

# SUMMER DAY CAMP HANDBOOK

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PROGRAM

2018



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Campers on Welcome Day, Summer 2017

# Town of Colma Recreation Services Department "Summer Fun in the Sun" Day Camp Handbook

June 18, 2018 - August 24, 2018

Sterling Park Recreation Center

427 F Street, Colma, CA 94014

650-991-3213 or recreation@colma.ca.gov

www.colma.ca.gov

For online registration go to apm.activecommunities.com/colmarecreation

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# <u>GENERAL</u> INFORMATION



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#### HOURS OF OPERATION

General program: Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Early Morning Care: Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 10:00am

Afternoon Care: Monday through Friday, 4:00pm to 6:00pm

#### **HOLIDAYS**

Closed in observance of Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4, 2018

#### AGE REQUIREMENTS

Children must be between the ages of 5 & 12 in order to participate in the program. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis to be determined by the Recreation Coordinator. Please contact Liz Tapia at 650-985-5691 for questions.

#### CAMPER/COUNSELOR RATIO

Ages 5 - 7 6 Campers to 1 Counselor

Ages 8 - 12 8 Campers to 1 Counselor

#### PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

- Parent/Guardian or designee must enter the facility to sign-in and sign-out their child.
- Children will not be allowed to leave the day camp program unless signed out by a parent or staff has obtained verbal or written authorization by a parent/guardian to leave the day camp program.
- Parent/Guardian or designee must be authorized to pick up camper as designated on the health information form.
- Parent/Guardian or designee may be required to present picture identification
   (Driver's license, government issued ID, or Colma ID) upon request.
- · Please contact us as soon as possible if you may be late for pick up.



# GENERAL INFORMATION (cont'd)

#### LATE PICK-UP POLICY

Parents/Guardians are asked to pick-up campers on time. The following policy will be followed for Parents/Guardians who show a pattern of arriving after our 6:00pm closing time.

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> WARNING: If late for 5 or more minutes
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> WARNING: If late 5 or more minutes
- ⇒ SESSION SUSPENSION: If consistently late after 2 warnings or late 15 MINUTES OR MORE without any prior notification your Child(ren) will be suspended for one session without refund.

#### **ADVENTURE FIELD TRIPS**

2018 field trips are as follows:

Santa Cruz: 6/27

Aqua Adventure: 7/11

Boomers: 7/25

Don Castro Lake: 8/8

Exploratorium: 8/22\*

Field Trips are set at a separate cost aside from the day camp program. Bus Transportation will be provided by a chartered bus company, which only uses licensed and trained drivers. Buses will always depart from the Sterling Park Recreation Center. In an effort to maximize the campers experience while on these field trips it is recommended that they bring a bagged lunch. There will be no General Session Day Camp or Extended Care available on Field Trip Days. (\*Please note we will use Public Transportation the Exploratorium)



# GENERAL INFORMATION (cont'd)

#### LOCAL TRIPS

Groups may walk or take public transportation to local outings that include bowling, swimming, movies, and other local attractions. More details will be given on the weekly calendar. These trips are included in the daily camp fees.

#### **CAMPER ATTIRE**

Campers must wear tennis shoes and socks. Open toe shoes are not permitted. On field trip days campers must wear the current year's camper t-shirt. Campers are welcome to wear their previous year's shirts on local field trip days.

#### **LUNCH PROGRAM**

Samaritan House provides free lunch and snacks to children from the dates of 6/18/18 to 8/24/18. Parents or guardians who wish for their child to participate in the program must indicate so prior to starting the program. Food program lunch will be provided from Mondays-Fridays as well as on field trip days.

#### **LOST & FOUND**

Please make sure that your child's name is on their lunchbox, backpack, sweaters, jackets, and all other personal belongings. We maintain a 'Lost and Found' where any left items from the program are held. Please check regularly for missing items. Items not claimed by the end of the summer program will be donated to the local donation collection.

#### COMMUNICATION

Please be sure to check the sign-in table for pertinent information and updates to the program. This information will be prominently displayed. We ask that you please look for and read this important information. Our staff will be available to help answer any questions you may have.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide quality recreation programs for your family. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to speak with a Senior Recreation Leader or contact us at (650)991-3213.



