

Dear Parents and Campers,

Welcome to our 2014 Summer Safari Camp! We are so excited to have you aboard for our summer journey of friendships, fun, and memories of fantastic adventures to last a lifetime! After being trapped inside with indoor activities for months, now is the time to break free and bask in the warm sunshine!

Camp Director, Sarah Knudsen:

Sarah Knudsen is excited to return as the Director for Summer Safari A & B. She has worked with Summer Safari for over 9 years, and has loved every second of it! Sarah has also worked with a variety of other camps at the SWCC (but loves Summer Safari the most!). She recently completed her Bachelors at Western Washington University and in the fall will be starting a Masters program to become a Speech Pathologist. Upon program completion, she plans to continue working with children in an elementary school setting. When not at camp, you can find Sarah exploring forest paths. With her enthusiasm and excitement for camp, she is looking forward to another fun-filled summer!

Assistant Director, Kate Bernard:

This will be Kate's sixth summer working camps at SWCC. She has also worked in the center's child care, events, and Little Hoopers basketball program this year. Kate is a graduate from the University of Portland's School of Education and she will start the path to get her masters in Speech and Language Pathology in the fall. She hopes to continue to educate children and to assist them to better communicate with others. Other than working with kids, Kate enjoys camping, rafting, running, and graphic design. She is thrilled to be part of the Summer Safari team and have fun in the sun with the kids!

Assistant Director, Camille Cote:

Starting her fourth year at Summer Safari, Camille Cote is very excited to step up as an assistant director this year! Next fall she will be attending American University in Washington D.C. to study musical theatre. In her free time she is almost always singing or participating in some form of theatre, and someday she hopes to open up a theatre and music outreach program for kids. She is super excited for another fun and hopefully sun filled summer at SWCC!

The rest of our amazing staff includes John, Lennon, Paige, Sophie, Shoshi, Shayna, Hieu, Nicola, and Mathias. As well as enjoying working with kids, they have a strong background in art, sports, nature, drama, science, cooking, photography, film, and much more! Each of our staff has unique and fun talents to bring including a rap star, a yogi, a fluent French speaker, and many other skills. They are looking forward to welcoming you and your child to camp and look forward to supporting campers while they explore and participate in hands-on activities and events. A summer of excitement awaits!

We will be swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and doing the Slip n' Slide on Friday, so please remember to send your child with a bathing suit and towel on those days. Wednesday is field trip day! Please make sure your child has a bag or backpack that is easy to carry and comfortable shoes and socks for field trip days. Visit <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61154> for specific updates for this week's activities and field trip! Appetites are worked up during all of our fun activities, so please pack two healthy snacks and an energy filled lunch everyday!

We all look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions feel free to contact myself, Sarah, or another camp staff. I am available every morning at check-in, and Kate or Camille will be available during check-out in the afternoon. You are also welcome to leave a message with Shannon Scorgie or Katie Humm, the camp coordinators, by calling (503) 823-2845. Please continue reading for more camp specific information.

Thank You,
Sarah Knudsen, Camp Director & the Summer Safari Camp Team
Shannon Scorgie and Katie Humm, Camp Coordinators
swcccampcoordinator@gmail.com
503-823-2845

STAFFING:

All staff are First Aid and CPR certified, have undergone Criminal History checks and have experience working with school age youth. The program maintains a 1:12 adult/child ratio.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

The Summer Safari Camp is for ages 6-8 years old and is geared to the developmental needs of this age group. Each day your child will be taking part in a variety of sports, games, crafts, nature & science activities. A weekly activity schedule will be available at the check in table each Monday. Swimming days are Tuesday and Thursday in the afternoon, and Friday is Slip n' Slide day. Field trips are on Wednesdays.

CAMP LOCATION:

Camp will be held in Gabriel Park by the playground/outdoor restrooms; located off of 42nd & Vermont.

CAMP TIME:

9:00AM – 5:00 PM (check-in begins at 8:45am)

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:

Drop-Off: Gabriel Park: off 42nd & Vermont. Follow 1-way arrows and signs.

Pick Up: Gabriel Park: off 42nd & Vermont. Please be here by 5pm. When picking-up & dropping off your child for camp, **YOU MUST SIGN YOUR CHILD IN/OUT EACH DAY.** Additionally,

PHOTO ID is required to pick up your child. This will ensure the safety of your child & allow staff the time to share information about your child & camp with you. Campers are not allowed to meet you at the curb/at the car. Check-in begins at 8:45AM. Before & after care is available from 7-9am & 5-6pm for \$2.50/half hour per child. After 6pm parents will be charged \$1/minute. Before & After Care is held at the Community Center and coupons are available for purchase at the front counter. Campers that are not picked up by 5:05pm will be taken to Aftercare and charged a minimum of a \$2.50 fee.

WHAT TO BRING:

Please pack 2 healthy, non-refrigerated, non-microwavable snacks and a lunch. Campers should also bring: a water bottle (Tip: Freeze it overnight to keep cool during the day); Sunscreen (please apply it before camp); Swimsuit & towel (T/R/F & hot days); Wear closed-toe shoes and weather appropriate clothing; Medications (if necessary); a clearly labeled backpack. All items should be in a bag that your child will be able to carry with them throughout the day. **DO NOT BRING:** MP3s/electronics, toys, money, or any other valuables; we are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Summer Safari will run rain or shine! We will relocate to the Southwest Community Center in case of rain & we'll post this on the sign in Gabriel Park on 42nd. Please be sure to send weather appropriate clothing, if it's gray and overcast in the morning, please send a jacket and pants with your camper.

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61154>

Visit our camp webpage for all your camp information needs. Stay tuned into the summer fun! You can find helpful information including the Day Camp Parent Manual, Camp Letters, Emergency Forms, and Weekly Updates with all the specifics you need to know. You can also find fun camp videos, pictures and postings from staff about the great things your camper are (or will be) doing. We want to hear from you! Feel free to comment or download a Camp Evaluation Form to share your feedback!

FORMS & MEDICATION:

Please complete the Medical/Emergency Form before your child's first day of camp, which is available on the Camps website (even if you have filled out the paperwork previously - we need new paperwork each summer). Return paperwork to camp staff when you drop off your child. Your child will not be able to participate in camp without the Medical/Emergency Form completed. Everyone must fill out the NEW form for summer 2013, as we update all of our records for camp June 1st of every year. For safety reasons, it is important to us that we ALWAYS have the most up-to-date information on your child. An additional medication form is required for our staff to dispense medication. Please note: All medication must be in its original container and bring only the amount needed for one day at a time.