



# The House of Germany

## Kinderwerkstatt

Children's Workshop

**Ein deutsches (immersion) Sprach- und Kulturprogramm für Kinder und Jugendliche**

A German immersion Language and Cultural Program for Children and Adolescents

**Lern die Sprache durch tolle Aktivitäten wie zum Beispiel Lieder, Geschichten, Musik, Spiele, Basteln und mehr!**

**Tauch in die deutsche Sprache und Kultur ein!**

Learning German with many different activities such as: songs, games, stories, and crafts and much more! Jump into the German language, traditions, and culture!

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**“Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going.” – Rita Mae Brown**

## What is the House of Germany?

The House of Germany is a German Cultural Club. We are a non-profit organization preserving and fostering the German heritage, traditions, language and culture in San Diego. Our goal is to share all things German with our community and to create a - German home for all Germans in San Diego. The House of Germany is part of the House of Pacific Relations (the international cottages of Balboa Park). As a part of our charter with the House of Pacific Relations we provide certain cultural activities supporting the Greater San Diego Community. A few of these activities include putting on a Lawn Program in Balboa Park once a year, we support a Queen and a Princess who represent Germany in the Charitable Queens Club of the House of Pacific Relations, we also support the House of Germany Choir, we offer a German Kaffeeklatsch and run the German Language School - the Kinderwerkstatt. As a member you are invited to participate in any and all of these activities, and come to our annual Spring and Winter Concert Luncheons. Each member is expected to volunteer to host in the cottage at least once a year and the children are expected to perform at the Winter Luncheon Concert. In order to have our participants insured, one or two adults per household need to be a member of the House of Germany.

## German Immersion at a glance

- ✓ Songs, games and stories in German
- ✓ Arts and Crafts
- ✓ Physical activities
- ✓ Thematic lessons
- ✓ German geography
- ✓ Science - Sachkunde
- ✓ Interactive and hands-on activities
- ✓ German grammar
- ✓ German literature and fairy tales
- ✓ Fill-in the blank and independent writing

## Parent Involvement

We strongly believe in a collaborative partnership between the teachers of the Kinderwerkstatt, the House of Germany and you, the parent. Upon request, parents of participating students will receive lesson plans, homework and conference time to discuss language and academic skills. The Kinderwerkstatt team is available to offer support, suggest additional materials, and guidance to parents who have questions about raising multi-cultural and bi-lingual children.

## Mission and Philosophy

The Kinderwerkstatt (children's workshop) was founded in 1997 by a group of parents who wanted to encourage and foster bi-literacy in their children by involving them in a program entirely in the German language. Our mission is to provide a full German immersion program to children at various competency levels. The program is designed to advance German language capabilities in a stimulating, challenging and fun learning environment. By offering small group sizes, we offer a rich learning experience in which all children are encouraged to question, experiment with, interact as well as experience success in the German language. We instruct children ranging in age from 4 to 18 years of age, in ability based groups. Should there be sufficient demand, we also offer a beginning German class in September.

## Membership and Dues

The Kinderwerkstatt is operated by the House of Germany, which is part of the House of Pacific Relations International Cottages, Inc.. One or both parents need to be a member of the House of Germany in order for your child to enroll. Active House of Germany membership entails that all children and students participate at the annual Winter Holiday Luncheon and all that all parents host at least one Sunday a year (per child) in the Balboa Park House of Germany Cottage and that they volunteer at either the Lawn Program or during the Balboa Park December Nights. The annual enrollment fee is \$500. - for the first child and \$350. - for each additional child in a family. This fee includes a House of Germany membership which covers

the insurance necessary for each student to be insured during all of our HoG activities, registration costs and materials fee - excluding textbooks (which may be bought or borrowed), and performance participation at the annual Holiday Winter Luncheon.

Registration is due before the first day of class. We also have a limited scholarship fund for families with qualifying income.

The school year begins after Labor Day and ends before Memorial Day with a commencement picnic occurring on the third Saturday in May.

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