

A photograph of a group of children and a woman in a lush, green forest. The children are stacked in a human pyramid, with a woman's head visible at the base. The text 'got camp?' is overlaid in a large, black, outlined font at the top.

got camp?

**CAMP COLLIER**

**PARENT PACKET**

**INFORMATION**

# CRUISIN' THROUGH SUMMER 2023



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Camp Hours

9AM - 5PM (PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL LOCATIONS FOR SPECIALTY CAMP HOURS)

\* Camp Collier will be closed on July 4

## Before & After Extended Hours

Children may be dropped off early (7:15AM - 9AM) or picked up late (5PM - 6PM) for an additional fee of \$15/week. You must pre-register one week in advance for this service.

## Camp Activities

We offer a variety of indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts, special speakers and programs, and field trips. The program fee covers all costs including field trips. Each child is assigned to a group based on his/her current school grade. Younger children are in groups of 15-18 and older children are in groups of 17-25.

We recommend campers be in camp by 9AM in order to experience the full camp program.

### The following is a sample of a typical day:

9:00 - 10:00AM	Group Activity
10:00 - 10:30AM	Morning Snack
10:30 - 3:30PM	Organized Theme Activities and Lunch
3:30 - 5:00PM	Movie/Quiet Activity

# OUR STAFF

## Counselors

Camp Counselors are selected through a competitive application process. Counselors receive CPR, AED, First Aid, and child development training. Most of our counselors are college students or teachers and have previous counselor experience.

## Junior Leaders

The Jr. Leader program is for students in grades 8 - 10. They intern for the summer once completing an intensive five week training program. They are generally students interested in community service and working with children. Jr. Leaders serve as role models and assist campers with daily activities.

## Administrators

Our camp administrators have extensive experience working with children as well as advanced training in child development.

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

## Clothing

Children must wear comfortable play clothes, socks and (closed) athletic shoes. For your child's safety, no CROCS, Clogs, Sandals, Heelys, Boots, or High Heels are allowed. Sandals, flip-flops and water shoes are allowed in addition to closed athletic shoes on Water Fun Days. Also please don't bring or wear anything of value such as expensive clothes or jewelry.

## **Food and Water**

Children need to bring a lunch, and two snacks each day. Heating or refrigeration of lunches is not available. Free breakfast and lunch are offered at qualified sites. Call the park for more information. We recommend children bring a refillable bottle of water each day. Please make sure you label the bottle with your child's name.

## **Don't Bring**

Toys, especially electronic toys - iPhone, iPad, Gameboy, MP3 players, DS or DSIs, cell phones, gaming devices, apple watches, trading cards - should NOT be brought to camp. We have found that these items are easily lost or damaged, and often cause conflicts between children.

## **Permission Forms**

Completed permission forms must be on file at the camp site two days before the child may attend camp.

## **Camp Fees**

Fees must be paid on or before the due date. Once an account is overdue, the participant cannot return to camp until the balance is paid.

### **PROGRAM FEES**

#### **Full Camp Discount Rate \***

The Full Summer Discount Program is available to any participant enrolling in all nine weeks of Camp Collier Summer Camp. The discount of 22% will be seen at the time of registration if payment is made in full. If our 3 payment plan is used, the discount of 22% will be seen on the final payment. An additional discount is available to families enrolling multiple childcare.

First Child - \$600 per participants for the first child (22% discount - \$165 savings)  
Additional Child(ren) - \$540 per participant for additional children (29% discount - \$225 savings).

## **REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS**

Parks and Recreation policy states that all refund requests must be made in writing and delivered to the park at which your child is registered. The request must be sent to the attention of the Parks Supervisor or Camp Supervisor. A 10% transaction fee may be applied to all refunds.

### **Full Refund**

The written request must be received prior to the start of the second day.

### **Prorated Refund**

Participants are responsible for the FULL Summer Discount Program Fee (\$600 or \$540) regardless of program attendance unless the participant has submitted a written request to withdraw from the Full Summer Discount Program. The written request to withdraw is effective the date it is received by the Collier County Park office associated with the camp the participant is enrolled in. Participants withdrawn from the Camp Collier Full Summer Discount Program prior to the end of camp will forfeit all discounts and will be re-accessed fees at the customary rate of \$85 per week.

# ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

## Camp Arrival

An adult must sign-in each child each day at the front desk. No child may be dropped off in the parking lot.

## Early Arrival (7:15AM -9AM)

After sign in, campers have free play until regular camp time, 9AM.

## Arrival after 9AM

After sign in, the parent must accompany the child to his/her group to check in with the child's counselor. The location schedule will be available at the front desk.

## Camp Departure

Children will ONLY be released to those people authorized by the parent/guardian on the Pick-Up Authorization form. Authorization must be in writing. We cannot accept authorization by phone. A photo ID must be shown EVERY time.

## Early (prior to 5PM) or late Departure (5PM - 6PM)

Please present photo ID and sign out child. We will give you a "Sign out Pass" and directions to your child's group or child will be brought to you.

## Late Pick up

A late fee of \$5 will be charged for each child signed out after their regularly scheduled sign out time (5PM for regular camp and 6PM for late release). An additional charge of \$1 per minute will be charged after 15 minutes past the pick up time until the child is signed out. Payment must be made before the child may return to camp.

# FIELD TRIPS

## Safety

- Collier County Public School buses driven by CCPS bus drivers provide transportation to and from field trips.
- No child can remain at the campsite during a field trip or be dropped off at the camp site while children are on a field trip.
- Once the bus leaves the loading zone, no additional campers will be allowed to board the bus.

## Safety

**In order to ensure your child's safety, each child must be signed-in and out each day by parent/guardian or authorized person. A photo ID is required each and every time a child is picked up. Children will only be released to those people authorized by the parent/guardian on the Pick-Up Authorization Form.**

- If a child is dropped off at a field trip location, the parent must escort the child to the site supervisor to sign in.
- Campers should wear camp t-shirts on (non-water) field trips to help us identify our campers.

### **Spending Money**

- No money is needed, but children often want spending money, we suggest \$5 or less.
- Staff cannot hold or safeguard money for campers.
- Money should be in a wallet or ziploc bag and kept with the camper in pockets, shoes, socks, etc.

### **Swim Testing for Pool Safety**

- Children wishing to use the large pools without a life jacket must pass a swim test where they swim or tread water across the short side of the pool (25 ft.) in 6 ft. of water.
- Color coded bracelets will be worn at the pool to indicate which parts of the Aquatic Complex the child can safely use.
- At Sun-N-Fun children must be at least 48" tall to use the slides.

### **Chaperones**

If you would like to be a chaperone on one or more of our field trips, please complete the *Chaperone Information Form* and turn it in to the front desk. We have a limited number of spots. Please sign up early. Chaperones cannot bring additional children on field trips.

Chaperones are expected to ride the bus unless the bus is at capacity.

Unfortunately, we will not know how many children will be attending the field trip until the day of the event.

Chaperone Requirements?

- Must be registered as a Collier County Volunteer
- Must be an Approved CC Volunteer at least 3 weeks prior to the field trip
- Must have Background check and fingerprinting cleared (for children's safety)

## **THEMES AND ACTIVITIES**

We offer a variety of indoor and outdoor activities each day. Children are encouraged but never required to participate in activities. Children are required to remain with their group.

Children may always choose to read if they don't wish to participate in a particular activity. They may choose from the parks selection of books or bring their own.

Children participate in hands-on arts & crafts programs each week.

In addition to theme activities, we go on field trips weeks 2 - 8.

A detailed field trip schedule will be available the first day of camp.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Movie Policy

Elementary Camps - Show G-Rated movies and appropriate PG-Rated Movies

Middle School Camps - Show only

PG-Rated and appropriate PG-13 Movies.

Parents may review the list of movies. We will honor parent preferences and alternative activities will be provided for campers when these movies are shown.

### Treats

From time to time, campers are given treats such as snow cones, candy, popcorn, ice cream etc. The serving size is generally small. If you don't want your child to have any or all of these substances, please let us know. You may want to consider bringing treats for your child so he/she does not feel left out.



## CAMP COLLIER DISCIPLINE POLICY

We view discipline issues as opportunities to help children learn and practice self control and concern for others.

Most discipline issues are minor and easily resolved when parent, child and park staff work together. If your child is having a difficult day, we will call you and ask you to speak with your child. We have found that touching base with Mom or Dad really helps a child.

