2014 CAMP QUIEN SABE WORK EXPERIENCE (WE) CAMP

Dear Parent:

Since your child 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 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. The program has full-time, understanding, and experienced staff.

The Work Experience (WE) program is designed to combine a worthwhile work experience opportunity, a good camping recreation program, and a social skills program appropriate to the needs of today's teens. The young people in this program will spend about two hours each day working in Toro Regional Park doing needed maintenance work under the supervision of a counselor. For their services, they will be given a small stipend for the week and given a letter of commendation that might be of value in acquiring later employment. At the same time, the WE Campers can feel good about devoting some of their time assisting the busy park staff during its busiest season.

Camp Quien Sabe is 63 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.

All work details have been carefully thought out by the camp directors in terms of effort necessary and appropriateness for young people. The rest of the day is devoted to camp activities include hiking, swimming, boating, camp skills, and much more. It cannot be said that this is a camp of all work and no fun. The program stresses development of social skills as well as work skills.

On the Monday of camp, your teen 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 an unloading area, unloaded, then we will ask you to park your vehicle away from the area and return on foot to check in. Please have an adult check you in. We may need to ask you last minute questions. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. You may bring your camper in 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*****.**

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.

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.

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, even with teens. On this same premise, we do not recommend sending letters to campers. We will contact you if your camper is inordinately homesick or troubled. 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
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CAMP EQUIPMENT LIST
(PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH 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 use to sleeping with a pillow will sleep better with one at camp. We want well-rested campers.

_____ 4. At least three pairs of long jeans, several pairs of shorts. No skirts or dresses.

_____ 5. One pair of good old shoes or boots that fit comfortably. No dress shoes.

_____ 6. Flip Flops, sandals, or old tennis shoes (to get wet) for swim time. Please bring shoes appropriate for camp setting. No heels please.

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

_____ 8. Three long-sleeved shirts. THIS IS A MUST and 2-3 additional shirts. A shirt to wear in the pool for people subject to 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.

_____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 possible cold, windy nights at campfire and for sleeping.

_____12. Toothbrush - we will provide the toothpaste.

_____13. Comb or brush.

_____14. Swimsuit and a 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; 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 CAMPER'S NAME. Bandanas work well here.

_____19. Flashlight with workable batteries.

_____20. Sun visor or hat to prevent sunburn. **THIS IS A MUST for WE's. If you forget this one, we will call home to get a hat.**

_____21. Sports water bottle with a good carrier for personal use - no sharing.

_____22. One pair of inexpensive cotton work gloves (essential). (Put your name on them.)

_____23. Please do not bring any snacks (we have tons of great food and desserts), tobacco products, matches, knives, fireworks of any kind, IPods, cell phones or any type of electronic device. We will take them away if we find them. These items will absolutely be confiscated.

_____24. Use of hair dryers and electric equipment is limited. Bring shampoo if you need it, and bring deodorant.

_____25. **WE's Attending Week #3 (July 7–July 11)** must bring a pack with either an interior or exterior frame that is sufficient to pack a sleeping bag, ensolite pad, some food, a jacket and a few other items needed for our WE overnight. You bring the pack, we provide the food. We have a limited number of loaner packs – first come, first served.

_____25. For Week #6 (July 28–August 1), you 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: The telephone at camp is a business and emergency phone. It is not available for campers use.

NOTE TO WE CAMPERS: We will call home for replacement items if you forget any of the items on this list. Please re-check your list and bring only what is shown.

NOTE: PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING - INCLUDING SLEEPING BAG!