



## 2019 CAMP CANDLELIGHT PARENT INFORMATION

*Please read thoroughly.*

### CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

Campers shall arrive on opening day,

**Sunday, 26 May 2019**

**Check-in starts at 2:00pm**

Pick up is on

**Saturday, 1 June 2019**

**Arrive at 9:00am. Campers are waiting for you!**

### CAMP SKY-Y ADDRESS & DIRECTIONS

5725 S. Senator  
Hwy Prescott, AZ  
86303

#### *Directions*

##### *From Phoenix:*

Take I-17 North to Cordes  
Junction/Prescott Exit onto Hwy 69 North.

Travel West on Hwy 69 North approximately 34.0 miles; AZ-69N becomes a ramp. Merge onto E. Gurley Street. Turn left onto S. Mount Vernon Ave. South Mount Vernon Ave. becomes S. Senator Highway. Camp Sky-Y is on your right, if you reach E. Wolf Creek Rd (at start of dirt road) you have gone 0.1 mile too far.

### APPROPRIATE DRESS

The camp dress code mirrors the policies of most schools. No tube tops, strapless or spaghetti strap attire, **short** shorts, or blouses that reveal the midriff. Any clothing that portrays inappropriate behavior, logos, or language that could be offensive including anything that may be interpreted as gang apparel, is prohibited. Revealing two piece bathing suits are NOT allowed. The head counselors will determine appropriate dress, if there is a dispute.

### PACKING SUGGESTIONS:

If you want your camper to wear the theme day clothing packed in their baggage, we suggest that the clothes are separated and placed in a large zip lock baggie or in a plastic grocery bag with the theme written in Sharpie on the bag. It also helps if you place the campers' initials on as many clothing and other items as possible. The clothing in the cabin are, at times, strewn throughout the cabin, so it would be easier for the counselors to identify clothing if they were labeled.

### CAMP STORE

There is a small store at camp that carries a variety of snacks, toiletries, clothing, and souvenirs. All campers will have the opportunity to visit the camp store at various times during the week. The store will also be open on the first and last day of camp for parents. **We do not allow campers to keep cash in their cabins, so we ask each camper to deposit their allowance to their assigned counselor on opening day. Please bring cash in a plastic sealable bag with the camper's name on it.** It has been our experience that a camper will find ways to spend as much money as you give them. Therefore, \$20 is the maximum amount permitted.

### HOMESICKNESS

Homesickness is a very real part of the adjustment that some campers may experience as they are away from their home and family. We are sensitive to campers and parents who are missing each other and we work hard to support families through the adjustment. Camper letters sent home early in the session may reflect a somber attitude, so don't be alarmed. Contact us if you receive a second letter or one that causes particular concern; we are happy to work through the process and keep you informed. **Mobile phones are NOT allowed at camp for campers**, since they are ALWAYS a negative influence and do not help the adjustment period for campers. **Any mobile phones will be confiscated and stored by EFAZ staff until parent(s) pick-up.**

### MEDICATIONS

Must be sent in **prescription bottles** with appropriate pharmacy labels (also bring pill containers). All medications should be in a labeled sealed bag. It is helpful to send more than a seven day supply in case there is a need for an extra dose, such as the occasional spill or spit-up. Skilled medical and nursing staff assess campers frequently and any medical concerns are communicated with families, as needed.

### PARENT NOTIFICATION

EFAZ staff will call the parent in the following instances:

1. If the camper must go to the doctor or hospital.
2. If the camper spends the night in the infirmary.
3. If we are dealing with a behavioral issue and need assistance to correct the behavior.\*\*
4. If the camper is experiencing separation anxiety and is not adjusting to the camp environment.

NOTE: We will **NOT** call parents when your camper has seizure(s) due to the number of seizures experienced by campers during the week. Only if the seizure warrants the above will you be contacted.

### THREE STRIKE RULE\*\*

Any camper who displays ongoing behavioral issues will be given 3 opportunities to correct them.

- The **1st strike** will result in a verbal warning by head counselors to the camper.
- The **2nd strike** will result in a phone call home to the camper's parent(s) to discuss next steps in dealing with their child's behavior.
- The **3rd strike** will necessitate the parent(s) of the camper coming to pick up their child, who will be dismissed for the remainder of camp.

### PHONE POLICY

The camp phones are for business and emergencies only. Due to the number of campers, it is impossible to make the phones available for calls home from the campers. In general, we find that calls from parents can actually worsen cases of homesickness. In case of an emergency in which the parents *must* call the camp, the emergency numbers are listed below.

### EMERGENCY NUMBER

**NOTE: THESE ARE INTENDED FOR BONAFIDE EMERGENCIES ONLY**

If the parents have an emergency and need to contact us, please use **(800) 660-1385** during the day (8:00am - 4:00pm).

After 4:00pm, the emergency contact number is **(928) 830-7439 or (803) 460-6038**. The parent(s) will be directed to EFAZ staff at camp.

### VISITORS

Parents are encouraged to visit camp on drop-off or pick-up day to meet the EFAZ staff and see the camp. Mid-week visits can be very distracting, take away from the camper's experience and are **not allowed**.

### LAUNDRY SERVICE

Laundry service is not available for campers. In the case of incontinence or spillage as a result of a seizure, camp staff will launder clothing and bedding, as necessary.

### LOST & FOUND

If you discover something missing after your child returns from camp, please call the Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona (EFAZ) immediately. We will try our best to locate it! Please remember that the YMCA and EFAZ cannot be held responsible for missing or damaged items. Please mark all items with the camper's name.

\*\*\*Any unclaimed items left behind after Camp Candlelight ends will be donated to charity after two weeks.\*\*\*

#### SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

**On Saturday, June 1st, parents must alert an EFAZ staff or camp counselor** - a photo I.D. is required for sign out. If someone other than the parent/guardian plans on picking up your child, that person must be listed on the **Emergency Contact Form**.