

## Tom Sawyer Camps History Timeline

<b>1926 through 1941</b>	Tom Sawyer Camp (TSC) was founded by William and Al Schleicher in Laguna Beach, as a summer resident camp for boys. Due to World War II, TSC had to move from its beach location.
<b>1942 &amp; 1943</b>	The Schleicher brothers moved TSC to Mammoth Lakes and operated it for two summers. From the beginning in 1926 through this time period the camp remained a summer resident boy's camp.
<b>1944</b>	Tom Sawyer Camp moves to the Oak Grove Park and changes to a day camp format. They operate under a letter agreement with the Pasadena Water and Power Department (PWP). This agreement gives them the non-exclusive use of the park area and the flood control basin.
<b>1944 through 1952</b>	Tom Sawyer Camp used the Oak Grove Park area, which included the equestrian riding ring, during the June, July and August summer months. Horses were owned by TSC and stabled in the adjacent area of La Canada Flintridge. During the school year they were stabled with private parties in their Homes for Horses program.
<b>September 8, 1952</b>	The City, in a letter agreement, gives Rose Bowl Riders a permit for non-exclusive use of a riding ring located in the northern portion of Oak Grove Park. Horses may not be stabled within the park.
<b>1952 through 1969</b>	The riding ring continues to be used by TSC, as well as Rose Bowl Riders. The City has designated this area for equestrian use with no group having exclusive use.
<b>September 24, 1968</b>	The City Lease Agreement No. 7715, gives the County of Los Angeles a 25 year lease for the improvement, operation and maintenance of the Oak Grove Park. The leased area does not include the 30 acres that is sold to MWD in 1970. TSC continues to operate the summer camp in the Oak Grove Park area under an agreement with LA County Department of Parks and Recreation, and in the flood control basin under an agreement with PWP.
<b>January 1969</b>	A lease is drafted by the City for the use of the equestrian facilities, by Rose Bowl Riders, on the 3.36 acres as described and surveyed, and shown on an attached map of the draft lease. This proposed lease was not completed prior to the sale by the City, of the facilities and property, to the Metropolitan Water District.
<b>January, 1970</b>	Tom Sawyer Camp is incorporated and becomes Tom Sawyer Camps, Inc. As one of the pioneers in youth camping in Southern California, TSC is actively involved in and accredited by the American Camp Association as well as a member of the Western Association of Independent Camps.
<b>July 7, 1970</b>	Pasadena concludes the sale of 29.48 acres of dedicated Oak Grove Park property in the Arroyo Seco to MWD, including the equestrian facilities. The site is to be used for a water treatment plant; which will be of great benefit to Pasadena and neighboring water agencies and except for the Los Angeles County Fire Camp, would displace the

