Dear Summer Camp Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the Ransom Everglades Summer Camp! The summer day camp at Ransom Everglades has been a part of this community since 1955 and we are privileged to be serving you all for our 65th year! Located on the shores of beautiful Biscayne Bay, we have had the privilege of providing a fun and safe environment for kids, ages 4-12 to enjoy. We pride ourselves on creating an environment where new friendships and lifelong memories flourish. Our campers come from the local Miami community, throughout the United States and all over the World. The key component to our summer program is the amazing, enthusiastic, and experienced counselors. Our counselors strive all summer to make a camper’s day, every day. In order to help for a smooth start to the summer, please pay close attention to the important camp details that follow.

Final Payments:
Final payment is required prior to attending the first day of camp. Campers will be kept from joining camp and may have their spots forfeited to campers on the waiting list if final payment is not provided in a timely manner.

- Please direct health related questions and concerns to our Camp Nurse, Marie Gregorio at mgregorio@ransomeverglades.org or at (305) 250-6887
- Please direct Registration and payment related questions to our Assistant Director of Summer Programming, Jimmy Oxsalida at joxsalida@ransomeverglades.org or (305) 460-8874

Morning Drop Off:
Each morning we will have counselors meet you at your car at the front of the Breezeway and escort your children to their classroom. You do not need to park your car and get out. We will have our camp administration, as well as, counselors on hand in to assist you in any way.

- Campers may be dropped off and go to their rooms any time after 8:30am. No campers may be in the camp rooms prior to 8:30am.
- Please, exercise caution at all times while driving through the parking lot. Please, use the marked crosswalks and walkways, and pay close attention to any safety fencing placed across the campus.

Afternoon Pick up:
All session long, we will ask each family to park their car and pick up their child in their assigned rooms at the end of the day. The campers must be signed out with their counselors and will not be permitted to leave unaccompanied at any time. This will provide you an opportunity to speak to the counselors as well as assuring the safety of your child. If you haven’t picked up your camper by 4:30pm, they will be
escorted to after-care by their counselor. You will need to pick up your camper in the Rehearsal Hall (Game Room) located adjacent to the Lewis Auditorium.

- The campers will return to their assigned rooms for their final activity at 3:30pm.
- Parents and guardians must provide valid picture identification and be on the authorized pick up list. We will not dismiss any camper to any individual not already authorized in writing to pick up that child.
- If a camper needs to leave before 3:30 pm. We ask parents and guardians to notify us in advance.

Extended Care is Available:

- From 7:30am to 8:30am, morning care is available in the Rehearsal Hall (Game Room) located adjacent to the Lewis Auditorium at an additional cost. You must sign your child in each morning.
- From 4:30pm to 6:00pm, after care will be provided at an additional cost.
- All campers must be picked up by 6:00pm. Early pick-up when necessary should be arranged in advance through the Summer Camp Main Office at summer@ransomeverglades.org or (305) 460-8874.

Camper Behavioral Expectations:
All members of our community are expected to act with respect toward self, others and our environment. When community members fall short of our expectations we will approach the opportunity as a teachable moment, from a place of caring, empathy and with the goal to strengthen the child’s character and life skills. Certain choices by our community members that place campers, counselors or others in danger or are disruptive to the camp environment may result in a restriction of privileges or in some circumstances, being sent home from camp.

- Our camp will be a device free campus. Only certain administrators will carry their personal mobile devices during the day for safety reasons.
- Counselors and campers must leave phones and mobile devices in their classroom until the end of the day.
- Personal and emergency calls should be directed through the Summer Camp Office at (305) 460-8874.

The Summer Program Administration, staff and counselors have prepared hard to ensure your child will have a safe and fun-filled summer experience. We expect your children to come home with great stories of how they spend their days. This will include the activities that have made the RE Summer Camp so special for over sixty years now. Most importantly your children will make lasting friendships. This is what summer should be about; learning, being active, making friends and having fun. I look forward to meeting each and every one of our families and we can’t wait for another summer of fun in the sun.

FYI: Please plan to come to our meet n’ greet on June 15, at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully,

Thomas Willis ’04
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