

## Frequently Asked Questions About Summer Camp

### **My child can't swim, can they still attend this camp?**

*\*Please note that we do not offer swim lessons during swim camp.*

Our camp is intended for swimmers of all skill levels. Campers will take a swim test in order to group them appropriately based on skill level. During this evaluation, we also assess what areas of the pool each camper will be allowed in during the afternoon free swim.

### **What safety precautions are in place to keep my child safe during the free swim?**

The safety of our campers is our number one priority here at Rancho Rinconada Swim Camp. We ensure that all of our campers are in areas of the pool that are safe for their ability and comfort levels. All campers are supervised by camp staff members as well as our lifeguards during the free swim time.

### **Can my camper wear a flotation device/vest?**

While campers are allowed to wear flotation vests during free swim, we have often found that campers do not need them after the first few days. Rancho Rinconada is not responsible for lost or stolen property, so we advise that you send your campers with only what they absolutely need, as it gives them fewer items to keep track of throughout the day.

### **How many kids are in the pool during free swim?**

There will be approximately 40-45 max swimmers in the water which will include the other campers, staff and will be open to the public. There will be three certified and trained lifeguards on duty, each being assigned 15 swimmers to watch over.

### **How do I register?**

You may register by going to our new online platform called CivicRec to fill out the registration forms and make your payments. Please refer to our website under the Summer Camp Program for more information on creating an account for yourself and your child(s). You may also contact our camp director (contact information located on our website) for questions on how to set up your account or if you need assistance navigating through CivicRec. **Starting 2024 we will only accept online payments.**

### **What is the target age range for this camp?**

Our camp allows campers from ages 4 ½ - 10 years of age, however, our activities are targeted toward the predominant age range of campers, ages 6-8.

### **When can I register for swim lessons and how can I ensure I will get a spot, I know it is competitive and slots fill up immediately?**

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Swim lessons for spring registration will be held sometime in April and summer registration around May so check our swim lessons page for new updates right before or at the beginning of the month of April for spring registration and right before or at the beginning of the month of May. As long as your child(s) is enrolled in our summer camp program, a swim lesson discount will be applied.

### **Is this camp equipped to work with special needs campers?**

We are able to accommodate high functioning special needs campers. Please keep in mind that there are 25 campers and 4-5 staff members and our staff needs to spread their focus equally between all campers. When deciding if Rancho Rinconada Swim Camp is the right camp for your child, please ensure that your child will be able to abide by our rules while here at swim camp. We do reserve the right to remove any campers from camp at any time if they violate our zero-tolerance policies.

### **Are masks still required for my child(s)?**

No, masks will no longer be enforced for children to wear as there is no required mask mandate from the US government. We will abide by any updated Covid-19 regulations. However, if you and/or your child is most comfortable wearing a mask for you and your child's safety, you and your child are more than welcome to do so but we cannot require other children to wear one. If they end up forgetting their mask, we will gladly provide them with one but please provide your child with their own masks. Additionally, we will take appropriate measures, precautions, and protocols if a camper or a staff member reports a positive Covid-19 test result. Our campers and staff are our top priority and we will ensure their health and safety.

### **Is there screen time at camp?**

Bringing any cell phones or tablets to camp is prohibited and will be taken away or firmly asked to be put away in the child(s) backpack until the end of the camp day if it is brought. We strongly encourage positive socialization and the enrichment of our campers with group games and

outdoor/indoor activities. However, we do have movie time twice a week on Wednesday's and Friday's. If you are not comfortable with your child watching a movie twice a week for the concern of excessive screen time, you may freely express your concerns to our camp director and will surely accommodate your preferences and discuss an appropriate alternative.

**Can I sign up my child(s) for one week of the session?**

Yes, you are more than welcome to sign up your child(s) for one week of the session. We will charge you half of the original price of the session. However, switching sessions will result in a one-time charge fee. Please refer to our website for the fees. *\*Please note online payments will only be accepted starting 2024.*

**Which park will you be taking our kids to, what should my child(s) wear, and what should they bring?**

Every Friday around 9:30 am we will walk the kids to Sterling Barnhart park which is about a 10 minute walk from the facility. We will be walking at a completely safe enclosed back road trail where there will be three camp counselors including a manager on duty who will be guiding the children down the path and closely supervising them at the park. We will be having snack time at the park at around 10:15-10:30 am so please pack your children with snacks and more water than a usual summer camp day. As for attire, have your children wear their camp shirt with comfortable pants or shorts suitable for walking and playing at the park as well as comfortable running/tennis shoes. Have your child(s) wear and bring sunscreen and a hat is recommended to avoid direct sun and heat exposure. We will be returning to camp at around 11:15-11:30 am for lunch and then free swim afterwards so do make sure your child(s) bring their swimsuit and sandals/swim shoes for the day as well.

**Is extended care available?**

Yes, extended care is available from 3:30-4:45 PM. Please refer to our website for the fees. *\*Please note late pick-ups will result in a fee. There is a grace period of 30 minutes from 3:00PM - 3:30PM to pick up your child(s).*