

Camp Si View

2008

Parent Manual

A comprehensive guide to assist you and your child in having a wonderful summer with Si View Metro Parks.

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The Si View Community Center and the entire Si View Metropolitan Park District welcomes you and your family to another summer of fun. We are looking forward to many new adventures and friendships. This manual will provide you with information about our program and our operating policies and procedures. Please take the time to review this information prior to the start of camp. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact our program staff at the Si View Community Center.

Summer Camp Location

Si View Community Center
400 SE Orchard Drive
North Bend, WA 98045
Phone: 425-831-1900

Youth Program Administration

Ryan Daly
Youth & Athletics Coordinator
E-mail: Rdaly@siviewpark.org

Our Goal

Our Goal is to provide a safe and fun summer camp program for school age youth. We are dedicated to providing your child with meaningful camp experiences and are very proud of the program we offer. Weekly themes have been developed to guide your child through a week of fun, interesting, and informative activities. We encourage socially positive habits and attitudes through active participation in this recreation program. To make these goals a reality, the Si View Metropolitan Park District will employ qualified staff members who love children and will be a positive influence on their lives.

Registration and Enrollment

Participants

Summer Camp (Camp Si View) is open to children entering grades K-5 at the start of the 2008-2009 school year. Children entering Kindergarten must be at least 5 years old, pre-enrolled in Kindergarten, and have previous school or formal camp experience by June 23, 2007. Proof of enrollment may be required at time of registration.

Registration

Summer camp registration will begin April 21, 2008 and will be available throughout the summer. Hours for camp registration are Monday thru Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM or online at www.siviewpark.org.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on space availability. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to keep their child's file updated with current information. The following item for summer camp must be completed on file at the Si View Community Center at least 48 hours prior to attendance in the program.

- Enrollment Form
- Liability Waiver
- Payment Responsibility Agreement

Camp Hours

Summer Day Camp operates from 7:00AM-6:00PM, Monday-Friday. Each day is divided into two types of programs: regular camp and extended camp. The regular camp hours are from 9:00AM-4:00PM. This is the organized program time and campers must arrive by 9:00AM to ensure involvement in the day's activities. During these hours, campers will be taking part in activities based upon weekly themes and projects consisting of arts & crafts, recreation and physical fitness games, science and nature, field trips, swimming, and other exciting events.

Extended camp hours are from 7:00AM-9:00AM and 4:00PM-6:00PM. There are no additional charges for participation in extended camp hours. Activities during this time will consist of quiet activities, free time, and group games.

Payment Information, Fees, and Refunds

Payment Deadlines

Summer Camp payment is due on the Monday PRIOR to the week of enrollment. If we do not receive payment your spot will be forfeited to the next person on the waiting list. Account must have a 'zero' balance by Mondays at 5:00PM. Payments are accepted in the form of cash, check, or credit card (MC or Visa). Please make checks payable to the "Si View Metro Parks" or "Si View MPD."

Any payments received after the Monday prior to the week of enrollment will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee per child.

Checks returned to the Si View Metropolitan Park District will be assessed a \$15.00 service charge.

Weekly Camp Fees

The following fees are based on a per week charge and apply to both regular and extended camp:

Registration.....	\$130.00
Late Registrations received after the Monday prior to camp.....	\$150.00

Week 2 "Skate, Rattle, & Role" June 30-July 3 is \$105.00

Weekly Deposits

Summer Camp is limited to 60 campers per week. For this reason, if you would like to reserve space for your child you will be asked to pay a \$20.00 deposit for the week(s) they are planning to attend. **The weekly deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable.** The deposit will be applied to your weekly camp fees. Participants who register online will not be eligible for the weekly deposit option. Registrants that require a deposit will need to pay in-person at the Si View Community Center or by mail.

Weekly Reservation Deposit.....	\$20.00*
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*Not available online

Late Fee Charge

There will be a late charge of \$1.00 per minute for those children not picked up by 6:00PM. Payments for late-fees are due when you pick up your child. Your child may not return to our program until payment is received. King County Child Protective Services will be called if the child is not picked up by 7:00PM.

