



SUMMER DAZE AT CAMP WA-TAM 2021 PARENT INFORMATION LETTER



GREETINGS FROM THE SUMMER DAZE AT CAMP WA-TAM STAFF! We look forward to 4 days of exploration, discovery, fun and excitement with your child. To help us make help make your child's camp week a special one, please read the following program information.

BEFORE COMING TO CAMP: Parents and participants must perform a self-conducted health screening by taking their temperature and ensuring that they do not have a fever of 100°F or higher. They must also ensure that they do not have symptoms that the CDC has indicated as COVID-19 related. If any of the below symptoms are present, **DO NOT** bring the participant to camp: unusual or new headache in last 24 hours, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, tingling or numbness, coughing, fever, chills, throat, feeling achy, difficulty breathing, nausea or vomiting.

SCHEDULE: Monday - Thursday camp runs 8:30am – 5pm. Please send a healthy sack lunch with your child each day because campers get lots of exercise while hiking, doing archery, playing games and canoeing! Campers will not be allowed to share food. We also request that you send a sturdy water bottle as we will not be using drinking fountains or cups for hydration.

MONDAY MORNING CHECK-IN: Check in for Summer Daze at Camp Wa-tam will be held in the upper parking lot in Howarth Park and begins at 8:30am. Howarth Park is located on Summerfield Road between Montgomery and Sonoma Avenues. Please be prompt with all drop off/pick up times. On Monday, parents park their vehicle, and campers get their temperature taken and answer health screening questions, then check-in at the Director's Table by "Mr. Pipe" in the back-right corner of the upper parking lot (near the train tracks). You will be assigned to a group and proceed to meet with your group's staff who will collect important information. Please allow a few extra minutes on Monday morning to check-in as we need to administer our COVID screening, confirm emergency information, and your child's counselor will have a few questions to ask you directly. All groups will be adequately spaced to ensure social distancing and we are asking that all parents and campers wear face masks during check in.

ACCOMODATION 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 your camp session. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate your request.

LOST AND FOUND: 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 cell phones to camp. 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 two weeks will be donated to a non-profit organization or thrown away.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT: Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for every camper. 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 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 is also necessary to speak with your child's Camp Counselor when you check in on Monday morning.

REQUEST A FRIEND: You may request to be grouped with one friend. For requests to be considered, **BOTH campers must request each other, and campers must be within one year of age of each other. We will do our best to accommodate one request, but we cannot guarantee it. We can only honor requests that have been made in advance.** If you would like to make a request after you have registered your child, call 543-3282 at least a week in advance, and we will add this information to your child's enrollment form.

RAINY DAY: Summer Daze Wa-Tam will be cancelled in the event of rain, and prorated refunds will be issued for any full day of camp missed because of weather.



THINGS TO BRING: Everyday, campers need to bring their own masks, should wear sturdy tennis shoes (please no open-toe shoes!) and bring along a sweatshirt or sweater. Also, a sack lunch should be brought every day. Please be sure to apply sunscreen to your child **PRIOR** to drop off at camp as our activities primarily take place outdoors.

SWIM DAY: We currently have approval from the county to begin swimming at Spring Lake Lagoon on Thursday, July 1st (Week 3). We will swim that day and you will be reminded by staff to prepare. After week 3, the Spring Lake Swim Day will be every Tuesday. Please pack a swimsuit and towel for swim days. Please inform your child’s counselor of any swimming requests or restrictions your child may have. Also remember to apply and pack sunscreen with your child as swim days are full of fun under the sun! Finally- sandals are allowed at Spring Lake, but please make sure your child has closed toe shoes for the hike over.

REFUND POLICY: Please note our 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 after 7pm on the Thursday prior to camp.**

TAX ID NUMBER: To write off your daycare expenses, please save your receipt and use the Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Department Tax ID number: **#94-6000428.**

Guidelines to Protect Participants, Staff and Parents:

Children must bring and wear their own masks. We will be enforcing a maximum of 16 people including staff per group. Each group will be led by the same staff all week and will not intermingle with other groups or staff. Additionally, Summer Daze has chosen projects and games that can be implemented safely with COVID-19 precautions and sanitary measures firmly in place. We are closely following all State and County Guidelines to keep our staff and participants safe. These steps will create a lower risk environment for children, staff and parents. Please ask your Camp Director for a copy of our “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQs) or download them from our website for more details regarding preventative measures Summer Daze is taking to make your child’s experience a fun, safe and memorable one.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

Summer Daze at Camp Wa-Tam will do its best to ensure that safety guidelines set up by the State and County are followed to help facilitate an environment which reduces the risk of spread of COVID-19. However, the complete elimination of risk is not possible. Children must bring and wear their own masks.



THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP:

Every day

- Tennis shoes (no sandals)
- Lunch *-except Thursday-* (please label)
- Sweatshirt or sweater
- Sunscreen** (please apply to child prior to drop off at camp. * Staff are not responsible for the application of sunscreen)

Swim Day (Tuesday)

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- closed-toed shoes (no sandals)
- Sunscreen (please apply to child prior to drop off at camp, Staff are not responsible for the application of sunscreen)

Please label all items!

