

CAMP YU-CHI INFORMATION LETTER SUMMER 2009



Greetings from the Camp Yu-Chi staff!! We are looking forward to spending a week of exploration, discovery, fun and excitement with your child. We would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with our camp program and provide you with some information which should help make your child's camp week a special one.

SCHEDULE: Camp runs Monday through Friday, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 5:15 p.m. Please send a healthy sack lunch with your child for an active schedule on for all days except Friday because we get lots of exercise at camp- hiking, swimming and playing lots of active games. Healthy foods such as carrots, celery sticks, yogurt and fruits will really help keep your child going! Mondays normally will be spent in camp at Youth Park. Tuesdays and Thursdays we will take Rosie the Trolley and spend the day swimming at the Finley Aquatic Complex. On most Wednesdays we will be traveling by Laidlaw bus on different exciting field trips to a variety of local destinations. Friday is a special day as we enjoy a BBQ lunch prepared by the campers themselves (your children will not need to bring a lunch on Fridays), and prepare for Parents' Afternoon Theater! Each day the children are dropped off and picked up in the west end of the Youth Community Park parking lot (next to the restrooms and picnic area). Youth Community Park is located at 1700 Fulton Road, across from Piner High School. **Please be prompt with all drop off/pick up times. We will be enforcing a \$5.00 late fee for every 15 minutes you are late in picking up your child.**



MONDAY MORNING CHECK-IN: Please allow a few minutes on Monday morning to check-in your child. Monday is the only day that this is necessary. We need to set your child up with her/his assigned group, confirm emergency information and your child's counselor will have a few questions to ask parents directly. Please make sure to check your child into his/her counselor in person, each day. And for your child's safety, **PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN RUN UNATTENDED THROUGH THE PARKING LOT!**

EXTENDED HOURS: For those parents who prefer longer hours, we offer Extended Hours Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., when our regular camp day begins. There is an additional \$45.00 fee for this service. **You must register one week in advance for the extended hours service.**

REQUEST A FRIEND: You may request to be grouped with a friend, however, in order for requests to be considered **BOTH campers must request each other at the time of registration. We will do our best to accommodate one request, but we cannot guarantee it.** In an effort to reduce the hectic nature of Monday morning registration, we will only honor requests that have been made in advance. We do ask that the children be of similar ages (within a year of each other). If you would like to make a request after you have registered your child, call the Recreation Department at least a week in advance (543-3282) and we will add this information to your child's enrollment form.

PARENT'S AFTERNOON PROGRAM: You are invited to our **Parent's Night Program on Friday at 4:00 p.m.** This exciting activity gives the children a creative chance to show their parents and friends what they have been doing during the week. Please meet at the picnic tables by the gazebo until your children escort you to the campfire area. **The program begins promptly at 4:00p.m.** If you bring younger brothers or sisters to the program, please keep them on your laps while the program is in progress. After the program, the campers have time to give you a tour of the camp and introduce you to the staff. Camp ends after the Parent's program, but care will continue to be provided until 5:15pm for parents who were unable to attend.

SWIM DAYS: We will swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 - 4:15 p.m. at the Finley Aquatic Complex. The pool has two swim areas that are designated for the campers: one area for beginners and one for intermediate/advanced. *For the safety of your child and others, each camper's swim skills will be tested the first day and they will be placed in the appropriate pool according to their swimming abilities. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's swim test, please contact Ryan Shepherd at 543-3428.* Please inform your child's counselor of any swimming requests or restrictions your child may have. (Note: flotation devices are not allowed at Finley).

LOST AND FOUND: As we all know, children occasionally lose track of their belongings. We help out as best we can, but with 60 campers it can be quite an adventure. We ask that you label **everything** your child brings to camp with cloth name-tags, puffy paints, indelible ink, etc., including backpacks, duffle bags, towels, sunscreen, lunch bags, etc. Please do not send anything valuable such as electronic games or portable radio/CD players to camp. We highly discourage any valuables including POKEMON cards. There will be an on-site lost and found. If necessary, please see the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director for assistance. Any items left over three weeks will be donated to a non-profit organization or thrown away.

PHOTOS: Rec & Parks staff reserve the right to photograph activities and program participants for potential promotional use. All photos will remain property of Rec & Parks and may be used for publicity or promotional purposes only. If anyone in your family should not be photographed, contact the Camp Coordinator at 543-3428.

“BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT”: Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for each child involved at Camp Yu-Chi. We are committed to your child and will do all that we can to help them have a good experience. We do reserve the right, however, to remove a child from the camp program if their behavior becomes too disruptive. If your child has a potential behavior problem that we can assist with or should be aware of, please inform us at least one week in advance. Contact the Camp Coordinator at the Recreation Department (543-3428). It would also be helpful to speak with your child's Camp Counselor when you check in on Monday morning.

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST: If you or your child has a **special** need or accommodation request, please contact the Camp Coordinator at the Recreation Department (543-3428) at least one week prior to the camp. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

TAX ID NUMBER: To write off your day care expenses, please save your receipt and use the Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks tax ID number: **#94-6000428**.

REFUND POLICY: Please note the Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks Department refund policy. A 25% cancellation fee will be charged if request is received less than 7 days prior to the start of camp. No refunds will be issued once the camp session has begun.

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Everyday

- ___ **closed-toe shoes**, tennis shoes, hiking boots (no sandals, please!)
- ___ bag lunch *except Fridays*. . . (**label!!!**)
- ___ sweatshirt or sweater (**label!!**)
- ___ sunscreen (please apply to your child prior to drop off at camp.)

Tuesday and Thursday (Note: Flotation devices are not allowed at the Finley Aquatic Complex)

- ___ swim suit (**label!!!**)
- ___ towel (**label!!!**)
- ___ sunscreen (On swim days campers will be given reminders to apply their own sunscreen. **Staff is not responsible for sunscreen application.**)



Any information that is unique or necessary for special activities or field trips will be sent home Monday afternoon with your camper.

Please label all items!