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In this town kids have all the fun—and why shouldn't they? Here are the best places for them to hang ten, build robots, score threads, and connect with their inner chef **PLUS:** A chat with *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl's* Abigail Breslin



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DO YOUR CHILDREN INSIST ON cave-aged Gruyère in their grilled cheese, or dress up their Cheerios with mission figs? Take the next step in their culinary training at **CHEFMAKERS COOKING ACADEMY**, where toddlers and teens learn everything from the connection between taste and smell to how to roast a chicken. In the Wolf- and Sub-Zero-stocked kitchen, three- to five-year-olds discover that sugar and salt only look the same and make snickerdoodles after reading "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." Older kids are taught how to pack their own lunches and prepare healthy dinners, like pasta primavera, pizza margherita, or ten-vegetable soup. There's a five-to-one ratio of students to staff, and "Mommy and Me" (or Daddy or Grandma) programs are available for kids needing more supervision. Classes come in packages or individually—just in case Timmy's cooking infatuation doesn't last as long as his fireman phase. » 872 N. Via de la Paz, Pacific Palisades, 310-459-9444; 451 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach, 310-545-9111; or chefmakers.com.