2013 CAMP QUIEN SABE ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM (ET) CAMP

Dear Parent:

Since your camper is registered for Camp Quien Sabe, we feel some background information on the camp will be of interest to you. There will be about 25 staff members and 92 campers in camp each week. Campers will ride on a bus to Camp Quien Sabe, which is located at the Toro Regional Park Youth Overnight Area.

All campers participating, regardless of where they live, must ride to and from camp on the bus on Mondays and Fridays. That is, all campers ***need to be delivered by a family member or a guardian to the Recreation Administration office on Monday morning and picked up there on Friday afternoon.*** **CAMPERS NEED TO BE CHECKED IN BY AN ADULT ON MONDAY AND SIGNED OUT BY AN ADULT ON FRIDAY.**

The camp is on an oak-studded knoll above the main park area at Toro Regional Park. The area is spacious, and is completely separate and away from the day use facilities at Toro Park. Security is excellent. The camp is equipped with modern kitchen and restroom facilities and a swimming pool. Paddle boating and canoeing happen on the lake. Campers will sleep out-of-doors in sleeping bags under the stars. This program has full-time, understanding and experienced staff.

The Environmental Team (ET) program was developed to provide a transition for 12 year olds between the Regular Quien Sabe Camp and the Work Experience Camp. The ET's concentrate their energies on observing and experiencing the natural environment, on conservation practices, and on a weekly work project to improve the environment. Hikes, games, campouts, and other activities will concentrate on developing an understanding of what we can do to safeguard a healthy environment. The ET program is a mix of play, work, and fun all designed with the needs of preteens in mind.

Camp Quien Sabe is 62 years old. Over the years, it has become a tradition in many families. Quien Sabe is fun, safe, and above all else, devoted to seeing that area children have the best week(s) of their summer.

On the Monday of camp, your camper should be at the Monterey Recreation Administration office at 546 Dutra Street, Monterey, (behind Colton Hall) by 8:00 a.m. Your camper must arrive in closed-toed shoes and long pants. Your vehicle will be directed to our unloading area, unloaded, then we will ask you to park your vehicle away from the area and return on foot to check in your camper. We may need to ask you last minute questions. The bus will leave about 8:30 a.m. You may bring your camper as early as 7:45 a.m. The bus will return to the Recreation Administration office at about 3:00 p.m. on Friday. ADDED NOTE: *ON FRIDAY, PLEASE DO NOT PICK UP YOUR CAMPER'S GEAR FROM THE LAWN AREA. PLEASE LEAVE THAT TASK TO YOUR CAMPER.*

If your child is bringing any special medication to camp, please send medication in the original package or bottle with specific directions for administration and dosage. Please give medication to Director(s) when checking in your camper on Monday morning.

On the reverse side of this sheet is a list of equipment needed for a week at camp. **Please put the camper's name on EVERYTHING.** It makes it much easier for us to get lost things back to you when names are on items.

For the safety of your child and the environment, your child's belongings will be subject to a search by camp staff for any illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, fireworks, weapons, food, or cell phones. These items will be confiscated by staff and parents/guardians will be notified. Campers may be required to leave camp if any of these items are found in their possession.

If it rains (and it has done that several times in the past) do not worry. We are equipped to deal with rain. We sometimes get damp, but never cold, and our campers tell us that our weeks with rain have often been the weeks of most fun. The staff becomes very inventive during rain. We will call you if we have a problem. Rain has never shut us down.

CAMP QUIEN SABE VISITATION POLICY

Interested parents are invited to bring their families and prospective campers to Camp Quien Sabe during a week **prior to** their camper(s) attending camp. Visitors will be shown around the camp and the program will be explained. This visit is a good way to acquaint your camper with the program and to develop comfort with the idea of being away from home.

It is our recommendation that personal visits not be planned during the time your camper is attending camp due to the shortness of time away from home. Family visits occasionally result in homesickness in your child and others. On this same premise, we do not recommend sending letters to campers. We will contact you if your camper is inordinately homesick. We want your camper to enjoy his/her experience. Be assured we will contact you if there are problems. The campers are not able to use the camp telephone to call home or receive calls except in an emergency. Again, we will confiscate cell phones.

Families wishing to make arrangements for a visitation may do so by calling the Monterey Recreation Administration office at (831) 646-3866. Parents wishing to make arrangements for visitations different than those above should contact the Camp Directors through Monterey Recreation.

Amy Reed, Director
Camp Quien Sabe

Susie Klinefelter, Director
Camp Quien Sabe

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CAMP EQUIPMENT LIST
(PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR NAME)
(PLEASE DO NOT BRING MORE THAN WHAT IS LISTED BELOW)

_____ 1. Sleeping bag and two extra warm blankets, unless your bag is a very good one.

_____ 2. An ensolite or foam pad for sleeping on. This is a must! Do not bring air mattresses.

_____ 3. One small pillow and cover. We feel that a camper who is used to sleeping with a pillow will sleep better with one at camp. We want well-rested campers.

_____ 4. Three pairs of jeans; old, long ones. Two pair of shorts for warm weather. No skirts or dresses please.

_____ 5. Sturdy shoes or boots with good laces that fit comfortably. (NOT NEW ONES) No dress shoes or heels.

_____ 6. Flip Flops, sandals, or old tennis shoes (to get wet) for swim time. Please send shoes appropriate for camp setting.

_____ 7. Enough socks and underwear to last the week.

_____ 8. Two short-sleeved shirts, two long-sleeved lightweight shirts to prevent sunburn. We have sunscreen, but you may send a specific brand with your child if you wish.

_____ 9. One light-colored T-shirt or sweatshirt to be stenciled at camp (with camp name) by the camper.

_____ 10. A VERY WARM JACKET - with hood if possible. It can be windy at camp, so a warm, wind-proof jacket helps.

_____ 11. A warm hat or ski hat for cold, windy nights at campfire and possibly for sleeping.

_____ 12. Toothbrush - we will provide the toothpaste.

_____ 13. Comb or brush.

_____ 14. Swimsuit and swim towel. Swim goggles (optional).

_____ 15. Chapstick/Lip Balm – Each camper must bring their own – no sharing.

_____ 16. One small hand towel and wash cloth for washing up - we will provide the soap.

_____ 17. WARM pajamas, sweats or a nightgown.

_____ 18. Two CLOTH dinner napkins. These will be used rather than paper napkins. PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK THESE AND ALL ITEMS WITH CHILD'S NAME. Big, colorful bandanas work well here.

_____ 19. Flashlight with workable batteries.

_____ 20. Sun visor or hat to prevent sunburn. **THIS IS A MUST. We will call you if we do not get one.**

_____ 21. The campers will positively not need and should NOT bring any money, snacks (we have tons of great food and desserts), matches, knives, fireworks of any kind, fishing poles, IPods, cell phones or any type of electronic device. We will take them away.

_____ 22. Sports water bottle with a good carrier for personal use; no sharing.

_____ 23. If you have more than one camper going to camp, please pack gear in separate bags.

_____ 24. **ET's attending Week #5 (July 22–July 26)** must bring a pack with either an exterior or interior frame. It must be sufficient to pack a sleeping bag, ensolite pad, some food, a jacket and a few other items needed for our annual ET overnight. You bring the pack, we provide the food. We have a limited number of loaner packs – first come, first served.

_____ 25. If your camper is attending the very last session at CQS this summer (July 29-August 2), she/he will want to bring a silly tie and shirt for our Thursday night dress up dinner.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE MONTEREY RECREATION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AT (831) 646-3866.

NOTE: *PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING – INCLUDING SLEEPING BAG!*