

SUMMER CAMP

Parent Handbook

2020

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Camp Sunshine

Ages: 3 – entering Kindergarten



This camp offers a blend of challenging and imaginative activities in a supportive and nurturing environment. Your child will experience adventure, excitement and fun in these action packed weeks of camp. Campers will engage in group activities, games, art projects and cooking as well as have the opportunity to jump in the bounce house once a week, participate in special presentations, and swim in the kiddie pool at the Swim Center on Fridays. Campers must be toilet trained to attend camp. Children are expected to bring a lunch, morning snack and a water bottle to camp each day. Afternoon snack will be provided.

Camp	Hours	Days	Fees
Half Day	8:30-12:30pm	Mon-Fri	\$103/week
Full Day	8:30-4:30pm	Mon-Fri	\$166/week
Extended Day	7:00am-6:00pm	Mon-Fri	\$196/week

Week	Theme	Dates	Special Event
1	Tropical Paradise	June 8-12	Fundemonium
2	Reptiles/Amphibians	June 15-19	Lick Your Eyeballs
3	The Mighty Jungle	June 22-26	Wild About Monkeys & Library Storytime
4	3 Cheers for the Red, White, & Blue	June 29– July 2 (No camp July 3)	Dinosaurs Rock
5	Under the Big Top	July 6-10	Magic Circus
6	Bugging out for a Bug's Life	July 13-17	Party Jump
7	Storytellers	July 20-24	Magician & Library Storytime
8	Dinosaur Disco	July 27-31	Sciencetellers
9	Say Goodbye to Summer!	August 3-7	Indoor Planetarium

Register online at cityofpetaluma.org

Kids Klub

Ages: entering grades 1st-3rd



This camp offers a safe, fun and creative environment for campers to engage in various activities with other children and staff members. Your child will engage in group games, crafts, sports, and specialty projects. Each week campers will have the opportunity to participate in a special event, 2 swim days, and a field trip. Campers are expected to bring a lunch, morning snack and a water bottle to camp each day. Afternoon snack will be provided.
Location: Petaluma Community Center

Camp	Hours	Days	Fees
Full Day	8:30-4:30pm	Mon-Fri	\$215/week
Extended Day	7:00am-6:00pm	Mon-Fri	\$245/week

Week	Theme	Dates	Field Trip/ Special Event
1	STEM	June 8-12	Fundemonium & Exploratorium
2	Creepy Crawlers	June 15-19	Lick Your Eyeballs & Rebounderz
3	Barnyard Fun	June 22-26	Wild About Monkeys & Reading Cinemas Movie
4	Game On!	June 29– July 2 (No camp July 3)	Dinosaurs Rock & Epicenter
5	Under the Big Top	July 6-10	Magic Circus & Alan Witt
6	Around the World	July 13-17	Howarth Park & Perry Yan Magician
7	Shipwrecked	July 20-24	Spring Lake & Party Jump
8	Creative Expressions	July 27-31	Sciencetellers & Snoopys Home Ice
9	Out of this World	August 3-7	Indoor Planetarium & Cal Skate

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K2



Ages: entering grades 4th—6th

This camp offers group activities, games, art, sports and assist in the planning and implementing of special events for Kids Klub. Each week, campers will experience a special event, 2 swim days, and a field trip with Kids Klub. Campers are expected to bring a lunch, morning snack and a water bottle to camp each day. Afternoon snack will be provided.

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2	Creepy Crawlers	June 15-19	Lick Your Eyeballs & Re-bouncerz
3	Barnyard Fun	June 22-26	Wild About Monkeys & Sonoma Marin Fair
4	Game On!	June 29– July 2 (No camp July 3)	Dinosaurs Rock & Epicenter
5	Under the Sea	July 6-10	Magic Circus & Alan Witt
6	Around the World	July 13-17	Howarth Park & Perry Yan Magician
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Special Event Details

- **Fundemonium:** a science-based experiment presentation. Children get to bring their experiments home with them! (fundemoniumtoys.com)
- **Lick Your Eyeballs:** Our program is designed to teach reptile and amphibian biology, while allowing guests and students to touch and hold live animals. Our hour long programs includes six animals from a variety of reptiles and amphibians from all over the world: frogs, snakes, tortoises and a variety of lizards. Some critters you might meet are, a lizard without legs, a gecko that licks its eyeballs, and a frog with skin secretions that have the ability to kill the HIV virus without harming healthy cells. We spend months, sometimes years working with each individual animal before they become animal ambassadors. We start each program by going over safe animal handling rules and teaching guests non-verbal ways to communicate with us how comfortable they are with each animal as we come around. We work very hard to provide a safe space for everyone, both humans and critters. (lickyoureyeballs.com)
- **Wild About Monkeys:** Since the 1990s, we have been bringing our loved wild animals to local backyards and living rooms all over northern California! Our animals are handled with love and respect and are considered part of our family. We'll provide you and the rest of your party the ability to be up-close with the most amazing exotic mammals and reptiles that they have ever seen! Education and entertainment go hand in hand with all sorts of enlightening facts and fun stories! (monkeybusinessprod.com)
- **Dinosaurs Rock:** DINOSAURS ROCK® offers the most authentic learning experience with our expansive exhibits of museum quality specimens. (dinosaursrockprograms.com)
- **Magic Circus:** Repertoire of Award Winning Stage Shows and Strolling Entertainment. (magiccircus.com)
- **Party Jump:** Jump houses and water slides for endless fun! (partyjump.com)
- **Perry Yan Magician:** San Francisco Magician Perry Yan offers a magic show has been time tested through thousands of performances at schools, company events, kids birthday parties and more! Perry's Magic Show will have the kids AND adults entertained from start to finish! Magic shows for parties and events of all sizes. San Francisco Magician Perry Yan travels all throughout the Bay Area. (pymagic.com)
- **Sciencetellers:** An Interactive Science & Storytelling Program. Help us conduct science experiments to bring a story to life! (<http://www.sciencetellers.com/>)
- **Indoor Planetarium:** Campers will go on a journey through the universe under an inflatable planetarium! Campers will enter the dome and be introduced to a star filled sky. (<https://www.mobileedproductions.com/>)

