

## A LETTER TO PARENTS AND CAMPERS

Dear Young Steward and Family,

We would like to officially welcome you to camp this summer and provide you with additional information about your camping trip to **Bothe State Park**. In this letter, you will find information on the program, packing lists, the location, and transportation.

## SCHEDULE OF THE TRIP

All camping trips are held over a Thursday to Friday, with campers sleeping at Bothe. Camping trips occur during Sessions 2 (6/22-6/23), 4 (7/6-7/7), 6 (7/20-7/21), and 8 (8/3-8/4). Below is a general schedule of what a trip might look like. Activities are subject to change.

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 AM	Parents drop campers off at Kennedy Park, following the normal drop off procedures
10:30	Arrive at Bothe, set up campsite
11:00	Leadership Activity and Campground Tour
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:30	Big Hike!
3:30	Rest Hour
4:30	Field games and park exploration
6:00	Clean up, camp chores
7:00	Camper-cooked dinner
7:45	Clean up and dusk hike
8:30	Camp Fire and S'mores

10:00	Bed Time
	<b>FRIDAY</b>
8:00 AM	Rise and Shine! Shower time and chores
9:00	Breakfast and clean up
10:00	Nature activities, hiking, and teambuilding OR Possible swim time at Bothe
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00	Depart to Kennedy Park
3:30	Parent pick up at Camp Ursa Major, following normal pick up procedures.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from Bothe will be provided by the professionals at Royal Coach. Please make sure to arrive at Camp Ursa Major on the Thursday of your trip no later than 9:30 for a timely departure. In the event that the trip is cancelled (in the event of bad weather, emergency, or State Park closure), parents will be notified immediately and will be asked to meet the group back at Camp Ursa Major at a scheduled time. If you have questions about transportation, please contact us at 707-595-0472.

## PACKING LIST

Please make sure to pack a lunch for your child for Thursday. Besides that, we do not need you to bring any other food for the whole trip. In fact, we do not allow any outside food on the trip unless it is for dietary or religious reasons. If your child does have dietary or religious restrictions, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can try and meet these accommodations.

If your child takes medication, please do not pack the medication away, but instead hand the medication over to the director of the trip. Please keep medication in the original packaging, and include a note on the dosage and time the medication should be taken and any other necessary information with the medication.

## WHAT TO BRING:

Remember! Whatever your camper brings, they are responsible for. Sometimes, less is better 😊

- Lunch for Thursday
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Extra blanket (if desired)
- Toiletries - soap, tooth brush, tooth paste, sunscreen, and anything necessary for an overnight
- PJs
- Change of clothes - for all clothes for the trip, make sure they are comfortable and a good choice for hiking and being outdoors
- Sweatshirt/Sweatpants - while it will be hot during the day, it might be quite cool at night, so please check the weather and plan accordingly
- Swimsuit and towel
- Flashlight
- Reusable water bottle
- Good sneakers/hiking shoes and an extra pair of socks
- A good attitude, sense of adventure, and positive outlook!

## WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

In addition to the items that are not allowed at Camp Ursa Major (please see confirmation packet letter), please make sure that you leave the following items at home:

- Food (other than lunch), drinks, candy, or anything that might invite unwanted critters
- Do not over pack - whatever you bring to the overnight, you must care for, carry, and clean up yourself!
- Leave all electronics at home

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In case of an emergency, you can call our direct line at 707-595-0472. This number is not only the business line, but is connected to all directors' cell phones.

