Dear Travel Camp Parent/Guardian,

WELCOME TO TRAVEL CAMP 2019! 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 FIVE weeks of Travel Camp. This will be a fun-filled, action packed 5 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. We will be departing and returning from the Redding Community Center (RCC) daily. Times will vary from day to day. 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.

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, Snap Chat, 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 everyone’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.
- Our goal is to become a “connected camp by disconnecting” we hope you will help us make this happen. 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. They will not be allowed any other time. 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, 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 hand’s 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.
• PLEASE do not skip camp on MONDAYS! Most Mondays we go to the beach HOWEVER, this is the day we divide up our groups for the week and explain all the necessary details of travel camp.
• PLEASE have your camper wear a bathing suit the days we go to Brownstone Park,

Here are some of our suggestions:
Please send campers with a reasonable amount of money for the day, usually no more than $30. We can not monitor what 40 campers spend. Also, borrowing money will be strongly DISCOURAGED! Meals inside the parks are expensive. Six Flags is $20 for chicken strips, fries and a drink. You may send your child with non-perishable lunch on most days. They may eat on the bus and some parks do allow some outside food.
• 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. Please send them with a rain poncho if the weather permits.
• 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!

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 to speak with me at 203-938-5034 or email me at sewud@townofreddingct.org . I will be out of the office from June 23 until the first day of camp. I will try to return your email. If your question is urgent please call the office at 203-938-2551. 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 2019- weeks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

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 will be respectful of EVERYONE this includes but is not limited to the bus driver, persons in charge at our destination and their staff, other visitors, other campers and Travel Camp staff. 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.

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Campers signature                       Parents Signature

Please circle week(s) you are attending: 1  2  3  4  5  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)

1. DO YOU LIKE ROLLER COASTERS THAT GO UPSIDE DOWN    YES    NO
2. I CAN SWIM OVER MY HEAD    YES    NO
3. I CAN TREAD WATER FOR SEVERAL MINUTES    YES    NO
4. I HAVE BEEN IN A WAVE POOL BEFORE    YES    NO
5. 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
6. 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. ___________________________