



## **FAMILY CAMP 2018 General Information**

*Dear Family Campers,*

Thank you for choosing Camp Concord! We are excited about this year's program. Some old favorites and some new additions will make a memorable family summer vacation! It is very important to us that your camping experience at Camp Concord is relaxing, enjoyable, and easy. This information packet is designed to help make this happen. In this packet you will find basic logistical information (such as when and where to check in and ideas on what to bring), as well as some insights into our organized camp activities.

You will also find useful information on our website at [www.campconcord.org](http://www.campconcord.org). If you have further questions or need any additional information, do not hesitate to send an email to [camp.concord@cityofconcord.org](mailto:camp.concord@cityofconcord.org) or call me at (925) 671-3006 prior to June or (530) 541-1203 during the summer.

*Sincerely,  
Andrew Menendez  
Director, Camp Concord*

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Do I have to be a Concord Resident to attend Camp Concord?**

No, we welcome families from everywhere. Concord Residents do receive a discount as property and other taxes help support this and other City of Concord programs.

#### **When can I arrive and where do I check in?**

You can check in at camp and receive your cabin assignment after 3:00pm on your first day of camp. Early check-ins *usually* can not be accommodated; we ask that you plan your trip to camp appropriately. Once you arrive at camp, please check in at the Camp Office. The Camp Office is the first building on your right when you drive in to camp; you will see a gate and signage. Pull into the loop and camp staff will help you from there.

We will welcome you, give you a schedule, show you around camp and help you to your cabin. You will need your confirmation receipt, sign a liability waiver and a provide \$5.00 key deposit (cash or check only)

at the time of check in. Our hospitality staff will take you on a tour, assist you to your cabin, show you where to park and are available to help unload your car.

If you have any birthdays, anniversaries, or any special requests please make sure to let the hospitality staff aware at check in. We will do our best to meet your special needs. **\*\*Make sure to fill out the 2018 Family Health form** which provides camp staff with information such as dietary restrictions and needs prior to your arrival. Camp Staff will double check with you when you check in to make sure we have the correction information.

## What are the Accommodations like?

You will stay in a nice, rustic and cozy cabin complete with beds and mattresses, a small table and shelves. All beds have a fitted sheet. You just need to provide bedding – sleeping bags, blankets and pillows. All our Family Camp cabins have electricity and are within easy walking distance to our bathhouse.

## Do You Have Restrooms, Showers, and Laundry Facilities?

Our Family Camp Bathhouse brings some of the luxuries of home to camping. There is plenty of hot water, forced air heaters over the changing stalls, as well as updated floors, sinks, counters and toilets. Our handicap restroom meets current ADA standards and we have an enclosed laundry room with washers and dryers for your convenience. Additional bathrooms are located off the dining hall.

## What time do we eat?

Approximate Meal Times: **Breakfast 8:00 a.m., Lunch 12:30 p.m., and Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

Each family is assigned a table at the beginning of their stay. This helps both the camp staff and your family get its bearings and makes sure you receive your famous “Camp Welcome Treat”. If you wish to change where your family is seated, please do so. We do ask that you do not displace another family without asking prior.

After you're done eating in the dining hall, please clear all of your dishes. There are garbage cans in front of the dish washing window. Please scrape your plates into the garbage cans, and place your dirty dishes on the metal counter inside the dish washing window.

## When is the Dining Hall Open?

The Dining Hall is open 24 hours a day. The lights are dimmed and placed on a motion sensor around 11 p.m. You are welcome to bring your own lantern. **Quiet Time begins at 10:00 p.m.** (so please lower your voices or bring out that book). Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate is *usually* available until 10:30/11:00 p.m. A microwave is also available for your use.

## What is the Green Room?

The green Room is located off the dining hall. It's a great place to enjoy various board games (please check them out from the office), watch a movie, play pool or sit down and enjoy a book. The green room is open 24 hours, we just ask that you pick up after yourself and return games to the Camp Office when you're done.

## When is Quiet Time?

Camp-wide quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. Please keep noise to a minimum during this time so that others can sleep.

## What Activities will be offered?

A list and descriptions of our weekly activities is available in the dining hall on the Family Camp Schedule Board. There are several activities that we ask families to sign-up in advance for, including Kid's Hours and van shuttles to off-site activities. Signing up for these activities in advance gives us enough time to

plan and adjust staffing as needed to make sure that everyone is getting the best experience possible. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated. There also is a board which gives you additional information on other optional activities. These are activities that you are more than welcome to do on your own but please note that staff may not be able to join you. For more information on these activities, make sure to visit the Camp Office.

## What are Kids Hours?

Children, 3-17 years old, can participate in our Kids Hours which are offered twice a day. We break campers into age groups and plan our activities to meet their abilities.