Refunds

Requests for refunds must be made in writing and should give the name of the camper, camp date(s), and reason for the refund. Refund requests will only be accepted **with a minimum two-week notice**. Special circumstances, such as serious illness or injury will be considered when processing refund requests. There will not be a discount or a refund for days missed. The weekly deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable.

Daily Camp Information

Check-In/Check-Out Procedures

For the children's safety, a parent or guardian must accompany all children at arrival and departure time. Each child is required to be signed-in and out each day. A sign-in and sign-out sheet will be kept at the community center front office. Children will only be released to those individuals authorized by the parent's written permission or to the individuals stated on the registration form. Photo identification may be required at time of pick-up.

Lunch

Children will need to bring a sack lunch and beverage (non-glass container) each day. Sack lunches should be clearly labeled with the camper's name. The refrigerator, microwave and stove are NOT for camper use.

Snack

Campers will need to bring 2 snacks (Morning/ Afternoon) along with there lunch. Si View may provide special snacks on certain days.

Sun Screen

Ultimately it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is covered with sunscreen prior to arriving at camp. Our policy is to remind and encourage campers to wear sunscreen whenever outdoors; however we will not be able to force children to wear it, so please encourage you child to apply sunscreen or to ask for assistance. Camp staff will assist in application when needed and remind campers to use sunscreen.

Reporting Absences

Please notify the Si View Community Center at 425-831-1900 when your child will not be in attendance for the day.

Contacting Your Child While At Camp

The Summer Camp staff cannot be reached directly. If you have a message for your child, please call the Si View Metropolitan Park District and ask to speak with Ryan Daly. If you are trying to reach your child in an emergency situation, please inform the front desk staff of the situation when you call and you will be put through to next available supervisor.

Field Trips and Swimming Information

Field Trips

Camp Si View field trips are scheduled on Wednesdays unless otherwise noted. The cost of the field trip is included in your weekly camp fee. Please do not send money with your child for the field trips, as they are not to purchase snacks, souvenirs, etc, unless approved by camp staff. Field trips depart promptly at 9:00AM. Please make sure that your child is here on time. We do not have alternative daycare for your child if they miss the field trip. **Camp t-shirts must be worn on every field trip.**

Swimming

Several swimming field trips will be offered throughout the summer. All swimming activities will take place in guarded swimming areas at either community pools or lakes. Campers swimming in the deep areas will be required to pass a swimming test conducted by the lifeguards on duty. Outdoor swimming trips may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Acceptable weather conditions are a minimum temperature of 70°F, and partly cloudy to clear skies.

On swimming days, campers should bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen. Goggles are optional, but recommended. Please do not send toys or other water items to camp. We have plenty of items that may be used in the sand and in the water.

Bus Policy

The bus rules have been developed to ensure the safety of your child and other children while traveling. Campers must remain in their seats at all times.
Open containers of food or drinks are not permitted on the bus. In addition, campers may not eat or drink while traveling in the bus.
Campers must maintain quiet conversations.
Campers must keep their hands inside the vehicle at all times.
Campers are not to make inappropriate gestures to passing motorists.
Misbehavior on the bus may result in your camper not being permitted to attend the next field trip.
Campers may be immediately dismissed if behavior threatens the safety of themselves, fellow campers, or staff.

What to Bring and Wear

To ensure your campers' safety, please send them in active play clothing each day. Preferably, children should be wearing tennis shoes or at the minimum shoes that allow them to actively participate in the activities.

Please provide the following:

- Participants should bring extra clothes suitable for a change in weather (jackets, shorts, sweatshirts, etc.).
- Please send a large sack or backpack with the camper's name on it to hold camp belongings each day.
- Please be sure to apply sunscreen to your child each day before camp when the weather is warm. Furthermore, have your child bring sunscreen to camp on warm days to help protect them from the sun's harmful rays.
- Please mark all personal items with the child's name for easy identification. Clothing left at camp will be placed in the 'lost and found'. Unclaimed items will be taken to Northwest Center on a weekly basis.
- Please bring a water bottle each day labeled with the camper's name.
- On swimming days campers should bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen.

What not to bring:

- Please do not allow you child to bring toys and/or valuables unless special arrangements have been made with camp staff. Our facility and staff will not be held responsible for items that become lost, broken, or stolen.
- Toy weapons and guns are not permitted. Possession of these items may result in an automatic and indefinite suspension from the program.
- Do not send money with campers, unless approved by camp staff. Out programs do not permit our campers to play video games, eat candy, or chew gum during program hours.

