

2018 SUMMER CAMP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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Q. Who is Summer Camp for?

A. CAMP is open to boys and girls ages 9-17.

Q. What is Summer Camp?

A. It's an immersive 4-day outdoor residential camp that provides nature-based outdoor field lessons, leadership & recreational adventure.

Q. Why Summer Camp?

A. There are several reasons, but primarily because CAMP immerses youth in nature while engaging them in leadership and recreational experiences. It takes them out of everyday stressful environments where air, noise, light and automation pollution hinder opportunities for them to experience their full-range of capabilities. We are unapologetic and purposeful in that we have no central air, no swimming pool, no TV and no cell phone reception, no vending machine and no urban center and no paved road! Our intention is for your child/ren to slow down, unplug from electronics and plug into the wonder of the world. Unique because of this, our Camp positively impacts how youth cooperate and problem-solve together, it provides them with opportunities to practice authentic and confident versions of themselves.

Q. Where is camp? Do we sleep in tents?

A. Summer Camp is held at beautiful Camp Colley, approx. 50 miles north of Payson. Campers sleep in comfortable, modern platform tents.

Q. Are you gender specific?

A. No, we are co-ed residential camp for all activities with gender separate sleeping quarters for girls and boys.

Q. Will my child be fed well during Summer STEM Camp?

A. Yes, we've got all of your meals and snacks covered. We provide campers with three delicious, well-balanced meals. Additionally, we provide in-between meal healthy snacks such as apples, cheese, carrots, raisins or similar.

Q. Is there a dress code?

A. It's very basic; comfortable and casual. We'll give you a suggested list of what to pack upon

completion of registration. Basically, we focus on keeping campers safe and healthy. We do ask that clothing be age-appropriate and activity-appropriate. By this we mean smooth-soled sandals and string bikinis or low-hanging pants aren't suitable for camp. It's preferred that you send your child/ren with closed-toed shoes (best for hiking) and at least one warm sweatshirt.

Q. How do you protect the health and safety of campers?

A. We have an infirmary with medical professionals on staff, 24 hours a day. Additionally, each staff person is certified in American Red Cross first aid and CPR, our program manager is a certified Wilderness First Responder and our Camp Manager is an EMT and firefighter with Christopher Kohl's Ranch Fire Department.

Q. What if my child has allergies or a special diet?

A. Again, we've got you covered because we accommodate all diets. Whether gluten-free, lacto-free, soy-free, peanut or tree nut free, vegan, vegetarian, vegan-vegetarian or carnivore, we ensure all campers are fully nourished to their liking.

Q. In case of emergency, how are parents notified?

A. In the event of an emergency we notify parents as soon as possible by telephone. When registering for camp you will also be asked to provide two alternative emergency contacts in the event you are not able to answer your phone.

Q. How do I prepare my child for either Summer Camp?

A. *Each youth should BRING* their clothing, toiletries, bedding and any personal items they'll need/want (i.e. medications) *WE PROVIDE* everything else - housing, meals, drinks, snacks, materials, and some great gifts.

Q. What happens upon arrival at Summer Camp?

A. Upon arrival campers are made to feel welcome from the "welcome signs" posted all-around to the special greetings from their counselors and from the personal guided tour that they engage in to show them the ropes and that sort of thing.

Q. What is your policy regarding bullying?

A. We work hard to encourage bonding and to prevent cliques. Activity groups are based upon age. It's our goal to create a culture of inclusion and respect. Counselors assist campers as they engage their cabin mates and supervise campers at every level of camp life. In short, we have a zero tolerance for any kind of hazing, bullying or exclusionary behavior by any one or more campers towards one another. Being away from home can feel over-whelming, especially for new to camp campers but it will also be one of the most important, extraordinary and rewarding experiences of your child's growth!

Q. How do I get in touch with my child/ren if an emergency comes up?

A. After registering you will receive communication from us several times. We will also send you a parent's handbook. Within the parents handbook you will be provided our 24-hour phone line number.

Q. Where does your staff come from?

A. We have a core group of camp counselors that return every summer. Our staff are energetic, well-trained, experienced young adults who maintain our spirit, traditions and level of excellence. They come from all greater Phoenix and are a mix of Educators, ASU students and ASU graduates. We have a highly selective hiring process that includes qualification screening, in-person interviews, personal reference and nationwide background screening. Every Camp Counselor is required to successfully complete intensive pre-camp training. Most camp counselors work with use as Educational Field Instructors during the year.

Q. How do I register for Summer Camp?

A. Please be prepared to register online. If you are unable register online you can download a fillable application & registration. To register you will need to complete the camp application and registration forms via our website. This camp is first-come-first serve and may fill quickly.

Q. Does my child need to meet the age requirements?

A. Your child must be of age before the start of the session. For example: - your child must be age 9 before or on June 4th.

Q. What if I want my son/daughter to be housed with their sibling/friend?

A. When you register you can select for your child to be housed with a friend/s and then we will accommodate them.

Q. I registered my child but now he/she can't go... What is the cancelation policy?

A. Cancellations 90 days or more before the first day of camp begins will receive a full refund less the non-refundable deposit. Cancellations from 89 days to 30 days prior to a camp receive 50% program credit (transferable to an alternate camp and valid for one year) with the remaining 50% balance forfeited. Cancellations less than 7 days prior to a program will receive no credit and no refund.

Q. Do you provide busing or arrange carpools to camp?

A. YES, we provide transportation to camp. If you are in need of transportation to camp please designate this on your registration. The transportation pick-up and drop-off location will be provided upon completion of registration.

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Q. What happens after I register for camp?

A. You will receive an automated email confirming your enrollment at camp. Then you will receive a complete camp package with: including a gear list, any/all additional camp information and you will be asked to complete a Medication Authorization Form, as well as a Nonprescription Medication Authorization form as well as any other necessary forms.