



# 2026 SUMMER PLAYCAMPS PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION GUIDE

Welcome to the City of Boise’s Outdoor Summer Playcamps located in your neighborhood park! These week-long day camps are offered to children going into 1st-6th grades. Playcamp activities are designed to encourage healthy recreational play and meet the physical and social needs of your child. Activities may include recreational games, arts, crafts, environmental education, hands-on science projects, fieldtrips and swimming. Playcamp staff are trained on the principles of child development and are CPR/First Aid certified to ensure your child has a safe and positive experience.

We encourage parents to become familiar with the Playcamp procedures and to discuss the program rules and expectations with their children. Creating a successful experience requires frequent and open communication between staff and parents. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s experience in a youth program, please call or e-mail us at the contact information below.

We are excited for a wonderful summer with your children in the parks!

## CONTACT US

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**FOR REGISTRATION QUESTIONS:**  
 Fort Boise Community Center: 208-608-7680

## PLAYCAMP LOCATIONS + CELL NUMBERS

**CASSIA PARK:** 4600 W. Camas St | 208-803-2092  
**CATALPA PARK:** 4516 W. Catalpa Dr | 208-803-4697  
**EAGLE ROCK:** 2150 Old Penitentiary Rd | 208-803-2761  
**ELM GROVE PARK:** 2200 W. Irene St | 208-803-1652  
**IVYWILD PARK:** 416 W. Ivywild St | 208-986-2044  
**JULLION PARK:** 3901 N. Jullion Way | 208-803-5225  
**MANITOU PARK:** 2001 S. Manitou Ave | 208-803-4618  
**PHILLIPPI PARK:** 2299 S Phillippi St | 208-807- 1592  
**SUNSET PARK:** 2625 N. 32nd St | 208-803-2404  
**WINSTEAD PARK:** 6150 W. Northview St | 208-803-1926



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All camp registrations are done through Fort Boise Community Center or online. Questions or concerns, please call 208-608-7680 or email at [activities@cityofboise.org](mailto:activities@cityofboise.org). Campers also need a completed Participant Form submitted into their specific camp. Participant forms will have to be filled out again each time a camper attends a new site.

**REFUNDS OR CREDITS:** A request for refunds, transfers, or credits must be received ten (10) days prior to the week of the program that the child will not be attending. A processing fee will be assessed on all cancellations. No refunds or credits will be given for missed, sick or suspended days. For cancellation questions, please call Fort Boise Community Center at 208-608-7680.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Scholarships are available to those who qualify based on income requirements. Scholarship applications must be submitted in advance of registration; to learn more, call Fort Boise Community Center at 208-608-7680 or visit [CITYOFBOISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://CITYOFBOISE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS).

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** To inquire about accommodations for participants with disabilities, please contact Emily Kovarik at 208-608-7687.

## PLAYCAMP HOURS

Camps run Monday–Friday from 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Playcamps at Cassia, Ivywild, Eagle Rock, Elm Grove, Winstead and Sunset run for ten weeks from June 1st–August 7th. Playcamps at Catalpa, Jullion, Manitou and Phillippi run for nine weeks starting June 1st–July 31st.

All camps will be CLOSED Friday, June 19th, in observance of Juneteenth and closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

## SIGNING IN & OUT

Parents, guardians, and authorized individuals listed on the Participant Form are required to escort and sign the child in and out of the program daily unless the participant is authorized to walk/bike to Playcamp. A picture ID is required of all individuals picking up a child.

Participants can be dropped off after 7:30 a.m., and we ask that your child arrive by 9 a.m., as that is when we start our organized activities, or we may be loading up to go on a field trip. Students must be picked up no later than 5:30 p.m. Please park your vehicle and walk to the check-in and check-out area and contact our Playcamp staff when dropping off and picking up.

## **SIGNING IN & OUT, CON'T**

1st and 2nd graders may not walk home unattended and must be picked up by individuals approved on the Participant Form.

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders may walk or ride their bikes home. They must inform staff before they leave as well as call parents or approved individuals to inform them they are departing the park for home. All students may use Playcamp program phones to contact parents when departing the program.

Requests to add an alternate pickup person to the Participant Form may be made in person at drop-off or pick-up.

Same-day emergency pickup by someone not listed on the Participant Form must be submitted in writing, either in person or by email to benglish@cityofboise.org or ccamacho@cityofboise.org. The written request must include the child's name, Playcamp site, date, the name of the person picking up the child, and their relationship to the child. Same-day phone requests or verbal changes will not be accepted.

*\*If custodial issues are in dispute, Boise Parks and Recreation requires that you provide us with a copy of your divorce decree and custody arrangement.*

## **NEWSLETTER**

Parents will receive a weekly Newsletter via email the Friday before Playcamp. Hard copies can be available upon request.

