



# CAMP YU-CHI SUMMER 2023



## INFORMATION LETTER

**Greetings from the Camp Yu-Chi staff!!** We look forward to a week of exploration, discovery, fun and excitement with your child. To help us make your child's camp week a special one, please read the following program information.

**SCHEDULE:** Camp Yu-Chi is located at Youth Park (across from Piner High school). Camp runs Monday-Friday, 10:30am - 5:00pm. Please send a healthy sack lunch with your child Monday – Thursday to keep them fueled for an active schedule. Mondays normally will be spent in camp at Youth Park. Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will take Rosie the Trolley and spend the day swimming at Finley Aquatic Complex. On Wednesdays we will be traveling by Rosie or a First Student bus on different exciting field trips to a variety of local destinations. Friday is a special day as we enjoy a BBQ lunch (your children will not need to bring a lunch on Fridays), and campers prepare for Parents' Afternoon Theater! Each day the children are dropped off and picked up in the west end of the Youth Community Park parking lot (next to the restrooms and picnic area). **Please be prompt with all drop off/pick up times. There is a \$5 late fee for every 15 minutes you are late in picking up your child.**

**MONDAY MORNING CHECK-IN:** Please allow a few extra minutes on Monday morning to check in your child. We need to set your child up with her/his assigned group, confirm emergency information and your child's counselor will have a few questions to ask you directly. Check-in for the rest of the week begins at 10:30am. A camp photo (8x10 color) can be ordered during this time for \$5. The photo will be sent home with your child Friday afternoon. Please make checks payable to *SRRP*. And for your child's safety, **PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN RUN UNATTENDED THROUGH THE PARKING LOT!**

**EXTENDED HOURS:** For those parents who prefer longer hours, we offer extended hours Monday through Friday, 7:45am - 10:30am, when our regular camp day begins. There is an additional \$60.00 fee for this service. **You must register one week in advance for the extended hours service.**

**REQUEST A FRIEND:** You may request to be grouped with one friend, however, in order for requests to be considered **BOTH campers must request one another. We will do our best to accommodate one request, but we cannot guarantee it. We can only honor requests that have been made in advance.** We do ask that the children be of similar ages (within a year of each other). If you would like to make a request after you have registered your child, please call 543-3282 at least a week in advance, and we will add this information to your child's enrollment form.

**PARENT'S AFTERNOON PROGRAM:** You are invited to our **Parent's Afternoon Program on Friday. Please plan to arrive at 4:15pm, to allow time for parking.** This exciting activity gives the children a creative chance to show their parents and friends what they have been doing during the week. Please meet at the picnic tables by the gazebo until your children escort you to the campfire area. **The program begins promptly at 4:30pm.** If you bring younger brothers or sisters to the program, please keep them on your laps while the program is in progress. After the program, the campers have time to give you a tour of the camp and introduce you to the staff. Camp ends after the Parent's program, but care will continue to be provided until 5:15pm for parents who were unable to attend.

**ZERO WASTE:** In January of 2020, City Council passed the "Zero Waster Food Ware Ordinance". In an effort to comply with the City of Santa Rosa's ZERO WASTE ordinance, we are asking all campers (& staff) to bring their own reusable plate & fork for the Friday cookout. These will be scraped & rinsed after dinner, but will not be cleaned/sanitized. Please label all belongings. Souvenir reusable cups are already provided. Single use, disposable paper plates & silverware will be available on a limited basis if campers forget their own reusable.

**SWIM DAYS:** The Finley Aquatic Complex has two swim areas that are designated for the campers: one area for beginners and one for intermediate/advanced. **For the safety of your child and others, each camper's swim skills will be tested the first day and they will be placed in the appropriate pool according to their swimming abilities. Lifeguards have final say over which pool youth are eligible to swim in. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's swim test, please call 543-3428.** Please inform your child's counselor of any swimming requests or restrictions your child may have. Campers swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-4:15pm (Note: flotation devices and goggles that cover the nose are not allowed at Finley).

**LOST AND FOUND:** We ask that you label everything your child brings to camp with cloth name-tags, puffy paints, indelible ink, including backpacks, duffle bags, towels, sunscreen, lunch bags, etc. Please do not send anything valuable such as electronic games or IPODS, MP3 Players or cell phones to camp. There will be an on-site lost and found. If necessary, please see the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director for assistance. Any items left over two weeks will be donated to a non-profit organization or thrown away.

**PHOTOS:** Staff reserves the right to photograph activities and program participants for potential promotional use. All photos will remain the property of *Recreation & Parks* and may be used for publicity or promotional purposes only. If anyone in your family should not be photographed, contact the Camp Coordinator (543-3428).

**BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT:** Our goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for every camper. We are committed to your child and will do all that we can to help them have a good experience. We do reserve the right, however, to remove a child from the camp if their behavior becomes too disruptive. If your child has a potential behavior problem that we can assist with or should be aware of, please inform us at least one week in advance. Contact the Camp Coordinator at 543-3428. It is also necessary to speak with your child's Camp Counselor when you check in on Monday morning.

**TAX ID NUMBER:** To write off your daycare expenses, please save your receipt and use the Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Department Tax ID number: **#94-6000428.**

**REFUND POLICY:** *PLEASE NOTE OUR UPDATED REFUND POLICY:* Full refunds are given if requested 7 days prior to the course start date. A 25% refund fee is charged for refund requests made less than 7 days prior to the course start date. No refunds or changes will be allowed for requests made 3 business days or less before the course start date. Cancellations must be made via phone.

**ACCOMMODATION REQUEST:** If you or your child has a special need or accommodation request, please contact the Camp Coordinator at 543-3428 at least one week prior to camp. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

### **THINGS TO BRING (Please Label All Items!)**

#### **Everyday**

- closed-toe shoes, tennis shoes, hiking boots (no sandals!)
- bag lunch( *except Friday*).
- sweatshirt or sweater
- sunscreen (please apply to your child prior to drop off at camp.)
- Masks for indoors or bus rides

#### **Tuesday and Thursday**

- swim suit
- towel
- sunscreen (On swim days campers will be given reminders to apply their own sunscreen. **Staff is not responsible for sunscreen application.**)

#### **FRIDAY**

- Reusable plate and utensils



*Any information that is unique or necessary for special activities or field trips will be available Monday morning from your Directors or counselor.*