Camp Concord staff provides guidance and supervision to ensure a safe and memorable experience for our younger campers. Parents can take a break and kids can have fun playing with other kids their own age.

Please sign up in advance so we ensure we are staffing each age group appropriately. On most days we are able to accept all campers, however occasionally, to ensure safety, we may need to limit participation. Utilizing our sign-up board is the best way to ensure your child can participate.

**Please note: If your preschooler is not potty-trained, a parent must be available, if needed, on camp to change diapers.**

## Do you have Activities for Preteens/Teens?

One or two nights a week, depending on our campers, we have organized Teen Activities. These activities may include a movie night, trip to mini-golf, a night hike, or arts and craft projects. Check the Sign-up Board for all of the details. And don't forget to sign-up if you are interested to ensure these activities are not cancelled due to lack of participation.

## What is the Nature Ranger Program?

Children have the opportunity to become a "Nature Ranger" and earn a special badge/award by participating in and completing activities. These may include a camp clean up, nature hikes, camp games or a camp improvement project. A list of requirements is available in the dining hall.

## Where is the Camp Store and Office?

The Camp Store and Office is located near the entrance of camp. (See map attached.) As well as being the welcome center and hub of administrative activities, the Camp Store has a variety of frequently forgotten supplies and other camp spirit items available for purchase. Please note that we only accept checks and cash on camp, we can not accept credit or debit cards at this time.

## Do you plan Activities for Adults?

Tuesday Nights we offer a "Night on the Town", with a shuttle service to the Casino's. Ask the camp staff about departure and pick-up times. Child watch is provided (free) for our younger campers – just make sure to sign them up in advance.

During Kids Hours adults can, hike, play volleyball, Frisbee golf or ping pong, create something in arts and crafts, read, relax, enjoy the beautiful camp environment or get that shower in free of kids! From the Camp Office you can get directions and information on the many hikes and bike trails so you can explore the beautiful area surrounding the camp. There is also visitor's center just down the road with information on other natural areas nearby.

Be sure to read our daily Camp Caller Newsletter found on your table and listen for other announcements at mealtimes for an update on activities.

## What are Social Hours?

Every evening at 4:30 p.m. there is an Adult's Only Social Hour, sponsored by the Friends of Camp Concord. This corresponds with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Kids Hour of the day to make it a natural time for parents to relax and get to know the other families in camp. We provide drinks and appetizers on the deck.

## Where is the Family Camp Fire Pit?

The large circle of benches and chairs located in the middle of cabins 1-6 is known as the Family Camp Fire Pit. It is a great place to read a book, meet new people, or simply relax for a while as the camp day slides by. The Family Camp Fire Pit is also a social hub of camp, and staff will light a fire each night upon request or you can build a Campfire of your own here. Please remember Camp Concord is located in a National Forest and camp fires should never be left unattended. You will need to use the water hose nearby and put out the fire as necessary. Quiet Time begins at 10:00 p.m., so late night gathers around the fire pit need to keep **noise to a minimum** so that other campers are not disturbed.

## Is there a Fireplace in the Dining Hall?

Yes, and please feel free to create and enjoy the warmth. Most mornings you will find the Fireplace lit by 7:00 a.m., but if you wish you can build an early morning or evening fire here and gather as well.

## How Can We Help Maintain This Beautiful Forest?

Camp Concord is operated under a special use permit with the U.S. Forest Service. We are responsible for maintaining the property so future generations can enjoy it as much as we do. Per special use permit regulations, please do not alter any buildings, paths, or dig holes at camp. Any building or repairs must be completed by Camp or City of Concord staff. Alterations require prior approval by the City of Concord and U.S. Forest Service as a requirement for maintaining our permit.

Beginning summer of 2010, the National Forest Service, in cooperation with several other organizations, alerted camp grounds and travelers of a growing threat to the area lakes from aquatic invasive species. Aquatic invasive species pose a real and serious threat to the Tahoe Basin's unique natural environment and economy. Prevention efforts such as the watercraft inspection program aim to avoid introduction of harmful species, such as quagga and zebra mussels and New Zealand mud snails.

If you plan to bring your own canoe, kayak or other watercraft to camp, we ask that you check in the Camp Office for information on what you can do to help prevent the spread of these species.

## What is the Friends of Camp Concord?

The Friends of Camp Concord is a non-profit group established by former Family Campers and staff with the goal of providing scholarships for children and families to attend camp and to help provide facility improvements and new equipment.

Twice a year, the Friends of Camp Concord sponsors Work Weekends. During these times we are actively looking for volunteers to help us maintain the beautiful facilities and forest. Over these weekends we have a variety of jobs to accomplish and people of all skill levels are welcome. In return for your time and effort we will provide you with a cabin, meals and more opportunities to build friendships. If you are interested in helping please inquire in the Camp Office about this year's Work Weekend dates. Work Weekend volunteers also automatically become members of the Friends of Camp Concord and are entitled to early registration and choice of cabin at camp. More information on the Friends of Camp Concord can be found at [www.campconcord.org](http://www.campconcord.org) or by asking any Camp staff member.

