



## Camp CARE 2020 Parent & Camper Guide

Camp CARE, located at Ashton Park and Gibbons Park, is a unique summer camp experience that evokes creativity, outdoor games, and of course fun! Each week is a new immersive theme that is completely different from the last. Camp CARE is for children ages 6-12 years old. Camp runs Monday-Friday June 22nd-August 7th. Camp CARE is a Full Day program, from 8am-5pm, campers may be dropped off any time after 8am and picked up any time before 5pm. This Parent Guide is written to help both parents, and attending campers, know what to expect at Camp CARE. Please contact staff if you have any further questions regarding camp.

### **What Parents Should Expect:**

**Registration Information:** Registration can be done at any district office location, or online at morpd.com.

**Camp Forms:** All camp forms must be filled out electronically through ePACT prior to arrival at camp. No camper will be accepted without their ePACT account being completed.

**Participant Drop-Off and Pick-Up:** Participants are to be dropped off by the parking lot any time after 8am on or before 5pm. A Camp Program Lead will be at sign-in/out.

**Daily Sign In & Sign Out:** Parents will check in/out digitally with a Program Lead when they arrive to site. Parents will not be allowed to contact leaders directly unless there is an issue or concern that they cannot speak to the Program Lead about. Program Leads will be wearing a mask during check in and out.

**Staff:** There will be first aid and CPR trained staff on site during the hours of camp. Camp CARE Leaders are responsible for their groups and are supported by the Program Team Leads. One of the Program Team Leads, Katherine, Jacob and Mary, will be onsite daily.

**Parent Contact:** There are no phones on site at camp. If parents need to reach their children, please call the office at 916-359-1608 and staff will relay messages out to camp. Staff may need to contact parents in an emergency or situations concerning behavior. (See page 3: 'Behavior' section)

**Weather Conditions:** Each day, staff will monitor weather for concerns like extreme heat and poor air quality. We will be shady/cooler areas, and providing LOTS of ice water for the kids. We will have a minimum of 10 minutes of water play the participants can choose to participate in. The Gibbons community center will be available for camp to use on special occasions. The community center is not guaranteed for use. Please call 916-359-1608 if you are unsure about weather accommodations.

**Sunscreen:** Parents are expected to apply and provide sunscreen for their children. To further help protect participants from damage caused by the sun, spray sunscreen will be provided on site for self-application purposes. Staff is prohibited from the physical application of sunscreen to program participants.

**Safety Inspections:** Ashton and Gibbons are public parks with guests and activities taking place around the program. Camp CARE staff conducts daily safety inspections each morning and make every effort to ensure a safe setting for the program. All safety concerns are reported to park maintenance staff and the Sheriff's Department if necessary.

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### **COVID-19 FAQ's:**

**Groups-** Camp will run in small groups of 10 participants and 2 Leaders. Groups will not be allowed to interact with each other.



**Check in/out-** Parents will check in/out digitally with a Program Lead when they arrive to site. Parents will not be allowed to contact leaders directly unless there is an issue or concern that they cannot speak to the Program Lead about. Program Leads will be wearing a mask during check in and out.

**Masks-** Staff will wear masks when needing to make close contact with participants or with parents but we will not require masks to be worn throughout the day.

**Disinfecting-** Site areas will be disinfected each morning before campers arrive, supplies are designated to each group and will be disinfected and cleaned after use.

**Bathroom trips-** Groups will be assigned times for bathroom trips so no two groups will be in the bathroom area at any time. Bathrooms will be disinfected and cleaned before camp and then after each group uses them.

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### **What Campers Can Expect:**

#### **WEEK 2: June 22 - 26 - (Keep Your) Space Week!**

Let's journey through space, while we keep our space between us! Explore the planets and stars while preparing to become one of NASA's next astronauts! 3,2,1, blastoff!

#### **WEEK 3: June 29 – July 3 - Party Across the USA**

Get ready for a 5-day road trip across America! We will stop to hula in Hawaii, make a red-carpet appearance in Hollywood, and more during this adventure across the country!

#### **WEEK 4: July 6 - July 10- Wild, Wild West**

Howdy partners! We've been transported back to the wild, wild, west! Saddle up your pony and strap on your boots to get ready for a fun week! Yeehaw!

#### **WEEK 5: July 13 - 17- Mythbusters**

Did you know that Camp CARE is the best camp ever? Grab your lab coat and help us put these myths to the test as we make new discoveries and perform crazy experiments throughout the week.

#### **WEEK 6: July 20 - 24- Shipwrecked!**

Ahoy mateys! We have been stranded on a deserted island after a storm has wrecked our ship! We will find ways to survive and make it out alive with your help but watch out for pirates!

#### **WEEK 7: July 27 - 31- Game Show Mania**

Hello Camp Care and welcome to this summer's episode of Game Show Mania! Your skills will be challenged, and your brain power will be put to the test during this week of game show competitions! Do you think you have what it takes to win it all?

#### **WEEK 8: Aug 3 - 7- Camp CARE Goes Camping**

Put on your hiking boots and gather around the campfire! This week we are headed to the great outdoors to hike new trails and roast some s'mores all from the comfort of our parks! Don't forget your flashlight and compass!

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**What to Wear:** Participants will be moving around, being very active, and taking part in physical activity and/or water play in an outdoor setting throughout the day. Kids are encouraged to wear appropriate play clothing (t-shirt and shorts), as well as bring a **swimsuit** and **towel** on hot days for water games.

**Footwear:** All participants **must** wear closed toed shoes. Participants will run, walk and play each day. Bare feet, sandals or any kind of water shoes are unacceptable. Participants wearing inappropriate footwear will not be able to participate in the activities.

**Bathrooms:** Participants are escorted to and from the bathrooms by Recreation Leaders.

**Lunch:** Please send your child with a reusable water bottle, 2 snacks and a lunch that does not need to be refrigerated or heated up. We will have first snack time mid-morning, lunch around noon, and second snack time mid-afternoon. We do not provide food except for special occasions. Any participant allergies need to be listed on emergency forms that will be filled out before camp or given out by the Program Team Lead the first week of camp. Participants are not allowed to share food.

**Personal Games, Toys, and Books:** Participants may not bring toys or games from home to play at camp. If brought out, any toys or games brought to camp will be kept in storage until a parent or guardian arrives. The District is not responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

**Sick Policy:** Any participants with Coronavirus, lice, chicken pox, the flu, or any other contagious disease are not allowed at program sites and will be sent home. They may only return with a written note of clearance from their Doctor.

**Behavior:** All program participants are always expected to behave appropriately. This includes following instructions from staff, practicing proper social distancing rules, listening and participating in games and activities, respecting all others at camp (kids and staff), using good language, and acting in a safe manner. Bad behavior is normally handled with verbal warnings, Behavior Reports, parent contact and, if needed, the camper will be sent home. Violence is almost always a cause for immediate removal from the program, and it is at the discretion of the staff to determine the nature of behavior intervention.

Our Behavior Reports are the way we keep track of behavior at camp. There are 3 categories for Behavior Reports; Yellow, Orange, or Red. If a participant has continued behavior problems, the reports can accumulate into the next level of behavior consequences. For example, 3 Yellows in 1 Week = Orange. However, any participant can end up in an Orange or Red category based on their individual actions. It is not always based off behavior progression, it can be administered upon the action of the participant at time of offense.

#### **YELLOW**

- 3 Yellows in 1 Week = 1 Orange
- Parent/Guardian Initial at End of Day Pick-Up

#### **ORANGE**

- 2 Oranges in 1 Week = 1 Red
- Phone Call Home at Time of Event & Parent/Guardian Initial at End of Day Pick-Up

#### **RED**

- 3 Reds During Summer = Removed from Program
  - We have the right to remove any participant at any point once they reach the Red category, even if it is a first offense. **Any participant removed from program is not eligible for a refund.**
- Phone Call Home at Time of Event for Immediate Pick-Up from Program & Parent/Guardian Initial at Time of Pick-Up

**Contact:** The Camp CARE Program Team Leads, Mary, Jacob and Katherine, are available by phone, email, or person with program questions, concerns, and feedback. For registration questions, please call 916-488-2890. To reach Nicole Friedrich, the Recreation Supervisor that oversees Camp CARE, please call 916-359-1603 or email at [nfriedrich@morpd.com](mailto:nfriedrich@morpd.com). You can also visit us online at [morpd.com](http://morpd.com).