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PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

This document provides you and your students' parents/guardians with important information. Please review carefully and share the link with each of your parent/guardian(s).

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in Caritas Creek at CCCYO Camp. This exciting educational experience will enhance the growth of your child and their entire class. The program offers a blend of age-appropriate science curriculum aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards and retreat style activities fostering social, spiritual, and academic development. As a parent, you need to familiarize yourself with the following information as your child embarks on their camp experience.

Our Facility

The facilities at CCCYO Camp and Retreat Center include a full service kitchen and dining room, heated cabins, full service restrooms with individual showers, campfire circles, cleared nature trails, swimming pools, and a lake for canoeing and group study. The students sleep on bunk beds equipped with mattresses. The camp facilities are certified by the American Camp Association for group use and meet or exceed Health Department standards.

What to pack

Take a look at the attached *Suggested Packing List*. If your child is coming in the winter, remember to pack several layers of clothing, waterproof pants, jacket and boots, a winter hat, mittens or gloves, and lots of socks. The Sonoma Coast region experiences rain from October through April and rain gear is very important during those months. We suggest that you check the forecast for the week of your child's trip and pack accordingly. Please label all belongings including luggage. We suggest you encourage your child to pack items that can get wet and/or dirty. Throughout the trip your child will be spending much of their time outside. Please make sure they are prepared for the elements.

Health, Wellness and Emergency Response

It is absolutely mandatory that a CCCYO Camp Youth Health Form is completed and signed for your child. This form should be given to the teacher attending with the class. **Without a completed and signed health form, your child cannot remain at CCCYO Camp.** Please review the medication instructions stated on the health form so that we can meet your child's medical needs to the best of our ability. Your child's teacher will be responsible for dispensing any medications while at camp and will have access to over-the-counter supplies (listed on the medical form) stocked in the medical cabinet at camp.

If your child becomes ill during camp, you will be responsible for making travel arrangements to get them home. In order to prevent the spread of infection, and because our Health Center is not intended for overnight stays except in emergencies, sick children must recover at home. They are welcome to return to camp upon recovery. **If you need to reach your child after hours in an emergency, please call your child's teacher.**

Teachers will meet with the team of CCCYO Camp staff soon after their arrival at camp to discuss medical concerns and special needs. The teacher will be the primary contact/liaison between the school and families. Teachers will be supported by CCCYO Camp leadership staff on a situational basis. Outside of business hours an on-call leadership staff member will be available by the phone number provided and posted in teacher accommodations from 5PM to 8:30 AM.

In the event of a traumatic incident, Catholic Charities CYO Camp will provide therapeutic support for Students and Adults.

Mail

You are welcome to send letters to your child while they are at camp. Please send them the week before to assure arrival at camp during your child's stay. Remember to write upbeat, encouraging words. Letters that focus on missing your children lend to homesickness. Please send mail to the following address: Name of Student, Name of School, CCCYO Camp, 2136 Bohemian Hwy, Occidental CA 95465. Some teachers collect letters from parents and disperse them during meal times.

We believe an outdoor education experience at CCCYO Camp will greatly enhance each student's scholastic experience and benefit their overall education immensely.

Thank you!

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Please note that CCCYO Camp will not be held responsible for lost items. Please do not send irreplaceable, breakable, or expensive items with your child. Please also impress upon your child the need to keep track of their belongings during the week.

CCCYO Camp uses the forest as a classroom: please be aware that anything that comes to camp may return home dirty, damp, or muddy. For schools attending in the winter months, please keep in mind that your children will be outside except in cases of extreme weather. Please send your child prepared for extended outdoor rainy weather activities.

Please send a lunch with your child for the first day of camp. Avoid sending lunch boxes and Tupperware.

*****PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING*****

Clothing	Hygiene Gear
4 pairs of Jeans or Outdoor pants	2 Towels & 1 Wash Cloth
4 Tee Shirts	Deodorant
2 Sweaters or Sweatshirts	Soap
2 Turtlenecks or Thermals	Toothpaste & Toothbrush
1 or 2 Warm Jackets	Lip Balm
Swimsuit/Shorts	Hairbrush/Comb
6 pairs of underwear	Shampoo/Conditioner
8 pairs of socks	Cabin Gear
Mittens or Gloves	Sleeping Bag or 2 Blankets/ Pillow
Warm Hat, Cap, or Ear Muffs	Dirty Clothes Bag (Plastic Bag, Pillow Case)
Pajamas	Stationery, Envelopes, & Stamps
2 pairs of shoes (Tennis Shoes, Hiking Boots) 1 pair of old shoes for a muddy game called Ga Ga	Book or Magazines
Sandals (For Showering)	Stuffed Animals Welcome
Robe *Optional*	Hiking Gear
Rain Gear	Disposable Camera
Waterproof* pants (nylon, plastic or vinyl)	Flashlight and Water Bottle
Waterproof* jackets (nylon, plastic or vinyl)	Back-pack (large enough for water bottle + extra clothing)
*Water resistant is insufficient	Sunscreen

The packing list above is based on a 5-day trip to CCCYO Camp. If your child will be attending for fewer days please adjust accordingly.

