

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP



April 2009

Dear Senior Camp Families,

The Senior Camp program is really exciting this summer! Enclosed is a sizable mailing explaining some of our programming. Non-trip weeks will have extra time for senior choice activities and special on-site senior events.

In this senior packet please find:

1. Senior Camp field trip schedule on flip side of page
2. Permission form for Independence Grove (1<sup>st</sup> session)
3. Permission form for the Gymnastics' Spot (1<sup>st</sup> session)
4. Permission form for Red Coat Farm Stables (2<sup>nd</sup> session)
5. Biking letter w/biking permission on flip side (all campers)

Senior campers will sign up for senior interest groups on their own so that they can exercise independent decision making skills.

If your camper is an Explorer for part of the summer, they will not be taking the Senior trips during that session. A letter, permission forms, and calendar for Explorers will be sent next month.

Please complete the forms in this packet and return them by May 15, 2009.

Thanks.

Ilise, David, and Karen Schwartzwald

**Discovery Day Camp, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 753, Lincolnshire, IL 60069**  
**847-367-2267**

**TENTATIVE SENIOR CAMP TRIP CALENDAR 2009**

This is the senior trip calendar as of April 2009. There may be changes as the spring continues, but we will keep families up to date on our plans.

Explorers will not participate in senior trips.

**Please send your camper to camp wearing a Discovery Day Camp shirt on all field-trip days and on their biking days.** This will help us quickly identify Discovery campers when we are off of campgrounds! Campers must wear DDC shirts to participate in trips.

**Tuesday, June 23                      PAR KING MINI GOLF**  
Campers will travel to Par King for a game of golf.

**Thursday, July 2                      RISING STAR PERFORMANCES**  
Parents of Rising Stars are invited to attend a mini performance by the groups at approximately 2:40.

**Tuesday, July 7                      THE GYMNASTICS SPOT**  
Campers are going to this gymnastics club to participate in an hour of gymnastics. Campers must have a signed permission form and be wearing a Discovery Day Camp shirt. Campers need socks.

**Tuesday, July 14                      INDEPENDENCE GROVE FOR SWIMMING**  
Senior Camp will spend the afternoon boating and participating in other activities at Independence Grove Forest Preserve. Groups might fish, bike, or participate in nature activities. We need a signed permission form.

**Weekdays July 20-30                      HORSEBACK RIDING AT RED COAT FARM STABLES**  
Senior campers will have a riding and grooming lesson at Red Coat Farm Stables. Trips will be at varied times. Campers need a signed permission form, to wear a Discovery Day Camp shirt, and to wear hard soled shoes with a heel (if possible). The stables will provide riding helmets, but if your camper owns their own helmet, please send it.

**Tuesday, August 4                      BAREFOOT BAY AQUATICS CENTER**  
Senior campers will go on a **morning** field trip to Barefoot Bay. For this field trip, buses will leave camp by 9:30. Campers will be required to wear a Discovery shirt throughout the entire trip. This means a Discovery t-shirt or swim shirt must be worn over your child's bathing suit in the pool (for supervision purposes). Campers should bring a towel from home as well as wearing their bathing suit to camp that day.

**Thursday, August 6                      RISING STARS SHOW**  
The Rising Stars will perform at 6 PM. Campers will stay at camp when the rest of camp is dismissed on Thursday, for a quick rehearsal, swim, light supper, and to put costumes on. They will meet families after the show to go home.

Tuesdays, when the Senior Camp isn't off of camp grounds, campers will usually participate in senior choice during their field trip time.

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Independence Grove Forest Preserve  
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Libertyville, IL. 60048  
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## EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

**Please Print All Information** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian's Name (If Participant Under 18 Years): \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Out: Time In:**

**Boat Type Rented:**

**Fee Estimate: Form of Deposit: Overtime charged:**

**OUT IN**

**# Life Preservers Employee Initial**

**Equipment: Paddles,**

**Oars**

**Trolling Motor**

**Damage Charges:** (Anchor \$20, Trolling Motor \$150, Battery \$75, K. Paddle \$50,  
C. Paddle \$25, Oars \$25/ea., PFD \$25, Cleaning Fee \$10, Retrieval Fee \$10)

### **Waiver and Release of All Claims & Assumption of Risk**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that, in consideration for participating in this activity, and for the use of rental equipment, you will be waiving and releasing any and all claims for injuries you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in this activity and/or any activity associated with or connected with this activity and the use of the requested equipment.

I have inspected said equipment and acknowledge that upon receipt it is in good working order with no defects or abnormalities. I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain known and unknown risks of physical injury to persons utilizing the above equipment and all activities in connection with the use of this equipment and I voluntarily and fully choose to incur any and all such risks and dangers on behalf of myself and/or my minor child/ward.

I hereby fully and forever waive, release and relinquish any and all claims, demands and actions whatsoever that I or my minor child/ward may have or may accrue to me or my minor child/ward against the Lake County Forest Preserve District (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "District"), its officers, employees, volunteers and agents arising out of the use of said equipment and all activities in connection with the use of said equipment.

I further guarantee to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District against any and all liabilities, claims, damages, losses, costs and expenses resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of the above equipment and all activities in connection with the use of said equipment.

**I have read and fully understand the important information above and on the reverse including warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. Furthermore, by signing below, I am agreeing to abide by the District and Facility rules and policies as explained on the reverse.**

Print Participant's Name Signature

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### **Warning of Risk**

The Lake County Forest Preserve District (District) is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The District continually strives to reduce risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participant's safety; however, participants and parents/guardians of minors renting equipment for recreational activity must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury or death when choosing to participate in any recreational activity.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult your physician before undertaking any physical activity.

