



IMPORTANT INFORMATION HANS JENSEN DAY CAMP



PRIOR TO CAMP: You will receive a Parent Packet via snail mail the week prior to the session you have registered for. This packet will include a letter informing you about the camp themes and specific activities, as well as required permission forms that need to be brought with your camper on the first day of camp.

Your camper's counselor will give you a call the weekend before camp to introduce themselves, give you the group number and to answer any questions you may have.

ARRIVAL: Hans Jensen Youth Area, 4460 East Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, Issaquah is located directly across from the boat launch at the southeast end of Lake Sammamish. (Hans Jensen is part of Lake Sammamish State Park, but we are **NOT** located at the State Park). When you arrive to drop off your camper, please park your car (All cars are to stay only in the field parking area, NO exceptions; Do not drive over the restricted bridge). Find your child's counselor, who will be holding a sign with his/her group number on it. There will be many staff to assist you in finding your child's group if you cannot locate it. You (or another adult) must sign-in your camper each day. Campers should be brought to camp as close to 9:30 a.m. as possible. Please do not bring your camper any earlier than 9:15 a.m., as there will be no supervision before that time.

Please bring your completed "**Camper Release**" form (included in your Parent Packet) listing authorized drivers with your child on Monday; each individual camper needs their own form. To add to your list throughout the week, please send a permission note. If there is anyone who IS NOT allowed to pick up your child, please be sure to include this information on your Camper Release form. **Please be aware that you cannot leave your child on the first morning of camp without first completing a Camper Release Form.** This is for your child's safety and this policy will be strictly enforced.

DEPARTURE: Please pick up your camper promptly at 3:30 p.m. Groups will be dismissed at the same location where you signed in your child in the morning, by the restricted bridge. Sign your child out with his/her counselor. You will be required to show a Photo ID every day at pick-up.

EARLY DEPARTURE or LATE ARRIVAL: If your child needs to leave camp early on any given day, we need a note in advance for that as well. Just come to Head Table (headquarters), and we'll find your child for you. Again, you'll need to **show ID** to sign your camper out. If you know your child will be late or absent from camp, please notify the counselor the night before, or no later than 7:30 a.m. that morning. We feel responsible for your child during camp hours. If your child does not arrive, we'll become concerned and start calling to locate him or her. No stone will be left unturned until your child is located. So, please, don't make us call everyone on your list – keep us informed instead.

CLOTHING: Mornings at Hans Jensen are usually cool, so be sure your child wears/brings a sweatshirt or jacket. Dressing in layers so your camper can peel down as the temperature warms up is best. Remember the hat and apply sunscreen at home. Send sunscreen with your camper so they can reapply it if necessary. All campers must wear socks and **sturdy shoes with CLOSED heels and toes.** Please, no sandals or crocs. For your child's protection, long pants are recommended.

LABEL ALL BELONGINGS: Please label your camper's belongings with his/her name. Need Labels? We have partnered with Mabel's labels, when you purchase labels from camps.mabelslabels.com and select **Camp Fire Day Camp (Central Puget Sound)** from the Select Your Camp list, a portion of the proceeds will be funding campers in need of financial aid.

LUNCH and WATER: Bring a healthy sack lunch, snacks and beverage every day. Every camper will have the opportunity to do some outdoor cooking. We recommend a sack lunch be brought, even if your child's counselor has let you know the group will be cooking that day. Please remember to send your camper with a filled water bottle with their name on it every day because we want your camper to stay hydrated! Also, since Hans Jensen is a peanut free camp, please make sure your child's lunches and snacks are peanut and peanut product free.

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NO PEANUTS: To protect children and staff who have severe and possibly life-threatening peanut allergies, peanuts and peanut products are NOT allowed at camp. We have a number of campers and staff with such severe peanut allergies that smelling peanuts or touching something that has been touched by peanut products can send them to the hospital. Please do not send your child with anything made with or containing peanuts. Counselors will throw away any peanuts/peanut products but we will provide your child with extra food for such occasions.

MEDICATIONS: When possible, give medicines at home before leaving for camp. If medicine needs to come to camp this week, it MUST be in its ORIGINAL CONTAINER, and checked in immediately with our Health Manager. Also, if your child takes any medication for A.D.D. or hyperactivity, please don't make this your camper's "week off" medication. Your child, and his/her volunteer counselor, will both have a better time if stability is maintained.

IN CASE OF THUNDERSTORMS/LIGHTNING: If a severe thunderstorm warning is issued for the Issaquah/Lake Sammamish area, Day Camp will be canceled. If thunderstorms start during drop off, campers will not be allowed out of cars, for their safety, and parents will be instructed that camp is canceled. In the case that camp has already begun, all parents/guardians will be called to come pick up their child(ren).

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, WEAPONS, and PERSONAL POSSESSIONS: Your child is prohibited from using alcohol or drugs and/or being under the influence while participating in Camp Fire activities. Current state law prohibits those under age 18 from possessing tobacco products. Remember: leave cell phones, video games, pocket knives, personal sporting equipment, and valuables at home: don't bring anything to camp that you would really miss if lost or damaged.

CELL PHONE POLICY: Campers are not allowed to carry cell phones at camp. If you would like your camper to have a phone at camp it must be checked in and left at Head Table (headquarters). Cell phones distract from the experience of camp, so please, leave them at home. Our counselors are allowed to carry phones for emergency purposes only.

PETS: For everyone's sake, including your dogs, we ask you to leave your dog and other pets at home or in the car when you come to camp to pick up or drop off your camper. Dogs are not allowed onsite at any time.

EXTENDED DAY: Campers entering the 4th grade are invited to stay for an extended day on the Wednesday evening. Dinner will be provided for your camper and he/she will be able to participate in some extra fun activities. **If you have a camper entering the fourth grade, the permission form for this event was included in registration.** This must be completed before your child will be allowed to stay on the overnight. Paper permission forms will be available at camp for any last minute permissions. Please plan on picking up your camper at 8:00 p.m.

OVERNIGHT- WEDNESDAY: Campers 5th grade and above may stay on the optional overnight Thursday night. Those who stay will be cooking that night's dinner with their group. Breakfast will be provided the next morning and campers will cook out for lunch on Friday. **If you have a camper entering the fourth grade or above, the permission form for this event was included in registration.** This must be completed before your child will be allowed to stay on the overnight. Paper permission forms will be available at camp for any last minute permissions. Each group needs to round up its own tents, so if you have one, let the counselor know when he or she calls you before camp.

CLOSING CERMONY: A Camp Fire tradition is the closing ceremony on Friday afternoon at 2:30p.m. All parents are welcome to join us for our skits and recognition ceremony. Camp will still end at 3:30pm.

PRE-CAMP PHONE CALL: Your child's counselor will call you Saturday or Sunday before the start of camp to speak with you and your child. This is your child's opportunity to get acquainted, get excited about camp, and learn how to find his/her counselor Monday morning. This will be YOUR chance to **get the counselor's phone number and your child's group number** for arrival and departure sign out, and share details about the camper that will help the counselor work most effectively with your child. Please share any recently developed medical conditions that weren't on the registration form.

