



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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2020 Summer Playcamps

Parent/Guardian Information Guide

Welcome to Playcamp!

Thank you for registering your child to attend one of the City of Boise's Summer Playcamps! We look forward to the opportunity to provide your child with recreational activities that are active, creative, fun and safe. We encourage all parents to become familiar with the Playcamp procedures and to discuss the program rules and expectations with their children.

Boise Parks and Recreation Summer Playcamp is located at eight park sites within the City of Boise. The program provides developmentally appropriate activities for children ages 6-12 (children must be going into first grade), Monday through Friday. The goal of Playcamp is to provide an enriching, recreational program conducive to learning and social interactions. Children are encouraged to pursue their interests and to develop friendships, independence and confidence. All the Playcamp staff are trained in child development and are CPR/First Aid certified to ensure that your child has a safe and positive experience.

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, don't hesitate to call us at the number below. We look forward to a wonderful summer with your children in the parks!

Contact Us:

Robyn Ure
Youth Programs Coordinator

City Recreation Office
110 Scout Lane
Boise, ID 83702

208-608-7652
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Registration Information

Boise Parks and Recreation Playcamp will provide a variety of experiences over the course of the summer. All camps will be closed June 29, 2020 - July 3, 2020.

Cassia Park: 4600 W. Camas St **(10 weeks)**

Elm Grove Park: 2200 W. Irene St **(10 weeks)**

Ivywild Park: 416 W. Ivywild St **(10 weeks)**

Sunset Park: 2625 N. 32nd St **(10 weeks)**

Catalpa Park: 4516 W. Catalpa Dr **(10 weeks)**

Jullion Park: 3901 N. Jullion Way **(9 weeks)**

Winstead Park: 6150 W. Northview St **(9 weeks)**

Eagle Rock: 2150 Old Penitentiary Rd **(9 weeks)**

10 weeks are available at Elm Grove, Ivywild, Sunset, Catalpa and Cassia park locations only. Weekly activities include art lessons, games, sports and many other programs. Staff will provide parents/guardians with a newsletter every Monday morning outlining the weekly activities.

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

Enrollment Fees

All-Day Weekly Fee: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Resident: \$94, Non-Resident: \$145.15

Full payment is required at the time of registration. Payments can be made at Fort Boise Community Center on the web at www.cityofboise.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/activity-registration/ or by calling 208-608-7680. Payments are not accepted at park locations. Fees are not pro-rated for unattended days. Early registration is recommended as Playcamp registrations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis and camps are often full.

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 \$15 processing fee will be assessed on all cancellations. Processing fees are not charged on transfers. No refunds or credits will be given for missed, sick or suspended days. For extenuating circumstances, customers may call Robyn Ure at (208) 608-7652.

Financial Assistance

Scholarships are available to those who qualify based on income requirements. Scholarship applications must be submitted two weeks prior to the program date; call Fort Boise Community Center at 208-608-7680.

Signing In and 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.



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Request for an emergency participant pickup by someone other than the individuals listed on the Participant Form must be submitted in writing, either in person or scanned/mailed to rure@cityofboise.org. The letter must include the child's name, Playcamp site, date, and the name of who will be picking the child up along with the guardian's signature and copy of photo ID. Phone request and 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.

Meals and Snacks

Participants must bring a sack lunch and two snacks each day (please note that refrigeration is not available). Please remember that your child will be playing hard and pack their lunch accordingly. Please include a water bottle so your child can drink plenty of water during warm weather.

Illness and Emergency Policy

New this summer, all participants (and staff) will have their temperature taken at the beginning of the day. Please do not leave until your child is finished being screened.

If your child has had a contagious disease (flu-like symptoms, diarrhea or a fever in the past 24 hours), she/he will not be allowed to attend camp for the protection of staff and other campers. 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.

Appropriate Clothing

Durable shoes for active play are needed (tennis shoes for physical activities are highly recommended). Appropriate clothing is important with cool mornings and warm afternoons. We may call you to either, pick up your child or bring them additional clothing if they are not dressed appropriately. 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.

Conduct & Discipline

Playcamp promotes learning and respect in a safe environment; we have a strict no-bullying policy. All participants, parents/guardians and employees are responsible for reading and familiarizing themselves with the following policy and procedures. Examples of inappropriate behavior include (but are not limited to):

- Inappropriate action/behavior: Abusive language and/or inappropriate gestures/actions directed toward participants, staff, or other persons.



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- 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.
- Non-compliance with rules: Non-compliance with program and facility rules.
- Inappropriate touching of others

If a participant's behaviors are disruptive, staff will give a verbal warning identifying inappropriate behavior and possible consequences should the behavior continue. If the child continues to be disruptive, the following progressive discipline steps will be used to get a child back on track with the code of conduct policy:

1. **1st Infraction:** If inappropriate behavior continues, a staff member will have the participant go to a "quiet-time" for five to ten minutes prior to rejoining the group. The staff member will reiterate the desired behavior and consequences should the behavior continue.
2. **2nd Infraction:** If inappropriate behavior continues to occur or becomes more serious, a staff member will call the participant's guardians and notify them of the continued inappropriate behavior. A Student Behavior Report will also be sent home.
3. **3rd Infraction:** Staff will inform the Playcamp Supervisor of the inappropriate behavior and the Supervisor will call the participant's guardian to discuss a course of action; consequences may result in time away from Playcamp.
4. **Suspension:** The steps listed above are used to correct behavior in most cases. If these steps are unsuccessful, a participant may be suspended or expelled from the program.

Please note that these steps are used as a guideline. Exact responses to behaviors are situational and depend on the severity of the inappropriate behavior.

Mandatory Reporters

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

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 phone of the change in location. At the end of the day, participants should be picked up at the alternative site.

- Rain: Participants will attend alternative sites on rainy days. Please ensure that participants have coats and appropriate clothing as they will not be moved for brief rainstorms that clear up quickly.
- Heat: Participants will attend alternative sites on days when the temperature is above 100°



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unless the temperature does not reach 100° until the end 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. Based on readings from the Air Now website, located at www.airnow.gov, participants will be moved to their alternative site when the air quality is considered unhealthy (colored in red).

Alternative sites are as follows:

Cassia: Whitney Community Center, 1609 S. Owyhee St

Catalpa: Collister Elementary School, 4426 Catalpa Dr

Eagle Rock: Adams Elementary School, 1725 East Warm Springs Ave

Elm Grove: Fort Boise Community Center, 700 Robbins Rd

Ivywild: White Pine Elementary 401 E Linden St

Jullion: Summerwind Elementary, 3675 N. Jullion Way

Sunset: Taft Elementary School, 3722 W. Anderson St

Winstead: Morley Nelson Community Center, 7701 W. Northview St

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