	current users. The property zoning is changed to R-1. The City wide zoning system is changed in 1985 and the property zoning is changed to Open Space.
<b>November 1, 1970</b>	MWD negotiates a year to year lease with Rose Bowl Riders for an expanded area of 12.09 acres, which includes the equestrian facilities located on 3.36 acres. This expanded area includes common areas (roads & trails) and an area used by El Toro (rock & sand) Materials Company in the northeast corner.
<b>1974</b>	Tom Sawyer Camps, Inc is purchased by Michael and Sally Horner from Bill Schleicher's family following his death. TSC continues to keep its horses adjacent to the park at the Flintridge Riding Club. They continue the Homes for Horses program.
<b>1980</b>	Tom Sawyer Camps moves its horse program to RBR and uses a temporary corral/stable, north of the RBR enclosed stables. By the mid 1980's they begin to lease horses during the summer camp period and send their horses to pasture in the Sierra Nevada central foothills for the school year.
<b>1988 ~ 1990</b>	The TSC Operations and Site Manager stays in a camper during the summer. They build a large split corral/stable south of the RBR stables. TSC keeps 12-14 of its horses in the corral/stable during the school year and starts an After School Riding Program.
<b>1991</b>	A mobile home is moved to the area sub-leased from RBR as a year-round residence for their Operations and Site Manager who provides security and other help to RBR in addition to caring for TSC's horses. The Horner family with a partner purchase a majority interest in Catalina Island Camps, a resident camp that was founded in 1926.
<b>September 1993</b>	The Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation lease of the Oak Grove Park is terminated. The operation and maintenance of the park is taken over by the City. TSC continues their operation under a letter agreement with PWP for the park and flood control basin areas.
<b>March 3, 1995</b>	The City grants non-exclusive use of what is now known as Hahamongna Watershed Park (HWP) to TSC under a Permit Agreement. HWP includes both the Oak Grove Area and the Flood Control Basin. Under this Permit Agreement, TSC provides, in addition to a fee paid, thirteen Camperships for economically disadvantaged residents of Pasadena.
<b>June 1995 through 1997</b>	For three years, TSC hosts the American Camping Association's yearly Camp Staff Training. Camp program staff and counselors with cities, parks and private groups from the region, spend a day in HWP. The outstanding training TSC gives their counselors, frequently bring them back year after year.
<b>September 1996</b>	TSC starts a unique After School Social Skills program called BLAST. This program teaches essential behavior skills and increases a child's self-confidence in social situations. The program includes horseback riding and the use of the RBR clubhouse.

<b>Summer 1997</b>	TSC starts a summer camp program at Arcadia County park in Arcadia by permit with Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation. The horse program for this location is conducted at a private facility in Bradbury.
<b>July, 1998</b>	Under the City Permit Agreement, the thirteen Camperships provided for each of the past three years is increased to twenty two Camperships. TSC, as a sub-lessee to the RBR lease with MWD, enters into a Mutual Benefit Agreement with RBR. This includes a list of responsibilities for each. A leaching pit is constructed for the mobile home septic system used by their Operations and Site Manager as a year-round residence.
<b>December, 1998</b>	The Pasadena City Council, with the recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Commission, approved a motion to pursue the purchase of the 30 acre MWD property.
<b>July 21, 1999</b>	There is a special meeting of the Pasadena City Council with County Supervisor, Michael Antonovich to discuss Hahamongna Watershed Park planning and the purchase of the MWD property.
<b>October 1999</b>	Pasadena informs MWD a long-term lease would be an acceptable alternative, if it was not possible to purchase the property at this time.
<b>August 22, 2000</b>	Director of Parks and Natural Resources, Robert Baderian sends a letter to Rose Bowl Riders; "As previously discussed with you and Mr. Michael Horner of Tom Sawyer camp by our City Manager Ms. Cynthia Kurtz, the City of Pasadena if successful with lease negotiations with MWD is not intending to displace the current lease holders which includes the Rose Bowl Riders...."
<b>June 4, 2002</b>	Under the City Permit Agreement, the twenty two Camperships provided for each of the past four years, is increased to twenty seven Camperships for any of their camp locations.
<b>January 11, 2005</b>	The Asset Management Committee recommends to the MWD Board, to enter into a sale agreement, rather than a long term lease. Subsequently the MWD Board agrees to sell the property.
<b>April 25, 2005</b>	The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy passed a resolution in support of preservation of the 30 acre property zoned as Open Space in perpetuity, consistent with the stated plans of the City.
<b>August 9, 2005</b>	The Director of Public Works receives two copies of the escrow documents, including sale agreement, for signatures. Terms of the Sale Agreement include a Permanent Open-Space Easement "to retain the Property for use solely for open-space, park and recreational purposes." Agreed to purchase price is for \$1,236,000
<b>November 2, 2005</b>	The Purchase and Sale Agreement for the MWD property closes escrow. The USFS month to month lease is terminated with MWD. The existing leases to L.A. County Fire Camp and Rose Bowl Riders are transferred to the City of Pasadena as owner of the property.