Medications: All medications must be in the original container and given to the teacher before departing school.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS		
Food (Please bring a lunch for Day 1)	Money	Matches or Lighters
Candy & Gum	Body Spray (Deodorant OK)	Make-up
Radios	Cell phones/ Tablets/ Readers	Hair Spray/Gel
iPods & Handheld Gaming Devices	Electronic Games	Jewelry
Knives	Curling Irons/ Flat Irons / Hair Dryers	Any item of value

Parent Information for Health Services at CCCYO Camp

Our health service practices are shaped by regulations and/or guidelines from entities such as American Camp Association, Association of Camp Nurses, and state of California. Please contact your school or if you have further questions.

HEALTHCARE PLAN

We partner with you and your child's classroom teacher to provide a safe and healthy experience for your student. You know your child's health needs; we know the capabilities of our program. Our healthcare plan is designed to complement the growth and development needs of children and youth within normal parameters.

HEALTH FORMS

Each health form is reviewed by your classroom teacher prior to child's stay at CCCYO Camp. If they have a question, they will contact you for clarification. We rely on the information you provide to care for your student. Please complete your student's health form thoroughly and return to your school as soon as possible.

About Camp and Your Child's Health

We ask that your child be healthy upon arrival and ready to participate in the OEE experience. If you have questions or concerns contact us! We reserve the right not to admit a person who poses a communicable illness threat.

Our program has a busy schedule filled with activity. Students live with eight or more people in a cabin. Prepare your child so these experiences are exciting rather than intimidating.

Our program expects that students can meet their own personal needs, can move independently from place to place and are capable of community living in our cabin environment.

Community living skills are new for many students. Your child may appreciate knowing that his or her bedroom will be shared with many other people and everyone sleeps in bunk beds. Talk with your child about picking up personal items, the noises people make when they sleep and whether a top or bottom bunk would be best.

CCCYO Camp Staff

The OEE staff at CCCYO Camp has been certified in CPR and Community First Aid. The teachers from your school are responsible for dispensing all prescription medication during their stay.

Healthcare Facilities

Kaiser and Memorial Hospitals are both approximately 15 miles from camp. There is an Urgent Care Facility in Sebastopol, 8 miles from camp.

Scope of Service

The scope of service provided by our staff is limited to care of routine illness and injury; we do not have physicians in residence. We do, however, have medical protocols signed by our supervising physician so care for common problems is available. We stock over-the-counter medications which are dispensed as directed in our protocols. Your student will be referred to the local medical community when need is beyond the scope of our care.

Treatment of Chronic Health Concerns

We expect children with chronic health concerns (i.e. asthma, allergies, diabetes) to be capable self-managers and to bring the supplies they need to manage their diagnosis. Because treatment modalities vary, our staff relies on your student's familiarity with and ability to do their own treatments. Our staff will provide general oversight and partner with your student to follow individual treatment plans and/or strategies to facilitate your student's care.

Asthma, Diabetes, Anaphylaxis Forms

Use the appropriate form to tell us about your child's treatment plan. Special forms have been developed for asthma, diabetes, and anaphylaxis. These forms can be requested from your school and found on our website.

MEDICATION

All medication, with the exception of some inhalers and Epi-Pens, is collected by the teachers at the school before departure. Once at camp, all medication is required by state law to be kept locked in the Health Center with the exception of emergency medication.

Stocked Medication

The CCCYO Camp Health Center stocks the following over-the-counter (OTC) medications and remedies; please do not send these with your student. CCCYO Camp Staff have medical protocols from the camp physician which directs the use of these medications for common and routine human health problems. Use the health form to indicate which of our stocked OTC remedies should not be given to your student:

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)	Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)	Chloraseptic Spray (Sore Throat)
Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil)	Docusate Sodium (Stool Softener)	Tums
Pseudoephedrine (Sudafed)	Loperamide HCL (Anti-Diarrhea)	Cough Drops
Guaifenesin DM (Cough Medicine)	Silver Sulfadiazine	Calagel / Aloe Vera Lotion
TechNu Extreme (Poison Oak)	Hydrocortisone Cream	Cola Syrup

If you are Sending Medication with Your Camper

- Send enough for your child's entire stay.
- Place the medications in a zip lock bag with your child's full name.
- Each medication must come in its original and appropriately labeled bottle/container, including vitamins and other nutritional supplements.
- Do not mix medications.
- Do not presort medications into a daily medication box or container.
- Use the health form to record the medication and explain why your child is using the medication.
- Our staff expect that medication indicated on the health form will arrive with the camper. If a medication status changes, notify us in writing of that change.

