



City of Santa Barbara
Parks & Recreation
Your Recreation Leader



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Dear Nature Camp Parents, Campers and Junior Counselors

We are excited about your camper and Junior Counselor(s) joining us for Nature Camp 2012. We hope that your camper will enjoy Nature Camp as much as we will enjoy teaching and laughing with them. Our goal is that your camper or J.C. leaves camp full of a long lasting appreciation of our planet and respect for our natural resources....oh yeah, and of course lots of songs!

Please read through all of the information carefully. Should you have any questions, call the Youth Activities office at 564-5495. This number will also allow you to leave a message for Camp Co-Directors Kelci Hahn or Matt Donner. If you care to speak to an administrator in charge of Nature Camp you may call Terry Brown Youth Activities Supervisor at 560-7552.

Your camper or JC is enrolled in **Nature Camp Session # 1 starting Monday at 9am, June 18 and ends Friday June 29 at 9am. NO Extended Day is offered Friday June 29. CAMPERS MUST BE PICKED UP AT 9am at Mackenzie Park. No camp or extended day is offered after 9am, Friday June 29. Camp hours are 9am-4pm on all other days.**

Transportation: Campers are to be dropped off in the MacKenzie Park parking lot (corner of State Street and Las Positas) by 8:45 am for transportation to Skofield Park. If your camper is enrolled in extended day, please know drop off is at Casa Las Palmas, 323 E. Cabrillo Blvd in Chase Palm...keep reading©. For your child's safety, all counselors/directors are certified in First Aid, CPR, Basic Water Rescue and are Class "B" drivers. Staff has undergone 20 hours of safety training required to operate our vans and have received an additional 16 hours of summer camp training and strategies for working with children. Camp staff is also fingerprinted, and have received a background check from the Department of Justice. Never leave the pick up and drop off location without signing your child in and out with a counselor each day.

Camp Director and Staff are to request a picture ID of any adult, parent, or individual that is seeking to release into their custody a registered camp participant. Camp Directors must receive in advance written permission from a parent authorizing release of their camper to someone not previously included in the Camper Information Forms.

Extended Day Program: If your child is enrolled in the Extended Day Program, the hours are 7:30-8:45 a.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. at CASA LAS PALMAS IN CHASE PALM PARK. If you would like to enroll your camper in Extended Day or are unsure if your camper is enrolled, please call the Parks and Recreation Department Registration desk at 564-5495. **No Extended Day is offered Friday, June 29 for Nature camp.**

What to Bring to Camp Each Day: Everything must fit into your child's backpack--Lunch, water bottle (with water), swimsuit, towel, closed toed or hiking shoes and sunscreen. Please sunscreen your child each morning before camp! Everything must be labeled. Please check the schedule each day so your child is properly prepared. **WE DO NOT PROVIDE BEVERAGES OR SNACKS (UNLESS DOING A COOKING PROJECT) SO PLEASE PACK A LARGE LUNCH AND PLENTY TO DRINK!**

Daily Camp Schedule: Is attached with this email. Please read each day. If you have any questions or your child will be absent from camp, please call the Youth Activities office by 9am at 564-5495. If you forget to call, it will hold up the camp departure from Mackenzie Park as staff waits for straggling parents.

Camp directors carry cellular phones for emergency purposes only. If you need to contact your camper, call the Youth Activities office at 564-5495 and we will contact the director to call you back.

Family Night: takes place the second Thursday of camp at Skofield Park starting at 5pm. Families and friends are invited to join their campers and JC's for an evening of wacky campy entertainment and awards. Please bring a picnic dinner. See the overnight informational flyer for what to bring for your camper for the sleepover. **nly Nature campers and JC's spend the night!**

We look forward to an amazingly great summer!

Sincerely,

Terry Brown
Youth Activities Supervisor