** ALL events are subject to change*

**All presentations will take place at the Petaluma Community Center*

Key Information



What to Bring to Camp Each Day

Your child should bring a lunch, morning snack, water bottle, sweatshirt, tennis shoes and a backpack to camp every day. Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to dropping off at camp. If you would like it to be reapplied throughout the day, it is your responsibility to communicate this to the staff.

On occasion, lunch may be purchased during field trips; this will be noted in the weekly newsletters that are sent home each prior to each week of camp. Camp is a nut free zone. **Please do not send your child to camp with any nut products.**

Lost & Found

Please make sure all items that are brought to camp are labeled. Lost and found items will be kept until the end of camp and if not claimed, will be donated.

We do not allow electronic devices such as cell phones, iPods, etc. Camp Explorers will be allowed cell phones. The camp staff will not be responsible or liable for the loss of personal items.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes must be made in writing, via email to parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org one week in advance of the session. If request is not made one week in advance, you are still responsible for payment.

A written refund request is required before a refund will be provided. Please allow 3-4 weeks to process refunds.

No refunds or credits will be issued for missed days at camp or for cancellations made after the one week deadline.

Camp Staff

Each staff member has current CPR and Standard First Aid Certification. In addition, per City requirements, all staff members have been fingerprinted and background checked. If at any time you have a concern about a leader and/or how camp is going, please feel free to contact a supervisor.

Camp Attire

Campers should be dressed to play as all the camps are active and creative.

Closed-toe shoes are required at all times. Flip flops are only permitted at the pool for swim days; this will be noted in the weekly newsletters that are sent home prior to each week of camp.

Sign In/Out

All campers must be signed in and out of camp each day by a parent or legal guardian. Children may NOT sign themselves in/out of camp.

Parents or legal guardians must indicate on the Emergency Form those individuals who are authorized to pick up their child. Campers will only be released to those individuals who have been authorized in writing.

Receipts

Please retain your receipts for TAX PURPOSES. The City of Petaluma's Tax ID number is 946000392.

Reminders:

A completed registration form is required!

All activities on the schedule are subject to change.

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General Information



Camper Conduct

Camp is designed to be an active and creative environment and is more fun when campers fully participate. If a child consistently chooses not to participate, staff will discuss with parents whether future participation at camp is mutually beneficial.

Camp Ratios

Our leader to camper ratio is 10:1 (Camp Sunshine 8:1). Our leader/camper ratio ensures that activities can be modified for age-appropriate skill levels, and also enhances team building and cooperation skills.

Discipline Procedures

Staff members use a direct, positive approach regarding discipline. Positive reinforcement and redirection is used whenever possible. “Think Sheets” may be used occasionally if reinforcement and redirection fail to produce the desired behavior.

Parents are encouraged to be proactive to make time to communicate with staff on a daily basis to discuss their child’s behavior, both positive and negative.

Three Strikes Policy

Campers will receive a warning for undesired behavior. If undesired behavior continues, campers will be issued strikes.

First Strike: Camper receives an appropriate timeout and a think sheet.

Second Strike: Staff concerns are discussed with camper’s parent or guardian.

Third Strike: Parent will be called for immediate pick-up from camp and the camper may not return for the remainder of the day. A refund will not be issued for early dismissal due to disciplinary reasons. Participation in the remainder of the week will need to be discussed prior to camper returning.

Camp staff reserves the right to dismiss a participant if his/her behavior is detrimental to other campers. Each situation will be evaluated on its own merit and open communication will be kept with families.



Leader in Training

Our Leader in Training program is designed for 13-15 year olds that would like hands-on experience in the summer camp setting. LIT's will be able to prepare and train to be a future Recreation Leader in summer camp.

Please keep in mind that these leaders are not staff members, and are not held at the same level of responsibility that our Recreation Leaders are. Campers will never be left alone with a LIT, they will always be supervised.

Please direct any questions to Rachel Beer– rbeer@cityofpetaluma.org or 707-778-4336