Recreational activities are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury or death when participating in any recreational activity. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers and injuries due to acts of God, inclement weather, slipping, falling, inadequate or defective equipment, failure in supervision, or instruction, poor skill level or

conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, premises defects and all other circumstances inherent to indoor and outdoor recreational activities/programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the District to guarantee absolute safety.

## **Important District and Facility Rules and Policies**

### **Related to Equipment Rental**

- \*Deposits: Rentals will be completed only when accompanied by a deposit in the form of a credit card, driver's license, or cash.
  - \*Renters must be 16 years of age or older; however, participants 12-15 years of age may rent boats with a signature of a parent or guardian who is present on Preserve grounds
  - \*The Forest Preserve staff reserves the right to refuse rental to any individual due to/but not limited to the following criteria: boating proficiency, age, willingness to abide by established policies, or the apparent influence of drugs or alcohol.
  - \*Renters and passengers must at all times remain inside the boat and avoid adversely impacting the recreational experience of other Preserve patrons.
  - \*Boaters must review and display an understanding of safety and operational guidelines before leaving the shore with a rental craft. It is solely the renters' responsibility to insure that they are adequately prepared to operate the craft according to the present or potential conditions on the lake.
  - \*Renters will be asked to indicate an estimated outing time limit, allowing staff to maintain an outing log for billing and/or waiting list procedures.
  - \*Rental charges will be accrued in one half hour increments; final rates will be established upon return of equipment. Forest Preserve staff alone will determine final rates and damage fees due, and collectable, if in excess of the damage deposit.
  - \*Accessibility to certain areas of the lake may be limited based on rentals, special events, lake conditions, or boater proficiency.
  - \*Renters will be denied rental use in the absence of a signed Equipment Rental Agreement waiver.
  - \*All renters and passengers 13 years of age and under **must wear** a USCG approved Personal Flotation Device. PFDs must be worn by **all users of canoes and kayaks**, and are strongly recommended for all boaters.
  - \*Although Preserve staff may provide assistance in the event of equipment failure, there will be **no** rescue service or surveillance provided.
  - \*Marina and/or Preserve staff reserves the right to deny access of any kind to the lake based on water or weather conditions.
  - \*There is **absolutely no swimming or wading** from watercraft.
  - \*Renters will be expected to respond to warnings of lake and/or weather conditions that may be communicated by Preserve staff via a warning siren and/or a flag system.
  - \*Consuming alcoholic beverages in conjunction with any water-based activity is prohibited.
  - \***No docking allowed at piers away from the Marina or on shore.** These are to be used for emergency use only.
  - \*Participants will be held responsible for loss of or damages to Lake County Forest Preserve property.
- Please note that all participants must read and sign Wavier on the reverse

**The Gymnastics Spot  
847-949-7768**

**Permission Statement Form**

My child has my permission to attend and participate in the Gymnastics Spot Ltd "Discovery Camp Inc. Field Trip". I attest to my child's good health. I will, in no way, hold The Gymnastics Spot officials or staff members responsible for any possible accident, illness, or injury, which may occur in any workout or training session. I also give my permission to a Discovery Day Camp Director to call an ambulance in the event of an accident, illness, or injury.

I have read the above statement and fully understand it and agree to abide by it.

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City, State) (Zip)

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY NUMBER (S): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

# DISCOVERY DAY CAMP



April 2009

Dear Senior Camp Parents,

The Discovery biking program is gearing up for summer.

Campers will go riding outside of camp most weeks. The first week of the summer, your camper will go over safety rules and find the bike that fits him/her best. In order to make sure that our fleet of bikes fits the needs of our campers, we would appreciate having you complete the information about your camper's biking ability and the size of their current bike. After testing, a note will be sent home telling you the day of the week that the group will bike. ***On biking and field trip days your child is required to wear a Discovery shirt.***

While camp supplies the bicycles, campers should bring their own helmet. Everyone will be required to wear a biking helmet. As always, it is a good idea for campers to bring a water bottle.

Please read, sign, and return the permission form on the back of this letter by May 15, so that your child may bike. We would welcome getting them earlier!

Sincerely,

Ilise and David Schwartzwald

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## Biking Permission Form

Children who participate in the Discovery Day Camp, Inc. biking program will be transported to and from the biking trails in camp vehicles. Children will be riding camp bicycles (mountain bikes) on biking trails at forest preserves and public parks. Although your child will be supervised at all times, there is risk of physical injury.

It is the responsibility of the parent to provide their child with a helmet, manufactured for biking, fitted by a trained professional. In the event that a child forgets their helmet, an employee of Discovery Day Camp, Inc. will loan your child a biking helmet owned by Discovery Day Camp, Inc. Although every step will be taken to ensure that the loaned biking helmet fits your child, in no way can a parent presume that this is a professional bike helmet fitting service. Consequently, Discovery Day Camp, Inc., its shareholders, and its employees, can not be held liable for injuries sustained in accident that result from a child wearing a helmet loaned from Discovery Day Camp, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_, parent of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Please print) (Child's name)

I have read this document, and I am willing to accept the risks associated with the biking program. I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Discovery Day Camp, Inc. biking program.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.

To help us fit your child on an appropriate bike, please complete the following statement by circling and filling in the blanks on the following:

I consider my child a \_\_\_\_\_ (poor, good, excellent) biker. At home, my child rides a \_\_\_\_\_ bike with hand brakes or a \_\_\_\_\_ bike with foot brakes. My child's bike is \_\_\_\_\_ inches.

\*\*\*For possible rainy or hot day skating and bowling field trips my child wears a size \_\_\_\_\_ child or \_\_\_\_\_ adult shoe size\*\*\*