

MISSION STATEMENT Our mission is to provide a fun and safe learning environment, to promote individual growth and social skills and to build positive assets. This will be achieved through support, boundaries and diverse activities which will strengthen the children emotionally, mentally, physically and socially.

AGES OF PARTICIPANTS

- *Spring Break Camp* - Youth ages 5-13 years old.
- *Escape to Adventure* - Youth ages 5-13 years old.
- *Counselor Cadet* - Youth ages 13-16 years old.

HOURS OF OPERATION *Spring Break Camp*, *Escape to Adventure* and *Counselor Cadet* are open from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

***Escape to Adventure* and *Counselor Cadet* are closed July 4.**

ATTENDANCE Due to the nature of the activities and field trips in camp, youth must be dropped off between the hours of 6:30 and 9 a.m and must be picked up between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m. If participants are not present during the arrival time, they may NOT be allowed to attend that day. If you must request an exception to the drop-off or pick-up time because of an appointment or emergency, please contact the camp Director at 720-977-5963. Families are notified in the occasion that youth are returning late from a field trip.

Families are asked to let staff know about any scheduled absences. Doing so allows staff to maximize the number and nature of trips because they pay for only the youth attending the field trips. We appreciate your assistance in helping to organize the most fun-filled camp possible.

REGISTRATION Families can register their own youth online, over the phone at 720-977-5901 or in person at the Trail Winds Recreation Center, Carpenter Recreation Center or Thornton Community Center.

- *Spring Break Camp* registration begins in December for a maximum of 24 youth.
- *Escape to Adventure* and *Counselor Cadet* registration begins the first Wednesday of February for Thornton residents and the first Thursday of February for non-residents. *Escape to Adventure* and *Counselor Cadet* registers a maximum of 75 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

REGISTRATION FEES

Field trip fees are included in the registration fees.

- **Spring Break Camp Payment**
Spring Break Camp payment is due in full at the time of registration.
- **Escape to Adventure and Counselor Cadet Pay in Full Discount**
Save 10 percent by enrolling for the entire summer.
- **Escape to Adventure and Counselor Cadet Summer Deposit Program and Payment Due Dates**
Save a spot for your child for the entire summer and spread out your payments.
First 1/3 installment payment due at time of registration.
Second 1/3 installment payment due March 1.
Final 1/3 installment payment due April 1.
If registering after a due date, payment in full is due at the time of registration.



ESCAPE TO ADVENTURE AND COUNSELOR

CADET OPEN HOUSE Mandatory *Escape to Adventure* and *Counselor Cadet* Open House is held 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday the week before camp begins. Families can attend anytime during that window of time to verify paperwork, pick up camp t-shirts, meet camp staff and tour the facility. If you are unable to attend, please contact the camp director.

FORMS DUE Registration forms completed in their entirety, including current physicals and immunization forms signed by the youth's physician, are required for youth to attend camp.

- *Spring Break Camp* forms are due by March 8.
- *Escape to Adventure* and *Counselor Cadet* forms are due by April 26.

MEALS are not provided by the city. All participants are to bring a balanced and nutritional lunch and a drink each day. Because a refrigerator and microwave are not available, please make a non-perishable lunch. We ask that you use paper bags for meals and non-glass containers for drinks, each clearly marked with the participant's name. Please also include a water bottle with the participant's name on it. Leftover lunches must be taken home each day. A \$5 fee is assessed for each forgotten lunch.

SNACKS Each family is asked to bring one prepackaged snack (such as granola bars, whole grain crackers, whole grain cereal, trail mix, animal crackers, tubes of yogurt, string cheese, apple sauce, cheese crackers, goldfish crackers, dried fruit, etc.) for 25 youth to the Open House. This allows us to provide a fresh fruit or vegetable with the morning or afternoon snack. We provide a morning and afternoon snack. If you wish to provide any additional snacks, you may. Please send your youth with healthy snacks. Please do not provide anything in glass containers. We do not have any way to refrigerate or microwave individuals' snacks, so we ask that you plan snacks accordingly.

FOOD ALLERGIES If your youth has any known

food allergies, please include the details in your information packet and forms and bring this information to the attention of our staff. Please be aware that this is NOT a peanut-free center. We may not be able to accommodate all food allergies. If your youth's food allergies are severe, we may ask that you provide your child with all snacks. We can store properly labeled bulk items for you. Parents/guardians of youth with special dietary, allergy or health needs must complete the *Allergy Release Form* OR the *Allergy and Anaphylaxis Action Plan/ Asthma Care Plan* and the *Medication Administration Form* with their youth's physician.

FIELD TRIPS

We go on many fun field trips throughout the summer. Field trips are included in the registration fee. Participants are required to wear their camp t-shirt on all field trip days. This helps in making our group highly visible to everyone around us. It is your responsibility to make sure they wear their shirt on field trip days. Youth may be denied going on the field trip or a \$5 fee may be assessed if the shirt is not worn.

Field trip calendars are provided to families once all field trips are finalized- a month or sooner before camp starts.

Parents are welcome to attend the field trips and are asked to help with supervision. Parents sign up and pay for the field trip. Our field trips have a staff/student ratio of at least 1:12. In the event of an emergency, staff always have access to a phone to contact the appropriate parties. Staff have the emergency cards with them at all times. Staff contact authorized persons first in an emergency. In life threatening situations, staff contact 911 first and then the parents/guardians. Staff is responsible for taking periodic attendance and making sure every youth in their assigned group is accounted for at all times.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY Transportation is provided by school bus or RTD bus. Please be advised the buses are not equipped with seat belts. All applicable safety rules are given to participants every time they board a bus. Staff assists the bus driver in enforcing the safety rules.



SWIMMING We spend a lot of time at pools during the summer. We swim one to two days per week. Please check monthly calendars for dates. There is no additional cost for swimming days. Please make sure your youth is ready to spend a day in the sun. They need to have a swimsuit, towel, and a water bottle. Please write the child's name on all items. Sunscreen is provided by the program (see policy below) Youth are asked to rinse off after swimming. A full length shower is not allowed. Please talk to the Director or Assistant Director for special circumstances.