MONTEREY RECREATION

Summer 2013

Dear Parents of Day Campers:

We are excited that you registered your child for Day Camp. Whispering Pines Day Camp is located in a secluded, natural area on Pacific Street near Alameda Street in Monterey. The program is sponsored by Monterey Recreation and has been in existence since 1955.

Our camp offers every child a unique experience in the out-of-doors. The camp operates on a weekly basis for seven weeks. Friday is the highlight of each week at camp because the children will cook their lunch and participate in the campfire program. **Camp is held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

We believe in careful and close supervision of the children. The children will be involved in hiking, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, as well as the basic skills necessary for camping. It is our hope that each Day Camp experience will be educational as well as fun-filled.

The camp personnel constitutes one of the most important features of our camp program. Each person is carefully selected and thoroughly trained to cope with any situation that might arise. Each counselor will have a group of children for whom he/she will directly be responsible.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN THESE MAIN AREAS:

1. **Children should arrive at camp promptly at 9:00 a.m. Please pick your child(ren) up promptly at 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.** We ask that parents refrain from scheduling other appointments and classes for their child while they are at camp. Children miss activities and staff can't make-up the activity with your child because of our busy schedule. **Please label all of your child's extra clothing (jackets, hats, sweatshirts, etc.) with their names.**

   NOTE: If you are not picking up your child, please notify us as to who has permission to pick up your child.

2. Each day, except Fridays, please send your child's lunch in a paper bag rather than in a lunch box. This makes it much easier for us to carry lunches on hikes. A snack and juice are served to the children daily.

3. When you bring your child to camp, plan on a short delay as we take time to assure safety for all our campers. Your patience while waiting will be appreciated. Please observe traffic regulations and drive slowly through camp. It will help tremendously in getting cars in and out as quickly as possible. You **cannot** make a left turn into the Park or a left turn coming out of the Park. ***RIGHT TURNS ONLY!*** **Also, there is no stopping on Pacific Street. The Monterey Police Department will be patrolling Pacific Street for traffic violations. (See Map on back.)**

4. If your child requires emergency medication or epinephrine to accompany him or her, you will need to complete the Authorization for Emergency Medication form. This form must be on file with the Monterey Recreation Administration office before your child's first day of camp. Please send medication in the original package or bottle with specific directions for administration and dosage.

Each week we will stencil t-shirts for the children. If you would like your child to have a t-shirt stenciled, please send a white t-shirt labeled with your child's name on or before Thursday morning.

We hope your child enjoys his/her week at Day Camp. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the Monterey Recreation Administration office at 646-3866.

Sincerely,

Shannon Leon

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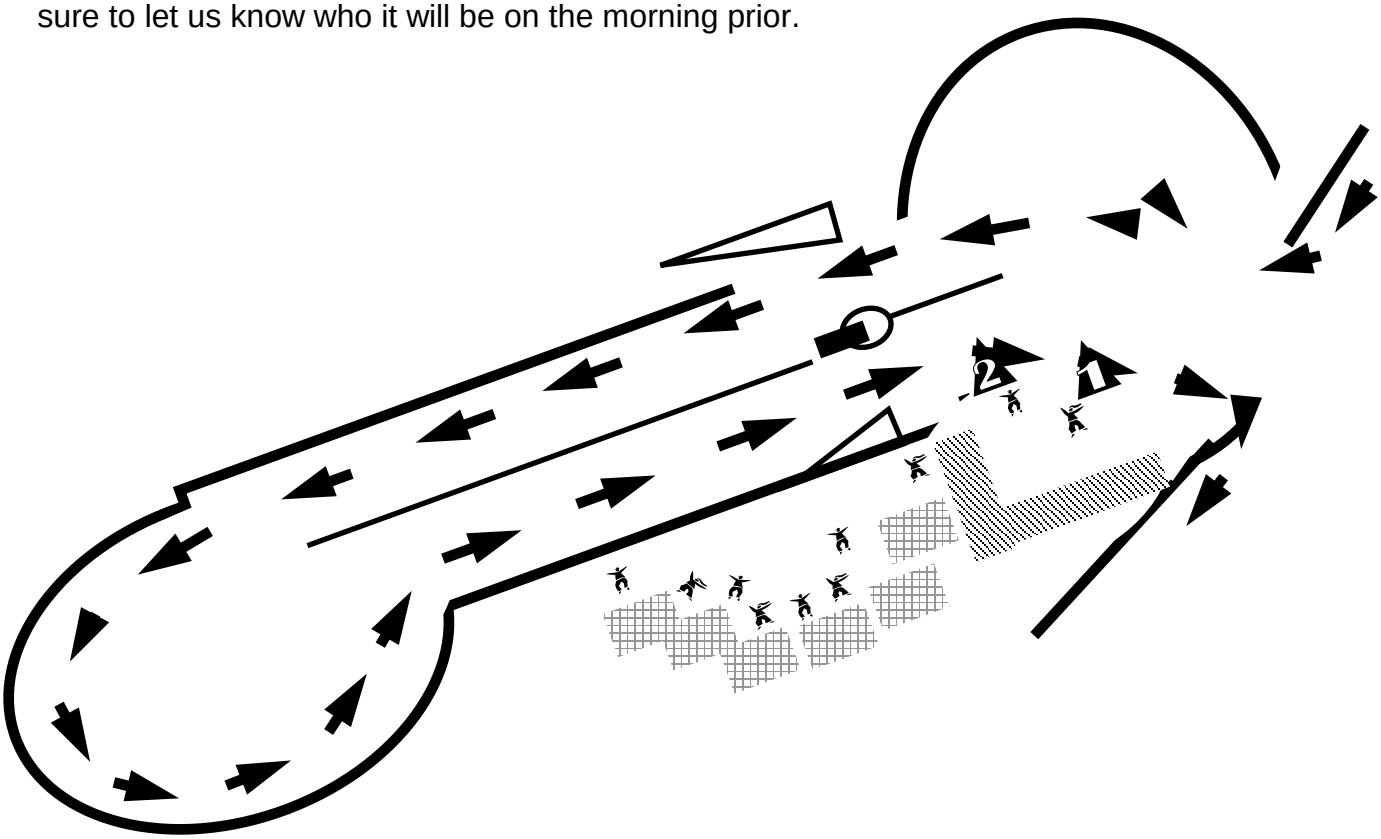
Recreation Supervisor

PARENTS/DRIVERS:
Please help us to avoid accidents and traffic violations by not making left hand turns in or out of the Day Camp driveway or stopping your vehicle on Pacific Street. In order to keep traffic from backing up on Pacific Street, please do not arrive for drop off any earlier than 8:45 a.m. or for pick up any earlier than 5:15 p.m. Camp is held Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. When making a right turn into the driveway, please loop around in the cul-de-sac first and then one of the Camp Directors will sign your child in or out. Then move your car into one of the first 2 positions, a Camp Staff Member will assist by opening the car door to greet your child. Do not let children out of the car until then. If anyone will be picking up your child other than yourself, please be sure to let us know who it will be on the morning prior.