



Aquacamp

Welcome Letter 2015

Dear Aquacamp Jr. Counselor Parents,

Welcome!

We are very excited about our upcoming summer season and look forward to meeting our new campers. Throughout the years, Aquacamp has been a traveling camp that visits various local beaches and swimming facilities to maximize your child's aquatic experiences, while combining arts crafts, group games and skill building activities. We offer participants the opportunity to learn aquatic awareness, and receive instruction in boogie boarding, body surfing, and marine life. With the addition of new activities we are excited to offer the most productive, fun and educational experience.

Please read through all of the following information carefully, then detach, and return the bottom portion of the last page to us. Thank you!

First Day of Camp

- We do not require a standalone Jr. Counselor training meeting for this program, instead:
- Please show up no later than 8:30 am at Casa Las Palmas (323 E. Cabrillo Blvd) for a camp specific orientation.
- You will be provided with a camp shirt to wear during the program

Daily Camp Requirements

- Report each day no later than 8:45 a.m.
- We look forward to working with you, as you will be an important part of our staff.
- Please be respectful and professional to staff members. Remember that safety is our first priority when interacting with the campers. This experience gives you the opportunity to earn community service hours as well as job experience and future references.
- If you are sick or unable to make it to camp please let us know in advance or call the Bathhouse at (805) 897-2680 and leave a message that they will pass on to us.

Activity calendars

The Aquatic Section is providing activity calendars to assist with any required preparation for each days listed activities, and for reference. Staff members do their very best to adhere to the distributed calendar, but activities are subject to change based on decisions regarding the environment, safety or other conditions related to camper needs. Calendars can be found at <http://santabarbaraca.gov/aquacamp>

Contacting Camp

Please read the camp schedule each day, and notify staff in the Aquatic Section by calling the Cabrillo Bathhouse at (805) 897-2680 for the following situations:

- Your child will not be attending camp,
- Late drop off or pick up of your child.
- You need to contact your child.

The Camp director will be equipped with a cellular phone for emergencies only.

What to Bring to Camp Each Day

Every morning, your child must arrive with a bathing suit and sunscreen already on. They also should bring the following, which should fit into a backpack:

- Aquacamp t-shirt
- Sunscreen SPF 15 or higher
- Towel
- Walking shoes
- Sweatshirt or light jacket
- Hat or visor
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle with fluids
- Sack lunch
- End of the day snack.

Campers may bring boogie boards, goggles, etc. but please remember **that your child is responsible for keeping track of every item they bring to camp**. As staff we do our best to designate areas for belongings to be stored or placed on field trips and sweep these areas prior to returning back to camp for end of day pick-up. Additionally, we keep a daily lost and found and try to help campers keep track of their belongings and make sure we don't leave things behind, but things happen and belongings do go missing. You can help us by clearly marking your child's name on all of their belongings. **Please do not send your child to camp with any clothes or accessories of personal or monetary value** as it is summer camp and things have a tendency to get lost and dirty.

If your child requires medication during the day, please contact our Inclusion office at 564-5421 before the first day of camp. We do have staff restrictions for administering medications, and a set procedure for medicine drop off.

Campers **should not bring the following items** or **anything of value** that could be lost or broken during the day:

- Roller shoes
- Bikes
- Knives
- Walkman / Music Player with Headphones
- Nintendos / Gameboys
- Toys
- Books
- Trading cards

Drop Off and Pick Up

It is essential for your child to be dropped off at 9:00 a.m. and picked up by 4:00 p.m. at the Casa Las Palmas building at 323 E Cabrillo Blvd. On Thursday's during the Concert in the Park series Drop Off and Pick Up will be at the Aquatic Office located in the Cabrillo Bathhouse at 1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

Campers must be signed in and out by an adult each day. There will be a sign-in table on the steps in the front of the Bathhouse. For every fifteen minutes that a child is not picked up after camp there will be a **five dollar (\$5) charge**.

Camp Director and Staff are to request a picture ID of any adult, parent, or individual that is seeking to release into their custody a registered camp participant. Camp Directors must receive in advance written permission from a parent authorizing release of their camper to someone not previously included in the Camper Information Forms.

Extended Camp Care

If you would like Extended Care and have not yet registered please call the Parks and Recreation Department Registration desk at (805) 897-2680, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Behavior Expectations

Aquacamp is intended to be an enjoyable experience for all participants. Please help us by reminding your child of appropriate camp behaviors. We do not allow bad language, poor sportsmanship, negativity, defiant behavior, or any kind of violent behavior. Depending on the severity of the behavior, we do use disciplinary strategies ranging from warnings and small time outs to loss of privileges and behavior contracts. Behavior contracts serve as communication and documentation of behavior between the camp supervisors, director, child, and parent, and carry over to all Parks and Recreation camps.

We strive to make Aquacamp a memorable week and by helping your child understand our expectations, we can have a fun-filled summer with your kids!

On behalf of the Aquacamp Staff, welcome to our program. Please feel free to call the Aquatics Section at (805) 897-2680 if you have any further questions or comments. We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Ellise Fallon,

Aquacamp Director

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Recreation Supervisor, Aquatics

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Please sign and return the bottom portion of this form to us on the first day of camp to let us know that you have read this letter. Thank you for being part of an **amazing summer of Aquacamp!**

Camper's Name _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____