## Do you Recycle at Camp?

For years, South Lake Tahoe Refuse has been an all-in-one container garbage and recycling service. Essentially they sort our garbage for us which includes picking out recyclables.

## Is there any way for us to show gratitude to the staff and support Camp Concord?

Absolutely! Just love us and tell us so. If you want to express your gratitude with other gratuities we would happily accept and appreciate any camp donation. Financial donations to camp can be made to the Friends of Camp Concord. Your donation will be used to provide the staff with an end-of-the summer dinner celebration, as well as support future projects at camp. We ask that all donations are brought directly to the Camp Office.

## Where is the Lost and Found?

All items found on camp or picked up at an off-site activity are brought to the Camp Office. We generally keep lost and found items for two weeks and then donate all items to charity. We do not recommend charging cell phones, cameras and the like in public bathroom and laundry facilities. Though it is unusual, valuables can be a temptation for people. Please charge any electronics in your cabin.

## What time do we need to leave Camp?

It's sad, but true – at some point you will have to leave Camp Concord. Breakfast is your last meal in camp; as check out time is 11:00 a.m. We will provide a bag lunch for you on your last day, just please complete a request form the night before. Come check out in the Camp Office, pick up a small token of our appreciation and confirm your email address so we can send you a camp evaluation. Sharing your thoughts on your Camp Concord stay helps us know what went well during your vacation and where we might be able to make improvements.

## What are the Directions to Camp Concord?

Take Highway 50 to the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. At the junction of Highways 50 and 89 North (better known as “the Y”) there will be a four-way stoplight. Drive straight ahead and you will be on Highway 89. Continue past Camp Richardson and over Taylor Creek Bridge. After crossing the bridge, look for Camp Concord sign and Baldwin Beach sign on your right (about ¼ mile). A little further down the road, you will make a left turn off the highway at the large Camp Concord sign and then follow the signs making a series of lefts to get into camp.

## What is your Pet Policy?

Camp Concord Family Camp staff understands most people think of their pet as part of the family. Everyone's pet is very special, and the majority of pets are well-behaved. However, for reasons of sanitation, public health, liability, environmental impact, and safety of all campers, pets are not allowed at camp. Thank you for understanding.

## What else should I know?

- Please help us minimize erosion **by only using designated trails and pathways**. We want to leave a minimal impact on the land we occupy and encourage the growth of seedlings as they offer us shade, provide animal habitat and we can all enjoy their beauty.
- **Please help us keep camp clean by picking up mugs, trash, clothing items, etc.**, so that every camper can enjoy the pristine beauty of camp. The beautiful surroundings of Camp Concord make camp what it is, and we want to preserve it to the best of our ability.
- **SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON CAMP.**
- For your safety please do **NOT** walk bare footed on camp property.
- Squirrels, raccoons, blue jays and mice are wild animals. Please **DO NOT** endanger our wildlife or the safety of you or your family by feeding these animals.
- Occasionally a bear might wander through camp. Please remember that the forest is its home, and it doesn't realize it needs to share with us. If you see a bear please report it to Camp Staff so we can take proper precautions. If a bear comes close to you, do not run. Stand still, make

yourself appear as large as possible (hold up your arms) and make loud noises. These bears are not known to be aggressive or to attack humans unless provoked (and documented cases of this in our area are incredibly rare). Please carefully read the **Practical Tips for Food Storage** and properly store all food items after each use.

- While we encourage campers to take advantage of camp's natural environment, and want you to enjoy the hiking trails, we also want to remind you that hiking can be dangerous and hiking trails can have uneven terrain. **Please never hike alone, always have someone with you.** If for some reason this is not possible, make sure to tell someone exactly where you are going and how long you think you'll be gone. Always wear appropriate footwear for hiking (i.e. no thongs or sandals), and take the appropriate safety measures.
- **Drink plenty of water.** We want to make sure you don't get dehydrated. Most of us don't live at over 6,000 feet and aren't walking around outside all day. Please make sure you drink enough water to keep yourself hydrated.

## Healthcare

- **All Camp Staff hold First Aid and CPR certificates** to assist in emergencies, but we do not have a nurse on duty. Families are expected to handle their own general medical needs. In the unfortunate event that an emergency occurs, please know that the closest hospital is Barton Memorial approximately a 15 minute drive from camp.

## Lifeguards

- During all lakefront activities we have **staff that hold a lifeguard certification and can provide needed response in the event of an emergency.** However, because of the nature of our camp activities do not have "lifeguards on-duty", nor do we conduct swim tests with our family campers. We ask that adults know their limits and parents keep an eye on their children.

