

Welcome to Oakhaven's Summer Camp!

Camp is right around the corner and we are busy getting ready. Plans are in the works for lots of fun activities and here are some things to know that will make your time with us even better. Moms and Dads, please read over our camp guidelines with your campers several times before your first day.

We are honored to have camp leaders to guide us this year. Camp leaders are from 6 - 12 years of age and are mentors for the other campers. A mentor is a trusted role model of the community who shares experience, knowledge and wisdom.

Our camp leaders are:

Ben
Eva
Gabby
Jenna
Julian
Laurel
Mckinna
Miranda
Olivia
Paige
Zoe

Our 5 year old guides are: Aiyana, Bella, Izaiyah, Max, Naomi, Samantha

Our campers are:

Seniors (4 yrs): Anna, Callie, C'enna, Hannah, Jade, Lola, Madison, Marina, Nate,
Scout

Sr. in training (3 yrs) : Alyssa, Ava, Hosanna, Kyle, Lily, Noah, Violet

Juniors: Sam, Zoey

Visitors, doing visits to get ready for next year: Harper, Saxon, Ocean, Zoe

Here at Oakhaven our focus is on being safe, taking care of ourselves and each other, tending the animals and plants, creating projects for everyone to enjoy and maintaining our camp, inside and out.

Our motto is "Living Things First!" Camp leaders and the special day person care for our animal and plant friends everyday. The animals and plants need water, food

and regular baths. Wait till you see how fun it is to watch the pigeons play in their bath!

Here is how our day looks:

8:00	We take care of the animals, gardens and set up activities
9:00	Camp leaders help the other campers do special activities
9:45	Snack, leaders & special day person help serve and clean up
10:00	Fun outside with the activities
11:00	Meeting: We share what we are grateful for and solve problems
11:15	Work alone time inside, you get a rug, choose an activity and work by yourself
11:30	lunch
12:15	inside quiet time, rest, do something quiet or read a book while we listen to a CD
1:00	inside games & group projects
2:00	get ready for the pool, camp leaders sunscreen campers
2:30	pool time: families & parents join us
5:30	all done!

Camp leaders and guides are the hands, eyes, ears and voice for the community. We count on all of you to watch, listen and help the other campers to make right decisions and be kind and gentle to all the living things here. Listen to your inner voice and do what you know is right. We are confident that you will set an honorable example for the other campers.

Camp Leaders and guides, remember that the other campers look up to you from the first moment you meet and will follow your lead. What you do, they will do. What you say, they will repeat. Please take extra care to slow down and move safely.

Part of how we take care of ourselves is to dress appropriately for our day. We wear our swim gear or play clothes, free of media or scary characters, our hair off our faces or in braids or pony tails.

Things that stay home: toys, workbooks, tattoos, nail polish, jewelry, headbands.

Things that come to camp: your lunch, swim suit, rash guard shirt, beach towel, sun hat, change of clothes, floatation devices/vests. Bring a chapter book from home for quiet time and a pillow, blanket & cuddly stuffed animal if you like. Any summer only campers need a backpack/tote to store their gear—all our cubbies are full.

Outside we wear sun screen, hats and summer shoes like Crocs that can get wet. We get wet and dirty. We will do lots of water play during our day-wear your swim gear to school. We save chase, tag and hide and seek for designated times. One person at a time on the climbing structure ladder, climbing rock wall and mountain. We go down only on the slide. Last camp leader, guide or senior out of the sandbox covers it. Keep your hands to yourself. Ask before you hug. Save shouting for emergencies.

Inside we work and play with the activities respectfully. We use work rugs, do one thing at a time, take puzzles apart instead of turning them over, and work by ourselves or with one partner. When we are done with something we put it away. During the afternoon game and group project time we interact peacefully. We save loud, throwing or vigorous games for outside. Camp leaders, and guides remind younger children to follow our guidelines.

We speak to each other kindly and gently. It is never appropriate to name call, use labels or play "better than" games. When we help the younger campers with an activity we hand them a piece and show them where to put it rather than doing it for them. When we do speak we make sure to look them in the eye and speak slowly. The less we say the better the other campers will understand.

At the pool, you pass a yearly test of swimming the length of the pool easily or wear a secure flotation device or vest. We walk on the grass. Jumpers and divers use the deep end only. We take one pool toy in with us at a time and replace it when we want a new one. We retrieve the dive toy we throw in. We are gentle in our water play. We keep our hands to ourselves. There is splash time once an hour followed by adults only swim time. All campers get out of the pool the first time asked. We swim any day we have 2 adults here to watch us.

Camp leaders lead by example. If you ever need help, come and ask one of us adults. We are here to work together to make this summer fun and safe for everyone!

See you soon for a fun and safe summer!

Jamie, Stephanie, Tina, Aria, Leah, Elizabeth, Rhonda, Tulum & Chris