

# Sanford Day Camp

A Letter from the Director:

When Peter Bradley, owner and financial director, asked me to start a camp at Sanford School in the late 1970's, little did I realize that I was undertaking an adventure that would last more than 30 years. During that time, I would witness the growth and development of hundreds of children, including three of my own. I have seen many a child start out as a 4 year old camper, only to come back summer after summer way into their teenage years. Now I am seeing some of these campers return as parents and enrolling their children for the "Sanford Experience".

I believe there are three main reasons for our success. First of all is our staff. It was Pete's idea to hire **teachers** as counselors for this camp. Our counselors undergo a thorough interview with over 10 teachers interviewed per staff opening. Our counselors come from different schools across the area with a variety of experiences. Some are public school teachers, some private or parochial, some are parents, some are recent graduates. All of our staff must have background checks and most are CPR certified. Our staff of specialists (tennis, soccer, lifeguard, art, dance) are college age or older. They come from a pool of the best coaches and specialists available. All of our staff must demonstrate an ability to relate to children in a positive way and enjoy working with children. Most of our staff has been with us for years, which shows that they enjoy the camp and what they do.

The second reason is our schedule. All campers experience a varied schedule that includes swimming, art, dance, computers, tennis and ball games. Schedules are adapted to the ages of the children; always putting the children in an experience in which they can be successful. Field trips, scheduled every week, add to the variety of experience for the children.

The third reason for our success is our communication and rapport with parents. We listen to your needs and try to provide a camp schedule that is both flexible and adaptable to your busy schedule. Multi-child discounts are available for families enrolling two or more children.

These reasons, and many more, are why you should consider the "Sanford Experience" for your child.

Dave Szaroleta

## Mission Statement

Sanford Day Camp is dedicated to offering a safe and fun-filled summer experience for children from the age of 4 to 14 years old. The ultimate goal of the camp is to develop each camper to his or her fullest potential by offering a caring and structured environment supervised by an all teacher counseling staff. With our flexible schedule (2 week minimum), beautiful campus (air conditioned classrooms and on site pool), multiple extended care locations (throughout the county) and academic opportunities (with Sanford school) we offer parents an easy option for summer child care.

## What to Pack for Camp

Campers should bring a bag lunch (if not purchasing one from the cafeteria), a water bottle, a towel, sunscreen, and goggles if necessary. We suggest an extra swimsuit and set of clothing for our youngest campers.

## Lost and Found

The lost and found is located in the bottom of Geipel Gym across from the camp office. Please feel free to visit it anytime.

## Cancellation policy

Changes in weeks enrolled in your original registration can be made with up to one weeks notice with no additional cost to you.

A full refund, minus the \$200 deposit, will be sent to you if you cancel weeks before June 1.

Half of your tuition will be refunded if weeks are cancelled after June 1. All refund checks are mailed after the camp season is over.

Parents of campers dismissed for major disciplinary infractions (stealing, destruction of property, fighting, bullying, disrespect) will not receive a refund.

Weekly fees will not be prorated for days missed during weeks enrolled due to vacation, illness, or appointments.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. *Monday will be my son's 1<sup>st</sup> day at camp. Where do I drop him off in the morning and pick him up in the afternoon?***  
Drop off and pick up is in front of Geipel Gym (the first building on your left as you enter Sanford's campus).
- 2. *My daughter left her lunch at home today. Can she purchase lunch in the cafeteria today even though we didn't sign up for it?***  
Absolutely! She may purchase any of the lunch options in the cafeteria. