



TRAVEL CAMP SUMMER TOUR '16 "UNPLUGGED!!"



Dear Travel Camp Parent/Guardian,

Spring 2016

WELCOME TO TRAVEL CAMP 2016! Please take the time to read this carefully. It is filled with lots of information! I have planned some really exciting and unique trips for the SIX weeks of Travel Camp. This will be a fun-filled, action packed 6 weeks! We will have a combination of coach buses and school buses.

You will find itineraries and waivers on our website at: www.townofreddingct.org go to the Park and Rec link to the pull down that says "summer camps" go to Travel Camp and click on the link for your child's week at Travel Camp. In most cases, we will be departing from the Redding Community Center (RCC) at 9:00 am and getting back between 4:00-5:00 pm. Some trips we will be leaving earlier and/or arriving back late. **IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK THE ITINERARIES TO SEE THE DEPARTURE TIME AND ARRIVAL TIME FOR EACH DAY!** Unfortunately, the bus can not wait for anyone who is late and we will leave on time! To make sure that everyone is able to participate, we ask that your child arrive at the RCC 15 minutes ahead of scheduled departure. Please note we are **NOT RESPONSIBLE** for any child dropped off prior to 15 minutes before departure. Staff members are not on duty until then. Children who are picked up more than 15 minutes after our arrival back at the RCC will be subject to a \$20.00 late fee. Any part of each additional 15 minutes will be \$20.00. **Please be on time to pick up your child from Travel Camp.** Please sign out with the staff member doing check out. This is usually the person with the clip board.

Check in will be in the Redding Community Center in the lobby above the gym each Monday morning. Please bring any additional paperwork or medications. Thereafter, we will meet in front of the Community Center. If it rains, we will meet inside the lobby.

To ensure that our Travel Camp is successful and safe we need your child to follow the rules. It is our goal that everyone has a great time! Here are the rules we would like you to discuss with your child/children

- We must have all of your campers paperwork by the first day of camp. This includes: Travel Camp registration form (especially, if you signed up online!), Behavior Agreement and waivers for your child's week at Travel Camp. Any camper missing paperwork will not be allowed to stay at camp.
- Campers **MUST WEAR THEIR TIE-DYE CAMP T-SHIRTS EVERYDAY!** **THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE!** We need to know where campers are at all times and the TIE-DYE t-shirts are instrumental in doing this. Campers will receive 1 t-shirt they need to keep track of it and wash it. Extra shirts are available for \$10 each.
- Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated! This includes, but not limited to verbal, physical, texting, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and any other kind of social media. Posting pictures without the campers or staff permission is not allowed and can result in dismissal from camp with no refund. Respect people's privacy!
- We reserve the right to immediately dismiss any camper from camp who brings weapons of any kind, tobacco, alcohol or drugs to camp. This has never happened, let's keep it that way.
- We would like to be an "UNPLUGGED" camp this year. We believe camp is a place to leave the virtual world at home. We believe kids need "a break" from social media. We believe that face-to-face interaction with other kids is **REALLY** important. We have established some new rules regarding cell phones. Cell phones are not to be used at camp. The only time they will be permitted is to call or text parents when we are 20 minutes away from the RCC and on bus trips

that are longer than 2 hours. They will not be allowed other than those times. We will not be responsible for any lost, broken or stolen phones. School buses generally do not lock. No other electronics are allowed. This includes but not limited to Ipads, tablets, game devices and laptops.

- We will show some PG-13 movies on the bus rides for a list you may contact me.
- Campers are to stay with their counselors and /or groups at all times. Campers will not be permitted to go off on their own alone! Anyone that does so may be dismissed from the remaining time at Travel Camp with no refund.
- Campers are to keep their hands to themselves! We have a handø off policy!
- Campers are to clean-up all of their trash before leaving the bus.
- Campers are to conduct themselves with appropriate behavior and speech. This means having respect for Mrs. E, the staff, the bus driver, employees and visitors of our destinations and other campers.
- Campers are only to socialize with people **ONLY** from our camp! Socializing or having outside people meet you at our destination will result in dismissal from camp with no refund.

Here are some of our suggestions:

Please send campers with a reasonable amount of money for the day, usually no more than \$20. However, meals inside the parks are expensive. Most do not allow outside food. We can not monitor what 40 campers spend. Also, borrowing money will be strongly **DISCOURAGED!!**

- Please provide campers with sunscreen each day. Remind them to reapply during the day.
- Please send your camper with a water bottle each day. Most bus rides are long and hot. Some extra meals/snacks too.
- If your camper gets motion sickness please administer motion sickness meds an hour before departure. Also, please let me know before we depart.

MEDICATIONS -If your child requires any prescribed medicine, please let Park and Rec know 1 week prior to camp. **We will need your doctor to fill out a form about the medication and fax you a copy as well as our office, at least one week prior to the start of camp.** If you are sending any over the counter medicines (Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, etc.) that are not prescribed by a physician, please follow the directions below.

1. Send medicine in a clearly labeled zip locked bag.
2. Please write a permission slip stating that Park and Rec has permission to administer the medication under which conditions.
3. Please make sure to give all medicine to Mrs. E (Sarah) on Monday morning.

Enclosed is a questionnaire. It will greatly help me in dividing up groups appropriately so we all can have the most fun out of camp! If your camper has a friend(s) that they would like to be in the same group with, please fill out the form on the next page. Fax: (203) 938-1071 or drop it off at Park and Rec by 6/17 for week 1, 6/24 for week 2, 7/1 for week 3, 7/8 for week 4, 7/15 for week 5, 7/22 week 6. After these dates groups will already be determined.

It is my desire that each parent have peace of mind about all of our trips. If there are any questions about any aspect of Travel Camp please call the RCC office to speak with me at 203-938-5034 or email me at sewud@townofreddingct.org . **Please do not save your questions for the first day of camp as it will be extremely busy!** Please refer to the following itineraries throughout the week your child is involved in camp. I look forward to seeing you at camp! It will be the best summer ever! ☺

Sincerely yours,
Sarah Ewud (Mrs.E)
Travel Camp Director

Travel Camp Behavior Agreement 2016- weeks 2, 4, 5, 6

I, _____ understand that Travel Camp is a place to have fun, go to exciting places each day and to be with my friends attending Travel Camp. I understand that I am to socialize with people only from Travel Camp not with outside friends who are not enrolled in Travel Camp. I realize safety is Travel Camps number one priority and I have read and will abide by all of the rules set by Mrs. E and the Travel Camp staff. I will behave in a way that is respectful and appropriate at all times. I understand bullying anyone will not be tolerated. I will stay with my counselor(s) and not wander off on my own. I will only use my cell phone (if I have one) on the bus ride home to notify my parents of arrival time at the RCC. I will not TEXT or use my phone during camp. I will not take or post pictures. I will not bring weapons, drugs, alcohol or tobacco to camp. I realize that if I do not follow the rules, I will be dismissed from Travel Camp for the rest of the time I am signed up with no refund. I have read the above and agree to obey the rules.

Campers signature

Parents Signature

*This must be returned by 6/17 week 1, 6/24 week 2, 7/1 week 3, 7/8 week 4, 7/15 week 5, 7/22 week 6. (if you are attending multiple weeks one form is sufficient)

Please circle week(s) you are attending: 1 2 3 4 5 6 FAX TO: (203) 938-1071 or drop off at RCC

YOUR NAME _____ GRADE ENTERING _____

YOUR PARENTS EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER _____ YOUR CELL PHONE# _____

YOUR T-Shirt size: adult S adult M adult L adult XL (CIRCLE ONE)



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| 1. DO YOU LIKE ROLLER COASTERS THAT GO UPSIDE DOWN | YES | NO |
| DO YOU LIKE ROLLER COASTERS WITH BIG DROPS? | YES | NO |
| 2. I CAN SWIM | YES | NO |
| 3. I CAN SWIM OVER MY HEAD | YES | NO |
| 4. I CAN TREAD WATER FOR SEVERAL MINUTES | YES | NO |
| 5. I HAVE BEEN IN A WAVE POOL BEFORE | YES | NO |
| 6. I CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE A STRONG SWIMMER (CAN SWIM 2 LAPS IN AN OLYMPIC SIZE POOL, OR 2 LAPS BETWEEN THE TWO RAFTS AT TOPSTONE WITHOUT STOPPING | YES | NO |
| 7. I DON'T REALLY LIKE THE WATER _____ (CHECK IF THIS APPLIES) | | |

****PARENTS PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD FILL THIS OUT!! BUDDY REQUEST FORM****

YOUR NAME _____ YOUR GRADE _____

BUDDIES NAME _____ GRADE _____

List 3 **unique** things about yourself. BE CREATIVE! (i.e. places you've lived, talents, fav food etc)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____