

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 (1st session)
3. Permission form for the Gymnastics' Spot (1st session)
4. Permission form for Red Coat Farm Stables (2nd 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

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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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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