

DISCOVERY DAY CAMP



April 2011

Dear Senior Camp Families,

The Senior Camp program is really exciting this summer!

There are 2 major components to the Senior Camp program.

In the first, campers have the opportunity, most weeks, to participate in a group biking trip, outside of camp. The first week of camp the campers will discuss safety and rules of the road. The bikers' skills will be evaluated and campers will be sized on bikes. Please make sure that you give information about your camper's biking ability and size of bike on the Camper Information Form. Please note that Rising Stars, Young Artists, and Explorers will not necessarily bike this summer.

Families will be sent a note indicating the day of the week their camper bikes. On their biking day, please make sure your camper wears a Discovery Day Camp shirt, brings a well-fitted bike helmet, and a water bottle. Helmets are required for all riders, while we own helmets; a camper's own helmet will fit better and be a safer option.

The second part of Senior Camp is the field trips. Please find the field trip schedule on the next page. Some of the trips require permission forms. Please sign and return the permission slip for the trips when your child will be at camp. Attached please find:

1. Senior Camp field trip schedule
2. Permission form for Red Coat Farm Stables (1st session)
3. Permission form for the Gymnastics' Spot (1st session)

On Wednesdays and on non field trip Tuesdays, senior campers will sign up for senior choice where they can exercise independent decision making skills and select an activity that they will enjoy.

If your camper is an Explorer for part of the summer, they will not be taking the senior trips during their Explorer session. A letter, permission forms, and calendar for Explorers will be sent next month. We have some exciting ALL- NEW trips in 2011.

Future Leaders will be taking different trips and participating in different activities, also. A more detailed description of trips/permission forms will be sent out to Future Leaders with the calendar by the beginning of May.

Please print and complete the forms in this packet and return them by May 15, 2011. The forms are at <http://www.campdiscovery.com/EN-2-forms.html>, if you prefer. We need electronic or handwritten signatures on all permission forms.

Call if you prefer to have us mail you the permission slips.

Thanks,

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TENTATIVE SENIOR CAMP TRIP CALENDAR 2011

This is the senior trip calendar as of April 2011. There may be changes as the spring continues, but we will keep families up to date on our plans.

Explorers and Future Leaders 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 21 THE GYMNASTICS SPOT
Campers are going to the Spot to participate in an hour of gymnastics. Campers must be wearing a Discovery Day Camp shirt and socks. **(Permission form required)**

Tuesday, June 28 AGE OF THE DINOSAUR
Information will be sent out prior to the 2nd week of camp!

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday July 5-7 and possibly July 13
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 morning times throughout the week. Campers need to wear a Discovery Day Camp shirt, long pants, and hard soled shoes with a heel (if possible) on their riding day. The stables will provide riding helmets, but if your camper owns their own helmet, please send it. Families will be notified about the day their child's group will ride the week of June 28. **(Permission Form required)**

Tuesday, July 12 VISIT DIAMOND LAKE BEACH FOR SWIMMING AND BOATING
Discovery Day Camp will visit Diamond Lake for the first time in many years. Campers will have the opportunity to play in the sand, swim, and use paddle boats. Campers will be required to wear a Discovery shirt throughout the trip. This means a Discovery t-shirt or Discovery swim shirt must be worn over your child's bathing suit at the beach (for supervision purposes). Campers should bring a towel from home. Look for more information to follow in July. (No permission form).

Tuesday, July 19 GLACIER ICE ARENA FOR SKATING
Campers will have the exclusive use of an ice rink at Glacier Ice Arena. They need to wear long pants, socks, and gloves.. **Campers will be required to wear head protection and should bring a skating helmet or a biking helmet.**

Tuesday, July 26 BAREFOOT BAY WATER PARK
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 DDC 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. Bring dry clothes and gym shoes for the afternoon. (No permission form).

Tuesday, August 2 2BU STUDIOS
Discovery Day Camp will celebrate renaissance week at 2BU Studios. Campers will tape a song, experiment with "filming" a music video, and prepare a flip book during their 90 minutes at 2BU. Wear a Discovery shirt. (No permission form)