## **MEALS & SNACKS**

Participants need to bring a sack lunch and two snacks each day (note that refrigeration is not available). Please remember that your child will be playing hard and pack their lunch accordingly. Include a water bottle so your child can drink plenty of water throughout the day. Some park sites may have the "Picnic in the Park" program and have free lunches available. Those parks are Cassia, Ivywild, Sunset, Phillippi and Winstead Parks.

## **ILLNESS & EMERGENCY POLICY**

Staying home when a person is sick protects other participants by preventing the spread of illness. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. The City of Boise follows CDC guidelines regarding illnesses. Students should be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine before returning to Playcamp.

If your child becomes ill at Playcamp, you will be notified and will be expected to pick up the child within one hour. Please develop a backup plan in case this occurs. If staff can't reach you, the emergency contact person will be called. Guardians will also be notified if a participant has evidence of head lice. Due to the contagious nature of lice, all participants with evidence of lice (nits or bugs) must be treated and considered lice-free before returning.

If your child has severe allergies, please notify your Playcamp program supervisor. If your child is in need of medication during Playcamp hours, parents and guardians will need to complete a medication packet that can be provided by the Playcamp leader.

If a child is injured while attending Playcamp, parents/guardians will be promptly notified with details about the incident. In the event of an emergency injury, emergency services will be notified prior to parents or guardians being notified. Once a call has been placed to 9-1-1, parents and guardians will then be contacted.

## **MANDATORY REPORTING**

Idaho State Law requires staff to make reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Staff will report any suspected abuse to Child Protective Services.



## APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Appropriate clothing is important with cool mornings and warm afternoons. It is a good idea to pack extra clothes/shoes as well as swimsuits for water play during hot days. Durable shoes for active play are needed, tennis/gym shoes are highly recommended, but please no Flip Flops. Please label all belongings including clothing, water bottles, sunscreen, and towels.

## VALUABLES & TOYS

Valuables, toys and electronics are not permitted at Playcamp. Cell phones must be kept in the participant's bag during program hours. The City of Boise is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES

Boise Parks and Recreation is committed to providing safe, inclusive and enjoyable recreation and education programs where everyone in our community can connect, play and thrive.

Our recreation programs are best suited for participants who are able to:

- Self-manage their behavior, emotions and self-care with minimal assistance.
- Participate in structured and informal group activities. Playcamps typically have 50 youth per day.
- Follow program rules and expectations for safety and respect.
- Remain in designated boundaries as defined by the program.

All patrons, staff and volunteers have the right to be safe while attending a program. We encourage open communication and work with families to understand how we can best support each participant within the scope of our programs. However, please note that our programs are not clinical, therapeutic, or one-on-one behavioral intervention services.

Participants, parents/guardians should familiarize themselves with these guidelines to ensure behavior is respectful, safe and appropriate.

Children are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and respectful manner towards themselves, other participants, and staff. Participants, parents/guardians should familiarize themselves with these guidelines to ensure behavior is respectful, safe and appropriate. If a participant's behaviors are disruptive, parents will be contacted to discuss behaviors and possible suspension from the program, and share ways to help the participant be successful.



## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES, CON'T

### INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Examples of inappropriate behavior include (but are not limited to):

**INAPPROPRIATE ACTION/BEHAVIOR:** Abusive or insensitive language and/or inappropriate gestures/ actions directed toward participants, staff, or other persons.

#### INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING OF OTHERS

**HARM TO OTHERS:** Physically assaulting another person (participants, staff or other persons), including striking, pushing, shoving, spitting, proximity intimidation and/or grabbing; or other attempt or threat to physically injure another person.

**HARM TO SELF:** Physically harming/injuring self or attempting or threatening to do so.

**MISUSE/DAMAGE OF PROPERTY:** Improper care or misuse of items that belong to the city, site location or items belonging to another person.

**STEALING:** Removing property belonging to others, the city, or other facilities without permission.

**POSSESSING WEAPONS OR DANGEROUS ITEMS:** Bringing weapons, or look-alike weapons, to the program that may harm others or damage property is not permitted.

**NON-COMPLIANCE WITH RULES:** Non-compliance with program and facility rules.

### WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, Playcamp will still be offered. All participants should report to their Playcamp site by 9:30 a.m. We will then transport participants to their designated alternative site and notify parents via the Statusfy app. Instructions for accessing and using Statusfy can be found in our weekly newsletters, and posted at each Playcamp location. At the end of the day, participants should be picked up at the alternative site. Moving 10 Playcamps spread throughout the city is a process. When relocating, we make every attempt to keep this process as quick as possible and place a priority on the health and safety of participants. Rain, heat and smoke are continually monitored and can be unpredictable across Boise. We make every attempt to move all ten Playcamps to their alternate sites as fast as possible.

## WEATHER, CON'T

**RAIN:** Participants will attend alternative sites on heavy rain days. For brief rainstorms, please ensure participants have coats and appropriate clothing as they may not be moved for rain that clears up quickly.

**HEAT:** Participants will attend alternative sites on days when the temperature is above 100° for the majority of the day. For hot days that do not reach 100°, Playcamp staff will limit physical activities and ensure adequate water intake.

