solutions, practical frameworks, and measurable results. Heather brings a rich background in Early Childhood Education, Special Education, and Child Development. She has worked in the field of Early Childhood for 25 years in a variety of roles supporting students and families. Her diverse experience fuels her passion for creating inclusive, high-quality learning environments for young children.



Cuesta College North Campus Children's Center

Session: Playing to Learn, Learning to Grow: The Heart of the New TK Ed Code

About the Presenter:

Madelyn Chevalier is the Director at Cuesta College Children's Center, where she began as an intern in 2011 and later served as an assistant and lead teacher. A Cuesta alum, she earned her bachelor's at Cal Poly and her master's in Child Development from the University of La Verne, with additional training in outdoor environments, risky play, reflective supervision, and respectful caregiving. She loves that no two days with children are alike: one day might hold dragons and pirates, and another growing crystals and reading Shel Silverstein. Her favorite book to read with children is *The Book with No Pictures*. Away from work, she's training for her next triathlon and hoping to hike the Grand Canyon rim to rim someday.

