



Day Camp Information – Summer 2018

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Welcome to Santee Day Camp. Campers will have the opportunity to be creative, play fairly, enjoy the outdoors, feel proud and create memories. The following information is to ensure that you and your camper have a rewarding experience. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with the Camp Staff or Recreation Program Coordinator.

NEED TO KNOW:

- ★ A weekly “NEED TO KNOW” information sheet will be available the Friday prior to each camp week at the camp location, posted on the city website as well as Monday at drop-off time. It explains daily items needed, field trip information, scheduled swim days and special activity information. Off-site activities **will not occur on Mondays (or the first day of camp)**. If camper is registered for a partial week, please confirm drop off/pick up locations on the weekly “NEED TO KNOW”
- ★ There are many all-camp play opportunities daily and throughout the week. Placement of campers with their friend(s) in their assigned group is not guaranteed.

MEDICATIONS & SPECIAL NEEDS:

- ★ If a camper requires medication during camp hours, parents/guardians are required to complete a **Release and Waiver of Liability for Administering Medications**. Form is available from Community Services at (619) 258-4100 ext. 222 or city website.
- ★ The City of Santee is proud to be affiliated with KIT - Kids Included Together, Inc. Please contact the Recreation Coordinator at (619) 258-4100 ext.120; three (3) weeks prior to camp enrollment date if your camper requires accommodations due to a disability, medical condition, social/emotional or behavioral issue.

LUNCH & FOOD:

- ★ The Seamless Summer Feeding Program provides free daily lunch to all campers most summer camp days. This program is provided by the GUHSD Child Nutrition Services and the USDA. A schedule and weekly menu will be provided and posted. Lunch includes an entrée (hot or cold), a side item and a beverage (either milk or juice). An afternoon snack and beverage are also provided.
- ★ If you choose not to participate in the free lunch program, campers must bring a sack lunch, beverage and two snacks (morning and afternoon). Please **do not send candy, soda or energy drinks**.
- ★ **All campers must bring a snack and BOTTLE OF WATER each day**. Drinking fountains are available for refills.
- ★ On certain camp days, a special lunch will be provided. Details regarding the day and menu will be provided on the weekly “NEED TO KNOW.”
- ★ Healthy food and drink options are encouraged at camp (e.g. lower sugar, non-caffeinated, “smart choice” items). Special camp treats (e.g. soda occasionally provided with special lunches, dessert/treat items) will be limited and portion-controlled.

WHAT TO BRING & ATTIRE:

- ★ City of Santee is not responsible for lost/stolen/damaged items or money campers bring. Please do not allow campers to bring unnecessary/valuable items to camp (e.g. toys, jewelry, electronics).
- ★ Label all items and bring everything in one bag.
- ★ The majority of each day will be spent outside (weather permitting). **Apply sunscreen daily prior to camp** and send extra sunscreen daily. Reapplication of sunscreen will be highly encouraged by camp staff, but is the responsibility of the camper. Hats are also encouraged for sun protection.
- ★ Campers should wear appropriate clothing (i.e. play “get dirty” clothes and closed-toed shoes). Santee School District Dress and Grooming policy is used as a guideline for camp attire.
- ★ Open-toed shoes, sandals, flip-flops and Heelys (shoes with wheels) are not permitted on regular camp days. Flip-flops or water shoes may be worn on water activity days, but campers should also bring a pair of closed-toed play shoes on those days. Camp T-shirts are required on field trip days. One T-shirt is issued per camper per summer. If a camper does not have a camp shirt on the morning of the field trip, one will be loaned to the camper for the day. Camp T-shirts must be worn during all water-related field trips and they will get wet. Please send an extra dry shirt on these days.
- ★ If your child brings a loaner shirt home please return it as soon as possible.

CELL PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

- * City of Santee is not responsible for lost/stolen/damaged items. For safety and security issues, electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, DS, Kindle, MP3 players/iPods) will not be permitted at Day Camp.

