

Camp Escapades 2010 Parent Information

Camp Themes

- Week 1 August 2nd -August 6th: Out of This World!
- Week 2 August 9th – August 13th: Karnival Kraziness!
- Week 3 August 16th – August 20th: SuperHero Hullabaloo

Camp Special Days

Please wear your camp shirt everyday.

- Every TUESDAY is CRAZY HAIR DAY!
Come to camp with crazy hair!....colors, ribbons, bows, spikes, have fun!
- Every WEDNESDAY is WATER PLAY WEDNESDAY
Monkeys, Guppies, Octopus, Ducks, Turtles and Penguins come to camp with their bathing suits on.
Bears, Whales, Lizards and Frogs will end their day in bathing suits.
Don't forget sunscreen!
- Every THURSDAY is CRAZY SOCK DAY!
The crazier your socks the better! Mismatched! Long socks, short socks, colored socks!
- Every FRIDAY is CAMP GROUP COLORS DAY!
Wear as much of your camp colors as you can!!

SPECIAL NOTE:

- BRING your HERO to CAMP DAY is FRIDAY AUG 20
Each camper enrolled for the third week of camp (August 16-20) is invited to share the last day of camp with someone who is their hero. A camper's hero may be their parent, sibling, relative, or special friend. Special instructions and guidelines for heroes can be found online at www.campescapades.org under the camper link, Last Day of Camp Plans

Camp Website

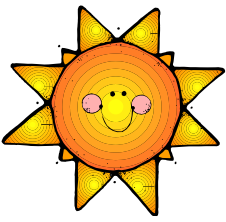
Please check the Camp Escapades website at www.campescapades.org for information, updates, important information and Special Events listings.

Camp Phone Number

Contact information during camp:

- **Non-emergency call** (e.g.: camper not coming in for that day) : (310) 328-0693 x:349
- **Emergency call** (e.g.: family emergency) : (424) 634-8915

We have received a donation of a cell phone that is for emergency use only. The phone has been pre-paid and holds a limited number of minutes. Please use this phone number for emergency contact due to the financial constraints involved.



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Typical Day at Camp

Group design:

- Group Leader and Co-leader
- Up to 2 Counselors
- Volunteers – usually one volunteer per camper in group
- 15-20 campers, grouped by age (primarily children with special needs and approximately 2-4 typically developing children)

Camp Hours:

- Half-Day Groups: 8:40 AM – 11:40 AM (Maroon Monkeys & Golden Guppies)
- Full-Day Groups –
Hours vary for each group, depending on drop-off/pick-up times for group.
Please refer to the chart below to determine these times for your child.

*** Please note: Camp will end for ALL campers at 12 noon on August 20th (last day of camp) with a special family gathering. Please plan accordingly.**

Activities:

Camp groups rotate every 30-60 minutes between activities, such as:

- Sport, Engine Shop, Arts & Crafts, Moonbounces, Playground, Imaginarium, Bikes and Trikes, Movies, Stories, Games and Special Events.
- Each week also includes Water Play Wednesday which is a fun filled half day of water related games and activities. Please note that on WaterPlay Wednesday:

Guppies, Monkeys, Octopus, Turtles, Ducks, Penguins: ARRIVE to camp in their swimwear (they will change into regular clothes mid-day)

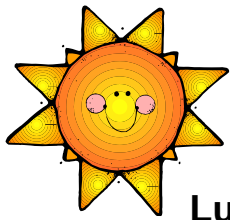
Bears, Whales, Lizards, Frogs: LEAVE camp in their swimwear (they will change into their swimwear mid-day)

Campers

Eligibility requirements – The following requirements are established in order to help make camp a fun and safe experience for all attending! In order to attend Camp Escapades, a camper must be able to:

- Participate in group activities with verbal redirection or minimal assistance
- Stay in a group without running away
- Attend to activities for 5-10 minutes and transition with minimal assistance
- Participate in group without exhibiting aggressive behaviors (i.e.: hitting, biting, scratching) that could injure themselves or others.

Please note: If eligibility requirements are not met (per camp leader and/or camp coordinator discretion), parents will be asked to provide someone to stay with their child in order to continue enrollment in the program. Valerie Rougeau, Director of Camp Escapades, will contact you if there is an eligibility concern with your child.



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Lunch/Snack

- It is your responsibility to provide a lunch, two snacks and a drink for your camper each day.
- Please send their lunch and snack in a bag (back packs are easier for your child to carry) that is labeled with their name.
- Please send at least **two snacks** for your child to have during the day.
- Water will be onsite at all times throughout the day.
- On occasion, food items become part of a camp activity (for example, arts and crafts), so please make sure your child's allergies and/or special diets are current on their emergency form.

Medications

If your child needs to take medication while at camp, you **must bring** the medication to the **Camp Escapades Camp Nurse** in the **camp office** (Rm K-5) on the first day of each week, labeled with the child's **name**, appropriate **dosage** and directions for **how the medication is to be administered** as well as the **times of day it is to be given**. Also advise your child's group leader that your child needs medication during camp time. When it is time for your child to have their medication, they will be sent to the camp office. **The camp nurse must supervise the administration of all medication.**

NO MEDICATION SHOULD REMAIN WITH YOUR CHILD (except epipens)

Medical Conditions

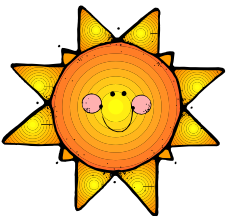
Please be sure that any medical condition that your child may have is indicated on their emergency form. Also please be sure to inform the camp nurse and your child's group leader.

Drop-off/Pick-up Locations and Times

- Drop-off and pick-up times are staggered in order to help with traffic patterns and parking availability for parents. If you have children in different camp groups to drop-off/pick-up, please try to plan accordingly. (please refer to the attached map)

Group	DROP OFF		PICK UP	
	Time	Area	Time	Area
Golden Guppies	8:40	PGK	11:40	PGK
Maroon Monkeys	8:40	PGK	11:40	PGK
Orange Octopus	8:40	PG	2:40	MBK
Turquoise Turtles	8:40	Engineshop	2:40	Imaginarium
Yellow Ducks	8:40	Spinzone	2:40	Engineshop
Purple Penguins	8:50	MB	2:50	Sport
Sky Blue Bears	8:50	Imaginarium	2:50	Spinzone
Ocean Blue Whales	8:50	AC	2:50	PG
Lime Green Lizards	8:50	B 25	2:50	B25
Dark Green Frogs	8:50	B 26	3:50	MB

B = Bungalow, PG=Playground, K=Kindergarten area, MB=Moonbounce, AC = Arts & Crafts



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- Your child's group will start and end at a certain location each day. For example, Orange Octopus group starts at the playground everyday and will end at the Kindergarten Moonbounce everyday. You will walk your child to and from their drop off and pick up locations everyday.
- You must sign your camper in and out of their group each day.
- These locations will be posted throughout the campus on the first day of camp.
- If you need to pick up your child earlier than their designated time, please come to the camp office (CR K-5) where we will help you find your child's group on campus.
- **Please note: You may not leave your child with camp staff earlier than your group's drop off time. Our staff are setting up & planning up until parents drop off. We need this time to ensure appropriate functioning of camp.**

Parking (please refer to attached map for details)

- Parking is available on most streets – please observe all signs. They are all enforced!
- Please be courteous with neighbors and do not block their driveways or make excessive noise. We are fortunate to be coming back to Seaside Elementary School and we would love to be back there next year!
- **For children with physical mobility or endurance challenges:** If your child has challenges with physical mobility and/or is currently utilizing assistive devices in order to walk, there will be designated "handicapped parking" spaces where you can park. These parking spaces will be situated near the main gate on Sharynne Lane (Gate A). A parking attendant will be onsite most days to direct you. Thank you for your consideration and sensitivity in leaving these parking spaces open for parents with children with mobility concerns.

Camp T Shirts

Each camper will receive one Camp Escapades T-shirt for each week they attend camp.

If you wish to purchase additional camp shirts, you may do so at the wholesale price of \$5 at the parent meeting. Additional T-shirts may also be purchased at camp on each Monday morning. For ease of transaction, WE WILL ACCEPT CASH ONLY (exact change is appreciated)

We have only one size shirt per group. If the Camp Escapades shirt does not fit your child, you can go to any store and buy a blank shirt that is the same color.