## Practical Tips for Food Storage

Camp Concord provides 3 meals a day in our dining hall or at off-site activities; therefore it is not necessary to bring food for your camp stay. We know families like to bring special snacks and beverages for children or to enjoy themselves outside of the designated camp meals. Camp can store a LIMITED amount of your extra food in our Dining Hall kitchen overnight and have it accessible for you during the day. However, we do have space limitations. We ask that you contain all food that you ask us to store in a 2' x 2' x 2' crate. This is roughly the size of a small cooler. Camp Concord is not responsible for food that is lost, stolen or spoils while in our storage area.

If you choose to store additional food (although it is highly discouraged) in your cabin or car we recommend that you use the following guidelines. Bears, squirrels and other animals are incredibly curious and have an amazing sense of smell. These animals will associate shapes with food regardless of smell. This may include items that you do not consider food such as bottles, cans, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests, etc.

- Food should be stored in airtight containers.
- In vehicles, all food and related supplies should be stored out of sight.
- Cover food completely to hide it from view.
- Clean the inside of your vehicle and remove any open drink containers and food (including wrappers).
- Consider cleaning your child's car seat prior to coming to camp since they often have food spills and smell associated with them.
- Never leave food in shared camp areas unattended.
- Don't leave food or ice chests outside your cabin.
- Dispose of garbage properly.
- Help us keep a clean camp by doing your part to pick up empty beverage cups or containers, wrappers, spilled food, etc. Our goal is to avoid attracting animals to camp.

Camp Concord is not responsible for loss or damage to personal vehicles or other property that may occur as a result of nature or wildlife.

# PACKING CHECKLIST LIST FOR CAMPERs

Here is a list of items you may want to bring to help make your stay more comfortable.

For Adults	For Kids & Babies	For Cabin and Activities
<b>CLOTHES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suits <input type="checkbox"/> T Shirts <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas <input type="checkbox"/> Sundress <input type="checkbox"/> Tank tops <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans <input type="checkbox"/> Hats <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Extra socks <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SHOES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops (slip ons for beach & shower) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandals <input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes <input type="checkbox"/> <b>TOILETERIES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Towels <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry case <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo & conditioner <input type="checkbox"/> Face cleanser <input type="checkbox"/> Soap <input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste/brush <input type="checkbox"/> Moisturizer <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion <input type="checkbox"/> Lip balm/Chapstick <input type="checkbox"/> Razor <input type="checkbox"/> Sun block <input type="checkbox"/> Medicines <input type="checkbox"/> Band-Aids <input type="checkbox"/> Wash cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Supplies	<b>CLOTHES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suit <input type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear <input type="checkbox"/> Socks <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans <input type="checkbox"/> Socks <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel <input type="checkbox"/> Towel <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Games <b>BABIES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Portable crib <input type="checkbox"/> Sheets & blanket <input type="checkbox"/> Books <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito net for crib <input type="checkbox"/> Bottles <input type="checkbox"/> Sippy cup <input type="checkbox"/> Bib <input type="checkbox"/> Spoon/ fork <input type="checkbox"/> Pacifiers <input type="checkbox"/> Baby backpack <input type="checkbox"/> Warm p.j.'s <input type="checkbox"/> 3 changes of clothes per day <input type="checkbox"/> 6 diapers a day <input type="checkbox"/> Box of wipes <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bag <input type="checkbox"/> 2 swim diapers per day	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito spray <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towels <input type="checkbox"/> Sunhats <input type="checkbox"/> Cards <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines/Book <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks <input type="checkbox"/> Headlight/ Reading light <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses <input type="checkbox"/> Rugs <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Bag <input type="checkbox"/> Sheet and Blanket or Sleeping Bag for all <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Container <input type="checkbox"/> Check Book or Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Small Ice chest <input type="checkbox"/> Beverages <input type="checkbox"/> Small amount of snacks <input type="checkbox"/> Hand towels <input type="checkbox"/> Bottle opener & corkscrew <input type="checkbox"/> Badminton rackets <input type="checkbox"/> Frisbee <input type="checkbox"/> Camera & film <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Soap <input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella or sun shade for beach <input type="checkbox"/> Beach chairs <input type="checkbox"/> Floating Tube <input type="checkbox"/> Envelopes <input type="checkbox"/> Stamps <input type="checkbox"/> Pen <input type="checkbox"/> Date book <input type="checkbox"/> Address Book <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts for tie-dye <input type="checkbox"/> Bikes/helmets

*A tentative schedule of activities and meals can be found on our website. If you have additional questions please contact the Camp Office (during the summer) at 530-541-1203 or Camp office (off season) 925-671-3006. You can contact our registration line at 925-671-3404. We look forward to seeing you at Camp Concord in South Lake Tahoe soon.*