

CALIFORNIA ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH YOUTH CAMP

“Linking Our Youth to Success”



THREE LINKS CAMP

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

A Non-Profit Corporation

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of All Branches:

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THIS LETTER WITH THE SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS WHEN THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND OTHERS.

The youth Summer Camping season is coming up fast at Three Links Camp! Let's fill the camp this year! Remember, you provide the transportation to and from camp and we keep them in between. We accept children from 7 years of age to 14 years of age. Please submit applications as soon as possible (but no later than June 1, 2018, to insure a spot for your camper(s).

**JULY 8TH TO JULY 14TH ARRIVING SUNDAY BY 3 PM,
DEPARTING NOON ON THE 14TH.**

Weekly rates are \$350 per child. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt at no additional cost during their week at camp, and a group photo. If you wish to sponsor a child, use the enclosed application. If you have no children to sponsor, you may send contributions towards Camperships for needy children. The camp is a great value, and every dollar helps us to continue our work!

Due to issues that have previously arisen, this year we are emphasizing the need to adhere to the Camp preparation requests as outlined below and on the Summer Camp Application. We are dedicated to making Camp a happy, pleasant and safe destination for all! This means the children must come prepared for the Camp experience. Informed and pro-active parent(s)/guardian(s) play a critical role in performing pre-Camp preparations and initiating communications to the Camp Director.

- We must be notified of children from Child Protective Services or similar organizations. The Physician Certificate or other documents should **provide all pertinent health/medical information that will help us better manage the child's experience at Camp.**
- Children are being sent to Camp with special emotional or behavioral issues that we are not equipped to deal with. We ask either you do not send these children, or send a caretaker that will stay with the child and be responsible for them at all times. **The caretaker will be charged \$100 for food for the week, and must sleep in the cabin to which the child is assigned.**

- Children who are on medications, including over-the-counter (OTC), must bring the medication in the **original** OTC or prescription bottles. These medications must be listed by the doctor on the Physician Certificate as medications the child must have. The Camp Nurse will dispense medications; without this information and proper bottling, the nurse will be unable to dispense medications. **Children cannot administer their own medications at camp.**
- Summer camp Applications and the Physician Certificate must be provided **PRIOR** to the start of camp as noted on the application (mail by June 1, 2018). This will allow us time to process the application/Physician Certificate and to plan for the appropriate number of children.
- Children are coming to camp with phones and other electronic devices which are **prohibited**. If brought, these devices will be collected by the Camp Director and locked up for safekeeping until the Camp stay is complete. If a child refuses to give up their device(s), the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be asked to pick up the child. **The camp experience precludes use of these devices so that we can better promote physical activities, communing with nature, and social interaction with others. Children can be contacted by calling the main Camp telephone.**
- Athletic shoes or hiking boots must be provided to protect feet and prevent injuries when hiking, playing sports, or for just walking around the camp. Flip flops are allowed only in the shower and pool areas.
- All belongings must be marked with child's name. This is very important to prevent mix-ups during the week and when packing up to leave.
- Children must be able to learn, understand, and follow Camp rules; they are also expected to follow through on any directions from Staff.
- Children who are not adequately prepared for the Camp experience, or who cannot or will not adhere to Camp rules and requests may be sent home, so please encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) and responsible others to carefully read and instruct their children on the information provided in this letter and the Summer Camp application.
- Preparing the children ahead of time for what to expect helps us greatly in providing a positive Camp experience!

As always, we will have adult counselors (**age 18 or older**). If you have a week or two available, enjoy working with **children ages 7-14**, and want to be a positive leader, **please consider being a Camp Counselor**. An orientation class will be provided. If you enjoy working around children and just want to assist with the campers and/or help perform daily duties around the camp, we have spots for you, too! If interested, please call Joy Maestretti at **(209) 329.4707, by June 1, 2017**

Please be aware that by State law, criminal background checks are required for all volunteers and employees. You must complete an employee/volunteer application, and give written permission for this check (required each year). Without this permission, you cannot work or volunteer.

In addition, there is a **new State Law** that anyone working/volunteering as a food handler must take and pass an on-line food handlers course, and be issued a card certifying same. We have the pertinent information to obtain this card, and will provide it to those who are interested in helping in the kitchen or dining room. Call **(209) 329.4707** or send a note to Joy Maestretti at the below address.

Mailing address for the applications for campers and workers is: Joy Maestretti 112 Palin Ave Galt, CA 956325.

Thank you for your help!

Three Links Camp Board of Directors.