



50 & Better Camp General Information

Dear Campers,

Thank you for choosing Camp Concord for your 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. Please review this information, if you have further questions or need any additional information, do not hesitate to send an email to camp.concord@cityofconcord.org or call me at (925) 671-3006 (off season only) or (530) 541-1203 (during the summer).

*Sincerely,
Matthew Fragoso
Director, Camp Concord*

Frequently Asked Questions

Arrival and where do I check in?

You can check in at camp and receive your cabin assignment after 3:00p.m. 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 as you drive into camp. Pull into the loop and camp staff will be there to greet and help you.

We will welcome you; give you a tour of camp, show you where to park and to your cabin. You will need:

- your confirmation receipt,
- to sign a liability waiver and
- a \$5.00 key deposit (Cash or check only)

Once you've received your cabin assignment, our staff will assist you with unloading your vehicle and can help get you settled.

What are the accommodations like?

You will stay in a rustic and cozy cabin complete with beds and mattresses, a small table and shelves. All beds have fitted sheets but please remember to pack bedding – sleeping bags, blankets, pillow etc. All our Upper Camp cabins have electricity and are within easy walking distance to our bathhouse.

Do you have restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities?

Our updated Upper 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 new floors, sinks, counters and toilets. Our handicap restroom has been upgraded to meet current ADA standards and we have added an enclosed laundry room with coin operated 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.**

If you have any food allergies, birthdays, anniversaries, or any special requests please make sure they are properly noted on your registration form or by calling or sending an email (see above). We will also review this information with you briefly upon check-in and will do our best to meet your special needs.

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 are *usually* available until 10:30 p.m. A microwave is also available for your use. Board games and cards are available for check out in the office.

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 activities will be given to you at check-in. There will be some activities that we ask you to sign-up in advance. Signing up for these activities in advance gives us enough time to plan and adjust as needed to make sure that everyone is getting the best experience possible. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

Where is the camp store and office?

The Camp Store and Office is the first building on your right as you drive into camp (See map attached). You will see a chained gate with signage. Pull into the loop and from there camp staff will be there to assist you. 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.

What are social hours?

Every evening around 4:30 p.m. there is a Social Hour, sponsored by the Friends of Camp Concord. We provide drinks and appetizers.

Where is the upper camp fire pit?

The large circle of benches and chairs located in the middle of cabins 1-6 is known as the Upper 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 Upper Camp Fire Pit is also a social hub of camp and upon request staff will light a fire 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 mudsnails.

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 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 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

- **Camp Staff holds 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 they are not "lifeguards on-duty", nor do we conduct swim tests with our campers. We ask that adults know their limits.

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 some campers like to bring special snacks and beverages 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 in your cabin or car (which is highly discouraged) 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 Cabin and Activities
CLOTHES	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry bag
<input type="checkbox"/> Bathing suits	<input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights
<input type="checkbox"/> T Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen
<input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas	<input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito spray
<input type="checkbox"/> Sundress	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach towels
<input type="checkbox"/> Tank tops	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunhats
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweater	<input type="checkbox"/> Cards
<input type="checkbox"/> Vest (Polar Fleece)	<input type="checkbox"/> Games
<input type="checkbox"/> Shorts	<input type="checkbox"/> Magazines/Book
<input type="checkbox"/> Long pants	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks
<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/> Headlight/ Reading light
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeans	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses
<input type="checkbox"/> Hats	<input type="checkbox"/> Rugs
<input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach Bag
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheet and Blanket or
<input type="checkbox"/> SHOES	Sleeping Bag for all
<input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers	<input type="checkbox"/> Pillows
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Snack Container
<input type="checkbox"/> Flip flops (slip ons for	<input type="checkbox"/> Check Book or Cash
beach & shower)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Ice chest
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandals	<input type="checkbox"/> Beverages
<input type="checkbox"/> Water shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Small amount of snacks
<input type="checkbox"/> TOILETRIES	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand towels
<input type="checkbox"/> Towels	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle opener &
<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry case	corkscrew
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo & conditioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Badminton rackets
<input type="checkbox"/> Face cleanser	<input type="checkbox"/> Frisbee
<input type="checkbox"/> Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera & film
<input type="checkbox"/> Comb/Brush	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Soap
<input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste/brush	<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella or sun shade
<input type="checkbox"/> Moisturizer	for beach
<input type="checkbox"/> Lotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach chairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Lip balm/Chapstick	<input type="checkbox"/> Floating Tube
<input type="checkbox"/> Razor	<input type="checkbox"/> Envelopes
<input type="checkbox"/> Sun block	<input type="checkbox"/> Stamps
<input type="checkbox"/> Medicines	<input type="checkbox"/> Pen
<input type="checkbox"/> Band-Aids	<input type="checkbox"/> Date book
<input type="checkbox"/> Wash cloth	<input type="checkbox"/> Address Book
<input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking Sticks
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shirts for tie-dye
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bikes/helmets

If you have additional questions please contact the Camp Office during the summer at 530-541-1203 or prior to May you can call me directly at 925-671-3006.

You can reach our registration line at 925-671-3404.

We look forward to seeing you at Camp Concord in South Lake Tahoe soon.