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Camp Creek Run

Summer Information

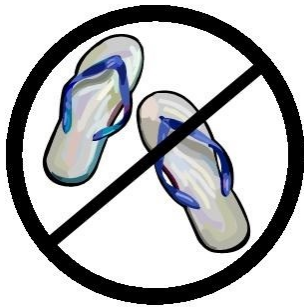


Welcome to Camp Creek Run!

Welcome to a summer of fun at Camp Creek Run! We hope that your time with us will be enjoyable. This newsletter will provide you with info for the summer. Please email CampCreekRun@gmail.com with any questions.

Tuition Payments & Scheduling Changes

Tuition is due in full by 4/1. There are NO refunds after April 1st. We will do our best to accommodate any schedule changes after this date, however a \$25/week per child administrative fee will apply. Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation! We are a small nonprofit organization, and your adherence to these policies helps us keep camp affordable and accessible for all.



NO FLIP FLOPS AT CAMP

Only shoes with a back are allowed at camp. This means no flip flops or slip-on shoes without a heel strap. The best shoe for ALL activities are cros with a back strap or sports sandals. These can both be used for sports, a walk in the woods, or even stream study! They are versatile, cool, and easy to change in and out of at the pool. Sneakers are acceptable but may be difficult for lower campers (K-2) to put on by themselves. Please send campers in footwear that is versatile and age appropriate.



Pick-up Permits & Extended Care Program

PLEASE NOTE: There is no extended care for campers entering Kindergarten.
These campers may be dropped off after 8am and must be picked up by 3:15pm.

Either 'Regular' pick-up permits OR 'Extended Care' pick-up permits authorizing you or a designated person to pick up your child at camp have been emailed. Please print out your permits and distribute them to those who will be picking up your camper. Write your camper's name and the grade they are entering in September in **BOLD BLOCK LETTERS** and place on the dashboard of your car, so that they are visible to staff at pick up. If your camper is NOT signed up for Extended Care and is picked up after 4pm on any day during the week, the entire weekly Extended Care cost will be charged. Please be prompt at pick up!

HEALTH FORMS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1ST

Health history form and immunization records, etc., should be updated in your Camp In Touch portal by 6/1. Campers may not start camp without these forms being complete. No forms may be brought with your camper on their first day. Please sign in to your Camp In Touch account to check your status. Email CampCreekRun@gmail.com w/ questions.

LUNCHES, SNACKS, and DRINKS

Pack a lunch and a snack for your camper every day. Your child's lunch should be packed in an insulated lunch sack with ice packs as needed. Please also pack a snack for a scheduled snack-time in the morning, and pack another for the afternoon as needed, especially if your child is staying for PM late stay. You should also pack a filled water bottle for your child every day as we do not sell beverages. Your camper can refill their water bottle at any of our water fountains around the camp.

PRESCRIPTION & OTC MEDICATION

If your child requires **prescription medication**, it must be in the original container accompanied by a **PHYSICIAN'S note or script** with dosage & directions, PLUS our camp "Prescription & OTC Medication Form", which you can download in our parent portal. If you would like over-the-counter medication to be administered to your child, provide it in original containers accompanied by the "Prescription & OTC Medication Form". Please bring this form with you to turn in to the nurse on your camper's first day. Don't forget to also obtain a doctor's note for any prescription medications! Do not drop off medication to anyone other than our nurse, who arrives at 7am on the first day, and 8:30 for the rest of the summer.

Camp Policies - the short list!

The following list, although not exhaustive, will help your camper become acquainted with some of our day-to-day camp policies:

- **Label ALL of your camper's belongings!**
- **Treat others the way you wish to be treated!**
- **No electronics during camp hours (8:45-3:30) (including cell phones, iPods, iPads, etc)**
- **No fishing w/ barbed hooks (bend barbs back!)**
- **Always stay with your counselor**
- **No bare feet, and no flip flops or slides**
- **No jumping or diving into the pools**
- **Treat wildlife & farm animals with respect!**
- **Wash hands after using the bathroom**
- **Do not post images of other campers on any social media, including snapchat**
- **Be a helper and a friend!**

Fishing at Camp

If your child would like to fish at camp, please send along a small fishing pole. Barbed hooks are not permitted - bend barbs back on hooks, or buy barbless hooks. If you're not sure how to de-barb a hook, please look it up on youtube.com. Do not send campers with hooks that are not already de-barbed. **Double and triple hooks are not permitted.** We recommend sending a SMALL tackle box with only the supplies needed for camp. Knives are not permitted in these boxes. Fishing poles may be left at camp in the camper's pavilion. Campers should bring their own bait or lures. Upper campers may fish during afternoon activities, and lower camp counselors will advise campers when to bring fishing poles.

Camp Shirt

A free camp shirt is provided to your camper on the first day of camp. **Please write your child's name inside the shirt as soon as it comes home!** Replacement shirts are available for \$10 each.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedure

DRIVE SLOWLY ON OUR CAMP

ROAD. SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH. Please help us protect our children, our wildlife, and keep the dust to a minimum. We cannot stress the speed limit enough.

Drop off: To drop off, simply make a "U" turn in the parking lot and stop in front of the office with your passenger door facing the green camp gate. If you need to enter the campground, PLEASE PARK IN A PARKING SPOT, and request entry at the camp gate or front office. More explicit directions are available with your pickup permit that you were emailed. For younger campers, on the first day, you may park and walk into camp with your camper, and after that, you should be able to drop them off at the gate. But please feel free to walk in with younger campers whenever necessary.

Pick up: A staff member will greet you at your car with a sign-out sheet and call your child over the loudspeaker so that you will not have to leave your car. Please display your pick up permit with your child's name written on it IN LARGE BOLD LETTERS so that it can be seen by our staff. We do everything we can to make pick-up time run smoothly, including helping campers gather personal items. Please help your child understand the importance of having their bag ready and getting to the car quickly when their name is called. If your child needs extra time, please PARK YOUR CAR. We ask for everyone's patience during pick-up. More explicit directions are available on your pick up form that you have been emailed.

K - 2 Campers - Policies & Tips!

Campers must be COMPLETELY toilet-trained to attend camp, and independent in the bathroom in EVERY way, including changing in and out of bathing suits by themselves if necessary. We recommend sending lower campers to camp in their bathing suits, and wearing a t-shirt or swim dress over their suits, so that campers do not have to change at the end of the day. It's very warm in the summer and bathing suits dry quickly! It is also helpful to always send in a set of cloths in case of bathroom accidents or any day with rain expected so that campers have dry clothes to change in to if necessary. Label ALL of their belongings! Check the lost and found often! Label clothing, including camp shirts!

What to Bring to Camp

Each camper should bring a backpack with the following items - labeled with name - every day:

- **Lunch (in insulated cooler with ice packs) & Snacks**
- **Towel & Swimsuit (pack it or wear it)**
- **Versatile shoes for sports, hiking & beach (no flip flops)**
- **Filled water bottle (can be refilled at camp)**
- **Sunscreen (please apply it in the AM & pack it)**
- **Camp shirts on Fridays! (picture day)**
- **Rain gear on rainy days (rain coat/poncho, jacket)**

Staying in Touch

We are always available by telephone or in person should you have any questions or concerns. You may reach camp directors Keara Giannotti or Neil King by calling 856-596-4250. You may also email CampCreekRun@gmail.com. We look forward to sharing the summer with your family!