

Jefunira Camp

a cool way to spend your summer

February 1, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Jefunira Camp! We are excited to have your child enrolled, and we are eagerly awaiting the summer's arrival. This letter is designed to help prepare your family for Jefunira Camp. In an effort to be environmentally conscious, **this will be the only paperwork you will receive prior to the start of camp. Please keep it in a safe place so that you can refer to it as we get closer to the summer.** A copy can be found on our website. If you have any questions between now and the beginning of camp, don't hesitate to contact me (director@jefuniracamp.com, 650-291-2888).

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- **Location** – Jefunira Camp will be located at Nixon Elementary School, 1711 Stanford Avenue, 94305. (You can access a map on our web site at www.jefuniracamp.com.)
- **Drop Off & Pick Up** – Please be patient, careful and considerate of others as you drop off and pick up your children. Follow the flow of traffic and the directions of staff members. Be aware that parking in the Nixon lot is limited and restricted to the upper lots. If you would like to park and walk your child to or from camp, there is street parking on Tolman Drive behind Nixon Elementary School.
- **Camp Hours & Day Care** – Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. On time arrival and prompt pick-up would be greatly appreciated. Pre-camp care is available from 8:00 a.m., and post-camp care is available until 5:30 p.m. The charge for extended care is \$10.00 per hour or any portion thereof. *Please note that campers arriving prior to 8:55 a.m. and those remaining after 2:45 p.m. will be placed in extended care and duly charged.* The camp office will open 15 minutes early on the first day of each session.
- **Schedules** – We will distribute schedules on the first day of each session. The schedule will alert you to any special needs for a given day (i.e. swim suit, water shoes, etc.). **For the first day of camp, your child will only need a lunch, a good pair of athletic shoes, clothes that can get messy (we will be tie dyeing t-shirts), and a willingness to have fun.**
- **Camp Scholarship Fund** – To open Jefunira Camp to all families, regardless of ability to pay, we provide scholarships. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, you may do so on our website. Thanks for your support!
- **Peanut Policy** – Because of the increasing prevalence of severe peanut allergies, Jefunira Camp is a peanut free zone. While we recognize that this policy might cause some minor inconvenience to parents

we know that you want to provide a safe environment for all children at camp. So remember to send only peanut free lunches/snacks with your child each day.

- *Camper Groups* – We reserve the right to place campers in activity groups as we deem appropriate. We will assign campers to color groups upon arrival the first day of each session.

- *Parent Participation* – If you feel the need/desire to spend some time with your child at camp, we suggest that the first and last few minutes of each camp day are a good time to help your child with adjustments and transitions. Beyond that, we believe that it is very important to preserve the space at camp for children and camp staff, and we ask that parents limit their presence at camp to drop off and pick up times. We understand that for first time campers (and parents) there can be a few anxious moments, but we also know from experience that in a two-week summer session it is important to make transitions quickly and clearly. We appreciate your help in this regard.

- *Snacks & Lunch* – We will again be partnering with Kids Chow so that parents may order lunches if they so desire. More information will be sent shortly. If you do not order lunches, remember to send a prepared lunch with your child each day. (Microwaves and refrigerators are *not* available.) We will be providing popsicle snacks for all campers during the day. Yum! If your child needs or wants any additional snacks, please pack something in her or his lunch box.

- *Sunscreen* – Please make sure that your child wears sunscreen to camp every day. Children sometimes take off shirts on hot or wet days, so be sure to cover the whole torso. We will apply additional sunscreen as needed, but the best way to ensure that your child is protected from the sun is to help her put on sunscreen each morning before camp.

- *Shoes* – Jefunira campers will be active and involved in a variety of activities. Please have your child wear comfortable, supportive, *athletic* shoes to camp every day. Also, **when the schedule indicates water play activities, please have your child bring water shoes to wear on the fields.** Water shoes, sandals, and old tennis shoes work best. *Flip-flops tend to fall off and make children prone to toe injuries.*

- *Items Needed* – We would appreciate your help in saving and sending the following items to camp: toilet paper rolls, empty milk cartons (plastic & paper), plastic soda bottles, film canisters, strawberry baskets and corks. Thanks!!

- *Health Notices* – We request that families whose children are exposed to or inflicted with infectious diseases (such as chicken pox, strep throat, lice, etc.) give prompt notice to the camp directors so that we may inform other families and help prevent the spread of any infectious diseases. We want to help keep your kids safe and healthy!

- *Medical Notification Policy* – The general camp practice is to contact parents when there is concern about a person's health and/or when a situation is not progressing as expected. Parents will be notified of any injury or illness that requires emergency care. If a child has an illness that does not require emergency medical care, but persists for longer than 30 minutes, parents will be notified. Parents will be notified of any illness that results in vomiting.

- *Personal Property* – Alcohol and drugs are prohibited at Jefunira Camp. All forms of weapons including guns, knives and slingshot are prohibited. Campers must have director's permission to bring personal sports equipment or pets to camp. Campers are permitted to ride bikes or scooter to camp. They must be parking in the appropriate locations.