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Dear Parents and Guardians of Echo Lake Youth Campers,

We are having a wonderful summer at Echo Lake Camp, and hope you and your Campers are looking forward to Youth Camp as much as we are. All three youth camp sessions are just around the corner! This summer, Echo Lake Camp will host nearly 400 campers during our Youth Camp programs. Session #1 of Youth Camp begins July 31st, just one week away, and we want to share some important updates for you and your camper(s) prior to their stay:

Required Forms

- Please review the [Youth Camp and CIT Parent Resource Guide](#) for our camp rules and camper behavior guide, a complete packing list, information about how to package medications, and answers to frequently asked questions.
- Prior to drop-off, please complete a [health history form](#) for each camper. Please download, complete, and return the form to:

Recreation Administration Office
2701 Telegraph Ave
Berkeley, CA 94705
E-Mail: camps@cityofberkeley.info
Phone: (510) 981-5140

Note: Although Health History forms will be available at the Bus Stop, we recommend parents complete this required form prior to drop off to prevent any delays.

Bus Stop Transportation

- **Please note that our Bus Stop location has changed this season!**
The new drop off and pick up location is:
San Pablo Park, 2889 Mabel St. Berkeley, CA 94704

This is the corner of Russel and Mabel Streets, at San Pablo Park in South Berkeley, near the Frances Albrier Community Center (see map below).

Echo Lake Youth Camp Bus Stop Location Summer 2017



- Campers must be at the bus stop no later than 7:45 AM on the Monday morning of their session.
 - **The bus will depart no later than 8:30 AM.**
 - The bus will return to the same location on Friday, August 7th, around 5:00 PM.
- If you plan to provide alternate transportation to or from Camp for your Camper, please notify the Echo Lake Camp Office of your plans. Campers should arrive at Camp on Monday at 1:00 PM, and may be picked up on Friday at 1:00 PM:
Echo Lake Camp
(530) 659-7539
ksilagi@cityofberkeley.info

Packing List

- Please see page 15 of the [Youth Camp and CIT Parent Resource Guide](#) for a full packing list.
 - Ensure your camper labels their belongings! Although we always do our best to return lost items to their rightful campers, at the end of each session we always wind up with many items in the lost and found.
- Some notable items to pack for your child include:
 - **Required:** Closed-Toed shoes suitable for walking on rugged terrain
 - Appropriate bedding – (A sleeping bag or warm sheet and blanket)
 - Warm outer layer(s) for chilly evenings
 - A hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen
 - A water bottle and small backpack
 - Personal toiletries and extra socks & underwear
 - Rain gear (Although we have not had much rain this season, we recommend checking the weather the day before Camp, and packing according to the forecast.)

General Information

- The Echo Lake [Youth Camp and CIT Parent Resource Guide](#) includes information about our program, staff, policies, and a packing list (including items not acceptable at camp). This guide includes the following important information:
 - How to communicate with your camper
 - A basic camp schedule
 - Our camp behavior policy
- Cabin Mate requests must be completed through the online registration portal.
 - Each camper may request up to two (2) cabin mate requests.
 - Please note that cabin-mate requests should be of similar age and gender. We will do our best to place campers in cabins with their friends, however, may not be able to accommodate all requests. *While we cannot guarantee campers will be placed in cabins with their friends at Camp, we will always do our best to honor cabin-mate requests received in advance of arrival to camp.*
- Camper cell phones are not permitted during the program. Please ensure your child's cell phone is left at home. Cell phones brought to camp will be collected, stored in the Camp office, and returned to the Camper once they are in the custody of their parent or legal guardian at the end of Camp.
 - If you need to contact your child, please call the Echo Lake Camp office at (530)-659-7539.

Camper mail is welcome! If you want to keep in touch via snail mail, our address at camp is:

Berkeley Echo Lake Camp
(Child's Name)
Lot 7, Echo Lakes Rd
Echo Lake, CA 95721

Please note that packages may take up to one week to arrive at Camp!

- Campers will be staying in rustic tent cabins. Beds and mattresses are provided - please be sure to pack appropriate bedding and a pillow for your camper.

Camp Themes

- Each session of Youth Camp has a fun theme that will run throughout the week. We encourage campers to bring any fun costumes and dress up according to the theme at the Thursday night dance, although costumes are not required. The themes this year are:
 - Session 1: **Gold Rush** (gold panners, western, bandits, etc.)
 - Session 2: **Galactic** (aliens, astronauts, space creatures, etc.)
 - Session 3: **Island Paradise** (tropical, pirates, mermaids, etc.)

In closing, I want to thank you for sharing the experience of Camp with your children this summer. We hope they build lasting memories, make new friends, and enjoy the beautiful natural environment we have here at Echo Lake Camp. If there is anything we can do to help ensure you and your Campers have a great experience, or, if you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the Echo Lake Camp Office at: (530)-659-7539.

Kind Regards,

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