# ILNESSES & MEDICATION





Adventure Field Trip to Santa Cruz, 2017

### **ILLNESS & MEDICATION POLICY**

While we encourage campers to attend the "Summer Fun In The Sun" Day Camp program, an ill child will not perform well and may expose other participants in the program. Please use the following guidelines and **keep your child at home** if any of these symptoms are present:

- 1. Fever of 100 degrees or greater (before medication)
- 2. An undiagnosed rash
- 3. An earache or draining ear
- 4. Diarrhea or vomiting
- 5. Severe sore throat
- 6. Persistent or severe cough
- 7. Persistent or severe headache
- 8. Any known communicable disease
- 9. Evidence of head lice

If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or greater, they must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to the Day Camp program. A child also needs to be free of diarrhea for 24 hours prior to returning to the Day Camp program.

If your child is diagnosed with a **communicable disease**, please notify Day Camp staff immediately at 650-991-3213. Communicable diseases include chicken pox, Coxsackievirus (hand, foot, mouth disease), croup, Pertussis (whooping cough), pink eye, pinworms, impetigo, fifth disease, hepatitis, flu, measles, mumps, meningitis, strep throat, lice, ringworm, and scabies.

**MEDICATION** If your child(ren) requires medication throughout the day, please inform a Senior Recreation Leader. Parents must pick up and complete the medication form. This form will also need to be filled out by the child's health care provider/physician. Medication must be in the original bottle with **clear instructions**. **Prescriptions must have labels that clearly state child's name and dosage instructions**.

Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to keep our campers safe and healthy.



Summer Fun at Sterling Park, 2017

# BEHAVIOR

# POLICY



### **BEHAVIOR POLICY**

The Town of Colma Recreation Services Department Team strives to maintain a safe, fun, and wholesome environment for all our program participants. To ensure this environment, we have outlined basic rules and guidelines each camper must follow. Please discuss these rules with your child(ren) prior to his/her attending our programs and return the signature portion along with the Health Form on their first day of camp. We encourage you to keep this handbook and review these rules throughout summer.

- Campers must show respect for and abide by the instruction of staff and volunteers.
- 2. Fighting, pushing, or shoving is unacceptable behavior.
- Campers must be considerate of Town of Colma Recreation equipment and property of others.
- 4. Only appropriate language is acceptable. Foul language will not be tolerated.
- 5. Campers must stay with their assigned groups at all times.
- Stealing will not be tolerated. Campers who are caught stealing will be suspended from the day camp program.
- 7. All campers will help during clean up time.
- Possession of weapons, sharp objects, and other hazardous contraband will result in your child's immediate dismissal and suspension.
- Campers must walk, not run, inside our facilities, and during field trips and outings.
- 10. Toys, Trading cards, of any type are to be left at home. Any toys that are brought to camp will be collected and returned to parents during pick up. The Town of Colma will not be responsible for the loss of, damage to, or theft of any of these items.
- 11. The use of personal electronic devices (to include, but not limited to, all cellular phones, portable video games, iPod, etc.) are not permitted in the program. The Town of Colma will not be responsible for the storage, loss of, damage to, or theft of any of these devices.
- 12. Most Importantly, HAVE FUN!



### **DISCIPLINARY STEPS**

Failure to comply with the Behavior Policy will result in the following action:

- First Offense The Recreation Leader will discuss the unwanted behavior with the child and explain why it is unacceptable. If necessary, the parents/guardians will be notified.
- Second Offense The Recreation Leader will discuss the unwanted behavior with the child and the Recreation Coordinator; they will discuss how the unwanted behavior can be changed. If necessary, the parents/guardians will be notified.
- 3. Third Offense Should the child's unwanted behavior continue, the parents will be verbally notified and a disciplinary form will be given to the parent. The form will outline the behaviors and, if the unwanted behaviors persists, disciplinary steps will be taken. These steps will range from the child's suspension to dismissal from the program.
- 4. If the unwanted behavior creates an unsafe environment for other children, Town of Colma Recreation Services Department reserves the right to dismiss the child from the program immediately.

Every attempt will be made to work	with your child to redirect unwanted behave	vior, <b>however,</b>
repeated misbehavior or physical vi	olence towards other children or staff is no	ot acceptable. If
the unwanted behavior does not show improvement, rules/policies are continually being		
abused, or parent/guardian is unwi	lling or uncooperative towards finding a rea	asonable
solution, the child will be removed f	rom the program permanently.	
Your cooperation is greatly apprecia	ated. If you have any questions or concern	s please
contact one of the day camp staff o	on site.	
	the Day Camp Behavior Policy, and we are a	
Participant Name	Signature of Participant	Date
Parent/Guardian Name	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date



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