



IMPORTANT SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

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Park Entry and Parking

YSI is open to the public at 9:00 a.m. **Please drive slowly** within the park. Park Rangers may cite anyone exceeding the posted speed limit. The entrance pass on the confirmation form is good for **drop-off and pick-up only** and should be displayed on your dashboard. The park entrance fee is applicable for those using the parks for other than quick drop-off and pick-up. Annual park entrance passes are available for both County and City parks. Contact the Parks offices about purchasing an annual park entrance pass.

At Vasona Park

All drivers must use the entrance at Blossom Hill Road to enter the park. (Use 333 Blossom Hill Road Los Gatos, CA 95032 for online searches.) The Santa Clara County Parks Department requires that all parents and drivers, except handicapped, park in the **lower parking lot** (Circle Parking Lot). There is NO vehicle entry through the locked gate on Lark Avenue. Please respect Santa Clara County Park's request.

At Alum Rock Park

ALUM ROCK PARK IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS. Camps will meet nearby on Mondays at Penitencia Creek Park, 3050 Berryessa Road, San Jose, CA 95132 and Tues.-Fri. at YSI in Alum Rock Park. On Mondays, a YSI representative will meet campers at the far (east) end of the parking lot at the picnic tables, between the restrooms and the playground. It is inconvenient for all of us when the park closes, but, as you can understand, park closure is out of our control. If you have any questions regarding Alum Rock Park Monday closure call 408-258-4322 Alum Rock or 408-356-4945 Vasona. Please **do not** call Berryessa Community Center. We appreciate your cooperation and flexibility. For **Driving Directions** to the Berryessa Community Center in Penitencia Creek Park please read the "Alum Rock Fire Closure Procedure" document here: <http://ysi.tikkl.com/campaigns/camps-2010>.

Camp Check-in

Monday morning check-in opens at 8:50 a.m. At the check-in table, we will direct you to your child's camp table. Camps start at 9:00 a.m. Please do not arrive at the camp table before 9:00 a.m. Instructors and staff have much to do to set up for camps. You must escort your child to the camp table and wait until 9:00 a.m. to sign in. We require parent signatures daily at drop-off and pick-up. **YSI is not** responsible for children left unattended before scheduled camp hours. If someone else will be picking up your child, you must notify the camp instructor in advance or we will not be able to release your child.

You will be asked to sign a check-in/ check-out form with your child's instructor each day. Please drop off and pick up your child promptly. If someone else will be picking up your child, please notify the camp instructor in advance.

Attendance

If your child will be late or absent, let the camp instructor or center administrator know in advance. If you arrive late on the first day of camp, go to the office to find out where the camp is located. If the camp group has left for a nature walk, your child may wait in the office until the group returns.

Clothing

Children should wear sunscreen, a hat, and clothes suitable for outdoor activity. Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (no sandals please) and play clothes are recommended. Mark external clothing (like sweatshirts) and other personal items for easy identification.

Things to Bring

Equip your child with a small daypack containing a non-breakable, leak-proof water bottle and a snack. We suggest nutritious foods, such as fruit or crackers, that don't require refrigeration and that can be consumed during a 10-minute break. Children in the four-hour (B, C, and D camps) need to bring a lunch, in addition to a snack. Children in Extended Camp need to bring an additional snack for the afternoon. We appreciate reusable containers for food.

Behavior

We want all children to have an enjoyable and safe time at camp. Campers are expected to cooperate with YSI instructors for educational, social, and safety reasons. If a child's behavior creates a problem for a group, the parents will be contacted. If YSI staff believes the problem is correctable, the child will be given a second chance to improve. A serious first incident, chronic disruptive behavior or an uncooperative attitude may necessitate a child's dismissal. Refunds will not be given for children dismissed from camp.

Avoiding Distractions

Our camps are not designed for parent participation. The presence of parents and siblings can create a distraction, which disrupts the activities planned for the children. Separation anxiety often disappears when the parent leaves the camp. Please remain out of sight of camps in progress. Family members who stay in the park also need to pay the park entrance fee.

Emergencies

You must inform us of any health problems, allergies, emotional or behavioral disorders, and any unusual behaviors or fears your child may have. In a medical emergency, first aid may be administered until professional medical assistance arrives. YSI staff will call the contact number on your registration form. Information regarding the nature of the situation and all steps taken will be provided to you. After contact is made, the parent or guardian is responsible for the child's care. Any questions should be directed to the center administrator.

Friends

Pairing of friends in the same camp cannot be done on the first day of camp or during camp. The request must be made on both registration forms prior to camp.

Groups	Camp Times	Grades (Ages)
A	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Entering Pre-K or Kindergarten (Born before Jan. 2007)
B	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Entering Kindergarten or 1 st in Fall 2010
C	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Entering 2 nd or 3 rd in Fall 2010
D	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Entering 4 th - 6 th in Fall 2010
B, C, & D	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Extended Day Camp



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