Cell phones are not encouraged at camp, we are not responsible for lost, stolen and damaged phones. Use will be limited to phone calls and text (no music, games or Web access) and is only allowed at staff discretion and specific times and locations throughout the day. Field trip day use will be allowed at a specified time upon return from the trip. Use outside of the specified time is prohibited unless pre-approved by supervisory staff. Camp is not responsible for lost/stolen/damage of any items. If an unauthorized electronic device is brought to camp or cell phone is misused, the camp staff will keep the device and it will be returned to the parent/guardian upon camper checkout.

DROPOFF/PICKUP PROCEDURES:

- * Parent/guardian or other designated persons are required to sign in/out each camper daily. Picture ID may be required. Prior written permission is required for campers who are allowed to sign themselves and siblings in/out of camp.
- * If camper is going to be absent or later than 9:00 am please call the camp cell phone to reach lead staff on site at (619) 572-6911.
- * ALL sign-in/out locations and any possible unique pickup and drop-off times throughout the week are specified on the weekly "NEED TO KNOW."
- * **There is no alternative camp option/supervision if camper is dropped off at the wrong location.**
- * On most days and ALL Mondays, sign in is at the Community Services Department Activity Building (8115 Arlette) at Big Rock Park.
- * **Sign out locations vary** – please see the weekly "NEED TO KNOW"
- * Campers may be signed in at 7:00 am and must be picked up by 6:00 pm. Camp activity hours are from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm, and staff supervised free play activities are from 7:00 - 8:30 am and 3:00 - 6:00 pm.
- * Late pickups after 6:00 pm will be charged \$1.00 per minute, time determined by the supervising staff.

FIELD TRIPS:

- * **There is no alternative camp options/supervision on field trip days or if camper misses the bus.**
- * Field trips are part of the weekly scheduled activities for most weeks. Bus transportation is provided.
- * Staff will carry the camp cell phone, (619) 572-6911 at all times to provide communication. Phone number is also listed on the weekly "NEED TO KNOW."
- * **SPECIAL NOTE:** Occasionally, field trip day hours may differ from the normal camp hours. This information will be provided on the weekly "NEED TO KNOW." Please read the field trip times of departure/return carefully. **Campers must arrive on time on field trip days, the bus leaves promptly.**

ILLNESS/INJURY PROCEDURES:

- * Emergency medical services will be called in the event of serious or life-threatening situations. Parents/Guardians and emergency contacts listed will be called until someone is contacted.
- * If a camper receives a minor injury, first aid will be provided and an ouch/accident report will be completed and given to parent/guardian to read and initial at pickup. Parent/Guardian will be contacted prior to pick-up if a head or above shoulders injury occurs (even if minor) or if necessary.
- * Illness policy: Campers experiencing fever, vomiting, diarrhea or other contagious illnesses must be symptom-free without aid of medication for 24 hours prior to returning to camp. Campers exhibiting these symptoms at camp must be picked up by parent/guardian within one hour after notification and may not return to camp until symptom-free without aid of medication for 24 hours.

RULES: Are discussed daily with campers to identify expectations and standards of behavior that need to be followed to ensure a safe and positive experience. Camp rule priorities are:

- * Listen and follow directions.
- * Keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself.
- * Treat others and items with kindness and respect.
- * Always be polite and helpful.

CONSEQUENCES:

- * To correct inappropriate behavior displayed at camp, a course of action will be enforced including, but not limited to, verbal warning, time out, loss of privileges, parent/guardian phone call, camp suspension or expulsion.
- * Any behavior that endangers camper or staff safety or security, including violent and inappropriate behavior or continual disregard for camp rules, may result in an immediate suspension and/or expulsion from camp.

TRANSFER/CANCELLATION/CREDIT POLICY:

- * All requests must be in writing and submitted a minimum of seven days prior to the start of the originally registered camp (if applicable). A fee may apply.
- * Transfer/cancellation/credit requests, including those resulting from contagious illness and/or major injury, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.