

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM DETAILS

We are so excited to welcome you to camp this summer with us! Below are some of the details of our camp that are important to be informed of. You will see that it may answer many of your questions, if you have any. If not all of your questions are answered here, please feel free to send us an email.

***Please be sure to download and save this document, so you can use it as reference when getting your child ready for camp this summer.**

LOCATION OF CAMP

The location for all of our camps is at 5 Mile Recreation Area in Bidwell Park in Chico, CA. We will send out the exact meeting location within the 5 Mile Recreation Area, which will be your drop-off and pick-up, in an email a week before camp starts.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP:

Please make sure your child comes prepared to each day of camp, equipped with:

- A **backpack** (this needs to be a typical backpack that has two straps that can fit over each of their shoulders. A normal handbag or single shoulder bag *will not be sufficient*). Their backpack needs to be appropriately sized to carry their food and water, an extra pair of clothes and/or a towel if they wish to bring one, and any of their other items. They will all be responsible to carry their own items, so it is important that it is also comfortable for them to carry.
- Full container of water, *not* a glass container. This should be at least a 16 ounce container. Your child may not drink a lot of water at home, but we are very active during our classes and it is important that your child stays hydrated and healthy. *Please be sure that this container is leak-proof, and is properly closed in their bags at drop-off. You would be amazed at how many kids open their packs only to find that their bottle has leaked out everywhere!*
- A packed lunch *and* snack that will be suitable for their needs. (We all know that a hungry kid is a cranky kid!) Also, **please do not pack high processed sugar snacks**. We recommend lots of juicy fruits to help them stay hydrated, as well as kid-friendly electrolytes.
- Clothing that is appropriate for the weather.
- Clothing that they and you are okay getting dirty. We cannot guarantee that your child will come home clean! Please don't allow your child to wear special or expensive clothing to our class unless all of you are ok with getting dirty.
- Comfortable shoes for walking and running. A comfortable pair of sneakers or sandals are just fine. With parental permission, children are allowed to be barefoot, and many will choose to be barefoot. You will have a chance to indicate your preference on the registration form.
- If you do not wish for your child to be barefoot in the creek, please pack them a pair of water sandals. If their walking sandals are also appropriate for being in the creek, than you are not

required to bring an extra pair.

- If your child likes to have a towel to dry off with or to sit on, they are welcome to bring that.
- A swim suit for swimming.
- If your child uses sunblock, please pack that in their bags. We do not supply sunblock. We do recommend using some sort of sun protection because we are outside for the duration of the camp day. Sun hats are also a good source of protection and helps prevent sun fatigue.
- We can help reapply sun block for any child that requests it during lunch/free time. However, if you do not feel comfortable with us helping your child apply sun block, please note that in the registration form in the very last entry that asks for any additional information._

TARDINESS/ABSENCE

Drop off

As mentioned earlier, our drop off location within 5 Mile Recreation Area will be emailed to you a week before your camp begins. Drop off time is from 8:50-9:00.

For the first day of camp, we will need to meet each parent who will be responsible for picking up and dropping off their children. We will also be confirming with you that all of the information we have on hand is accurate for each camper.

Pick up

Pick up is at 3:00 each day, at the same location as drop off.

Please be on time when picking up your child. If you are going to be more than a few minutes late, please give us a call/text. If you are consistently more than 10 minutes late in picking up your child, we may have to talk about removing your child from the program.

If you are going to miss a class, it is helpful if you call/text us by the morning of the class at the latest, or send us an email if you know by the night before.

MAKE UP DAYS

We do not provide any refunds for days missed, nor can we guarantee that you can make up a day if missed. Because we live in an area that is prone to wild fire, and wild fire smoke, if two or more days of camp have to be canceled because of unhealthy AQI, we will be in contact with all the participants to figure out a fair way to compensate for additional missed days.

HAZARDS

- There are **ticks** in the park! We will hopefully not get any, but of course we cannot guarantee this. You may want to consider using a tick repellent for your child. **Doing a tick check after our classes is strongly recommended.** You can also designate certain clothing for our classes, and have children change their clothes and shower when coming home to avoid contact with ticks.
- **Poison Oak** – this plant is very prevalent in the park. We are constantly reminding the children to be aware of it (awareness is the #1 lesson taught in all that we do).
- **Other hazards** – There are other hazards that can depend on where and when we meet. We always go over the potential hazards with the kid on the first day of camp. This is not to strike fear in any student or parent, but just to bring awareness around the topic. With awareness, there is lesser chance of injury. We are constantly reminding children of what they need to be aware of that surrounds us, whether it could be rattlesnakes, bee or wasp hives, red ants, broken glass or other hazardous litter, etc. From our experience, this has only heightened the children's awareness and we have avoided (after literally over a thousand students) any major injuries.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

As part of your registration process, you will need to make a \$50.00 **non-refundable deposit** per child, per camp. As explained below, this deposit can be transferrable to another one of our camps. If you, the parent, decide to cancel your child's enrollment, please let us know as soon as possible in order to avoid any *additional* fees.

Cancellation Fees:

- If you decide to cancel your child's registration but register for one of our other camps, as long as there is available space for the camp you are choosing, we can transfer both your registration fee and program cost to that camp.
- If you decide to completely cancel your child's registration, the \$50 fee you paid at registration will not be refundable. In addition:
 - If you cancel more than 2 weeks ahead of camp, you will be reimbursed the full amount minus the registration fee.
 - If you cancel less than two weeks before the start of camp, there will be no refunds at all.
- If we, the EBS staff, decide for any reason that our courses are not a right fit for your child(ren), you will be completely refunded for any days that he/she did not attend, and only charged for the days that they did attend at the following daily rates:
 - Forest Foxes: \$55/day
 - Nature Ninjas: \$55/day