Prescription Medication

- Must come in a pharmacy container with a legible label in the camper's name.
- Must be labeled with the camper's name, the name of the medication and current instructions for administration.

NOTE: CCCYO Camp must follow labeled directions. If there is a change to your camper's medication, make sure the label correctly reflects that change, or please have your healthcare provider write a new prescription with the change of dosing and send that with your child. It must be signed and dated by the healthcare provider.

Over-the Counter Medication

- Must come in its original container with a legible label.
- Must have the camper's first and last name clearly written in indelible ink on the container but in a place which does not obscure label information.
- Must be appropriate to the age of the child with the proper dosing information.
- If different, please send your healthcare providers instructions, signed and dated by him/her.

Methods for Treating Common Problems

We are sensitive to the fact that there are different ways to treat common health problems. If your child is susceptible to sore throats, headaches, and/or upset stomach and you have identified a treatment to which your child responds, please share that information with us by writing it on the health form. We may not be able to provide exactly the same treatment, but we will complement it as our regulatory agencies and laws allow.

Insulin and Other Injections

We expect that students who use injectables (e.g. insulin injections, growth hormone shots) are capable of doing their own injection. CCCYO Camp staff are not permitted to administer injections. Refrigeration, a sharps container, and alcohol preps are available.

Please send your entire student's medication and the necessary syringes with them to camp.

Communicable Disease

Please notify your school and CCCYO Camp if your child is exposed to a communicable illness within the three weeks prior to arriving at camp. We are especially concerned about chicken pox, mumps, sore throat, colds, Covid and flu.

Head Injuries/Concussion Protocol

It is the policy of Catholic Charities that all head injuries be evaluated by an advanced medical health professional before rejoining programming.

Head Lice or Nits

Because our program has a "no nits" policy, if a child is found to have nits once they are at camp, you will be contacted to pick up your child per our medical protocols. If this occurs, we recommend that you bring your child to a professional facility so they can return to Caritas. In addition, please instruct your student not to share items such as brushes, hats, pillows, hair ties and clothing with other people.

COMMUNICATING HEALTH ISSUES WITH PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our staff and the teachers from your school will call you immediately if there is any significant medical concern regarding your child. The phone numbers you provide on your student's health form will be used. Please make sure that we know how to reach you at all times during your child's stay.

We generally do not contact you if your child is seen in the Health Center for routine problems (e.g. skinned knee, sore throat, bee sting, headache, upset stomach). We will call if we have questions determined on a case-by-case basis by the CCCYO Leadership staff. If you would like us to do something different, attach a letter to your child's health form explaining your alternate plan.

A child's usual response when not feeling well is to tell the parent or guardian. Sometimes children at camp react the same way – they write a letter telling you how they feel and may not consider telling their cabin leader or their teacher. Talk with your child and explain that the cabin leader, staff, and teachers are there to help.

Please instruct your student to tell these people about their needs so care can be provided...because we care!!



Clothing Order Form

Child's Name: First _____ Last _____

School _____

Dates Attending _____

Parents: If you are ordering clothing, please return this complete order form to your child's teacher

T-shirts: \$20.00 price includes tax

Please check one size:

Adult Small ___ Adult Medium ___ Adult Large ___
Adult XL ___ Adult 2 XL ___ Adult 3XL ___

Hooded Sweatshirts: \$40.00 price includes tax

Please check one size:

Adult Small ___ Adult Medium ___ Adult Large ___
Adult XL ___ Adult 2 XL ___ Adult 3XL ___

Embroidered Logo Beanies: \$15.00 price includes tax



Please select one style



Gray CYO Camp Beanie ___

Black Caritas Creek Beanie ___

Order Summary

Child's Name: _____ School: _____

Items Ordered: ___ T-Shirt \$20 ___ Sweatshirt \$40 ___ Beanie \$15

Total Paid \$ _____ **Paid By (circle one):** **Cash** **Check #** _____ **(Make Checks payable to your school)**