We will take the following discipline actions when camp rules are not followed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Redirection / alternative activities if appropriate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Verbal warning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Second verbal warning/counsel camper
- 4<sup>th</sup> Time out and/or loss of privileges
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parent contacted and/or discipline action report
- 6<sup>th</sup> Time out (away from group)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Supervisor counsels camper
- 8<sup>th</sup> Parent notified to pick up camper immediately

Serious infractions may result in immediate suspension or termination from the program. Length of suspension (1 day, 1 week or entire camp) will depend on the severity of the infraction. Behavior which may result in immediate program suspension includes:

- Fighting
- Intentionally threatening/hurting others
- Stealing
- Leaving group without authorization
- Property damage
- Actions prohibited by law

**Camp Collier has a zero tolerance policy for hitting, fighting, teasing, bullying, name-calling, profanity, discriminatory language, and damage to property.**

## HEALTH & MEDICINE

### Sunscreen Policy

Parents are strongly encouraged to apply sunscreen in the morning before dropping their children off at camp. To ensure that your child is protected from the sun, we also ask you to please bring a container of sunscreen/block labeled with your child's full name to camp. Written permission is required from the parent in order to assist the child in applying sunscreen.

### Sick Children

If your child is found to have any of the symptoms listed below, you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up immediately.

**Severe coughing•Chicken Pox•Severe Diarrhea/Vomit•Head lice  
Open Sores•Undiagnosed Rash•Pink Eye•Measles•Yellowish skin or eyes**

### Head Lice

Please encourage your child NOT to share hats, hair brushes, hair clips, etc. We recommend that campers with long hair wear it up. Some evidence suggests that applying hair mousse to hair affords some protection.

### Medication at Camp

Only counselors or administrative camp staff are permitted access to medications and will provide it to the child per parent instructions.

### Requirements:

- Medications (prescription OR over the counter) can be given if the parent/guardian has signed a Medication Authorization Form and provided the medication
- Prescription medications must be in a container with a label that includes the child's name, directions, and the physicians' name
- Over the counter medications must be in the original box with the child's name written on it

## DO'S, DON'TS, AND HELPFUL HINTS

- Weekly Activity Schedules available by Friday for upcoming week
- Child's name on all belongings (check our LOST & FOUND frequently - unclaimed items will be taken to Goodwill each Friday)
- Toys and electronic games not permitted to avoid disagreements
- If your child's name is highlighted on the sign out sheet, please see the administrative staff
- We are unable to refrigerate or microwave lunches
- Some sites have available vending machines - children should bring \$1 bills or change, as staff will be unable to make change.
- If vending machines are available children are asked to purchase their snacks for the day before 9am or as soon as the child arrives at camp

If your child is having any problems at camp, please let us know as soon as possible. We want to make sure every child has a wonderful summer.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If your child requires special accommodations please contact the park prior to camp to discuss your needs with the camp supervisor. We will provide reasonable accommodations to all children in our care.

## REQUIRED FORMS

Available at individual camp locations or on our web site [www.collierparks.com](http://www.collierparks.com)

# Play, Connect & Discover

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## Elementary Camp Park Sites:

### **Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park**

252-4900  
810 39th Ave. NE.

### **Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes Community Park**

252-3527  
11656 Tamiami Trail E.

### **East Naples Community Park**

252-4414  
3500 Thomasson Dr.

### **Golden Gate Community Center**

252-4180  
4701 Golden Gate Pkwy.

### **Immokalee Community Park**

252-4449  
321 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St.

### **Immokalee South Park**

252-4677  
418 School Dr.

### **Max A. Hasse Jr. Community Park**

252-4200  
3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W.

### **Vineyards Community Park**

252-4105  
6231 Arbor Blvd.

### **Veterans Community Park**

252-4682  
1895 Veterans Park Dr.

## Low Ratio Elementary Camp:

### **North Collier Regional Park**

252-4000  
15000 Livingston Rd.

## Middle School Camp School Sites:

### **East Naples Community Park**

252-4414  
3500 Thomasson Dr.

### **Golden Gate Community Center**

252-4180  
4701 Golden Gate Pkwy.

### **North Collier Regional Park**

Contact Veterans Community Park  
252-4682

## Therapeutic Recreation/ Adaptive Inclusive Recreation Elementary Camp:

### **Golden Gate Community Park**

252-4184  
3300 Santa Barbara Blvd.





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