* Camp staff will not be responsible for holding any items that should not have been brought to camp.

Illness and Medication Information

In the event of illness, parents must have alternative plans for childcare. Children not well enough to follow the day's routine (including outside activities) must not attend camp. This includes, but not limited to children with the following symptoms of illness:

- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Active Rash
- Discharging Eyes
- Nausea, Diarrhea
- Stomach Pain

If campers become ill during camp, a parent/guardian will be notified and asked to pick up their camper. Parents should establish an alternate plan for their camper if they are unable to pick up a sick child or if they cannot be reached by telephone during the workday.

Contagious Disease

Parents are to inform a program supervisor IMMEDIATELY, when their child contracts a contagious disease (including but not limited to, ringworm, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, mumps, measles, viral infections, and lice) or is exposed to one. We will then post a notice to alert parents. Children being treated with antibiotics for a contagious disease may not return to our facility until the danger of infecting others is over.

Administration of Medicine

Prescription and non-prescription medication will only be administered with a completed medication authorization form on file and signed by the parent/guardian. Medication brought to the facility must be in its original container and must be CLEARLY labeled with the child's name, description of medication, physician's name, and dosage.

Please do not leave medication in the possession of your camper or in your camper's lunch.

Injuries

Our staff will treat all minor injuries, and parents will be notified at the time of pickup. If the staff determines that the camper should receive medical treatment, a parent/guardian will be notified immediately.

Emergency Procedures:

In case of serious illness or injury, the following procedures will be used:

1. Administer First Aid/CPR
2. Call 911
3. Contact parent or emergency contact
4. Transport to nearest hospital (if necessary)
5. File accident/medical report

Discipline Policy

In organizing and maintaining a safe and cooperative program, it is necessary to have specific policies and limitations that govern our facilities, program/staff and the behavior of each child. The following procedures will be used when handling discipline situations:

First incident of continued disruptive behavior:

- A verbal warning will be issued and the child will be encouraged to continue playing.
- If the situation continues a time-out will be issued.
- The child will be asked to sit out from the group for a designated amount of time not to exceed 15 minutes.
- A staff person will talk with the child informing them that their behavior is not appropriate and to think about their actions.
- The child will resume play when the behavior is corrected.
- A parent/guardian will be notified of the situation when they arrive to pick up their child.

If the situation/problem continues following first time-out:

- A second time-out will be issued.
- The steps outlined above will again be followed.
- A parent/guardian will be notified of the situation when they arrive to pick-up their child.

If the situation/problem continues following the second time-out:

- A third time-out will be issued. The child will not return to the group. A youth program administrator will meet with the staff and the child to discuss the situation.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick-up their child immediately.
- The child will be suspended for the remainder of the day's activities. The child may also lose field trip privileges for the week.
- Parents will be notified that further situations/incidents may result in a one-week suspension from the program.
- A Staff-Parent conference will be required before the child returns to the program.

If the situation/problem continues following the one-day suspension:

- The child will be removed from the group.
- A youth program administrator will meet with the staff and the child to discuss the situation.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick-up their child immediately.
- The child will be suspended from the program for five days.
- Parents/guardians will be notified that further situations/incidents may result in permanent dismissal from the program.
- A Staff-Parent conference will be required before the child returns to the program.

If the situation/problem continues following the five-day suspension:

- A parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick-up their child immediately.
- The child will be permanently removed from the program.

We reserve the right to dismiss a child IMMEDIATELY if we experience extreme discipline problems. Such problems may include, but are not limited to, fighting, physical violence toward campers or other staff, bringing weapons to camp, physically or verbally threatening others, and putting themselves, or other campers, and staff members in an unsafe situation.

It is important to maintain the cleanliness and safety of the building so that we can preserve the facility for years to come. If your child damages any part of the building, i.e, puts holes in wall, uproots trees, breaks windows, etc., the Parks District reserves the right to bill parents/guardians for the repair costs.

I have read and understand all information contained in this manual and hereby agree to the terms, conditions and policies.

Parent/Guardian Name (in print)

Signature

Date

Name(s) of attending child(ren)