**AIR QUALITY:** Smoke from surrounding wildfires can affect the air quality in Boise during the summer. The City uses AirNow.gov to monitor air quality. Participants will be moved to their alternative site when the air quality is considered too unhealthy, defined as an AQ index of 151 or above, per City Standards. On most occasions, air quality is worse in the morning and improves as the day goes on.

### ALTERNATE INDOOR SITES:

**CASSIA:** Whitney Community Center | 609 S. Owyhee St.

**CATALPA:** Collister Elementary | 4426 W. Catalpa Dr.

**EAGLE ROCK:** Adams Elementary | 1725 E. Warm Springs Ave.

**ELM GROVE:** Lowell Elementary | 1507 N. 28th St.

**IVYWILD:** White Pine Elementary | 401 E. Linden St.

**JULLION:** Valley View Elementary | 3555 N. Milwaukee St.

**MANITOU:** Fort Boise Community Center | 700 Robbins Rd.

**PHILLIPPI:** Grace Jordan Elementary | 6411 W. Fairfield Ave.

**SUNSET:** Whittier Community Center | 255 N. 29th St.

**WINSTEAD:** Morley Nelson Community Center | 7701 W. Northview St.

## SWIM DAYS

Playcamp participants will visit a nearby City of Boise pool. Each site will go swimming up to two times a week. Each participant is in charge of bringing their swimsuit and towel. Participants at camps going to pools from 3:30-5:30 p.m. must be picked up at the pool locations as we will not return to the parks.

### SWIM PROFICIENCY RUBRIC

As indicated by parents/guardians on the Playcamp Participation Form, it is important for staff to be aware of the swimming ability of each camper. Playcamp swimming proficiencies are defined below:

**NON-SWIMMER:** No swim lesson experience, must stay in shallow end where feet can touch.

**BEGINNER SWIMMER:** Can float on back and comfortably put head in water, should stay in shallow water where feet can touch.

**INTERMEDIATE SWIMMER:** Can swim on front and back, almost ready to enter deeper water.

**EXPERIENCED SWIMMER:** Can swim on front and back independently and can take the swim test to enter deep end.



## SWIM DAYS CON'T

### POOL LOCATIONS & TIMES

**CASSIA PLAYCAMP:** Borah Pool | 801 Aurora Drive | Mon/Wed 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**CATALPA PLAYCAMP:** Fairmont Pool | 7929 W Northview Street | Mon/Thurs 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**EAGLE ROCK PLAYCAMP:** Natatorium Pool | 1811 E. Warm Spring Ave. | Tues/Fri 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**ELM GROVE PLAYCAMP:** Natatorium Pool | 1811 E. Warm Spring Ave. | Mon/Thurs 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**IVYWILD PLAYCAMP:** Ivywild Pool | 2250 S Leadville Ave. | Tues/Fri 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**JULLION PLAYCAMP:** Fairmont Pool | 7929 W Northview Street | Wed/Fri 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**MANITOU PLAYCAMP:** Ivywild Pool | 2250 S Leadville Ave | Mon/Wed 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**PHILLIPPI PLAYCAMP:** Borah Pool | 801 Aurora Drive. | Tues/Thurs 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**SUNSET PLAYCAMP:** Natatorium Pool | 1811 E. Warm Spring Ave. | Tues/Fri 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**WINSTEAD PLAYCAMP:** Fairmont Pool | 7929 W Northview Street | Tues/Thurs 3:30-5:30 p.m.

## FIELD TRIPS

Playcamp participants will go on weekly field trips. There are no field trips during the last week camp is open. To best ensure your child's safety and to avoid confusion, avoid picking up or dropping off youth while we are on a field trip.

### FIELD TRIP DAYS & TIMES:

**CASSIA PLAYCAMP:** Tuesdays, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

**CATALPA PLAYCAMP:** Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**EAGLE ROCK PLAYCAMP:** Thursdays, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

**ELM GROVE PLAYCAMP:** Wednesdays, 12:30-3:00 p.m.

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## ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Guardians accept full responsibility for their child's use of any and all apparatus, appliances, facility privilege or service whatsoever, owned and operated by Boise Parks and Recreation. Guardians acknowledge that children are participating at their own risk and shall hold Boise Parks and Recreation, its directors, officers, employees, representatives, and agents harmless for any and all loss, claim, injury, damage, or liability sustained or incurred by me resulting there from.

Guardians authorize Boise Parks and Recreation to secure emergency medical/surgical care from a licensed physician and/or hospital for their child should such care be necessary. All reasonable efforts will be made to notify guardians before such action is taken, and the expense of such emergency will be accepted by the guardian.

Guardians confirm that they understand that guardians are either:

- A. Responsible for picking up children on time or
- B. Communicating with children and staff on alternative forms of transportation and/or walking home.

Guardians understand that it is NOT the responsibility of the Boise Parks and Recreation staff to keep children who wish to leave the program.