



*A Brief History of Beeplanet
How Laura Berk became Ms. Laura*

*For me “Beeplanet” began when I had my
daughter Genna back in 1991.*

*Having had an extensive career in the
Fashion business, graduating with a BA
in International Affairs in Paris, France;*

*I never realized how much I missed
playing, painting, being outdoors until
Genna, my daughter, reawakened my own
sleepy, inner-child.*

Learning from the best

I returned to my roots in the “Expressive Arts” and received my Teaching Certificate in 1993 from the Montgomery Center, in Maryland; Apprenticed at Ms. Claudia’s and then in 1995, I ran my first Enrichment program called “Into the Woods” in Potomac, Maryland. Moving back to California in 1997, to be with my sister, who did not survive Ovarian Cancer, I continued on to receive my Masters Degree in Spiritual Psychology in 1999. I wrote my thesis for “Huckleberry’s Expressive Arts Program for Young Children” which I brought to Seven Arrow’s, “Little Dolphins Preschool” in the Pacific Palisades.

Nature

has always been the main inspiration behind my work.

*Having found the beautiful Temescal Canyon,
I was now able to grow my dream. Seven
Arrow's enrichment program provided a
perfect match allowing me to create and
be independent; but also provided an
umbrella, that included me within a very
loving community. This relationship lasted well*

*over 10 years until Seven Arrows moved out of the Park.
Beeplanet in the summer of 2007, stayed on its own in
Temescal Canyon.*



*Beeplanet created many new Friendships,
Programs, and Festivals.*

New Relationships grew between Beeplanet and the MRCA, Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce, The Palisades Mother Group and the Palisades/Malibu YMCA. These new relationships allowed Beeplanet Toddler Classes, Beeplanet Summer Camp, and Beeplanet Drop-Off Programs all to expand. Beeplanet's Birthday Parties, and Beeplanet Lecture Series also grew in support of the needs of the community. In 2009, A new bridge was established allowing Beeplanet to create two new Festivals: Earthday, April 2009 and Toddlerfest, October 2009 both focused primarily on bringing families together in a safe, appropriate, toddler environment surrounded by nature.





I am Grateful

As a parent and child educator, I am so grateful that after all these years in Temescal Canyon Park that my dreams to create and keep alive my passion for learning have come true. I look forward to sharing more as the future of Beeplanet evolves in to the next chapter.

Until then, you are always welcome to visit Beeplanet.

We are waiting for you!

Ms. Laura

Credentials

Laura Berk (Ms. Laura)

From 1997-2009 Early Childhood Educator and Parent and Me Facilitator.

M.A. in Spiritual Psychology; Certified Parent Coach;

Developed "Beeplanet's Expressive Arts/Music/Community" Program;

B.A. in International Relations, Paris.

Proud mother to Genna a UCLA Freshman and Dancer;

and

Devoted to Toblerone, Toby, the famous, chocolate, Dachshund dog.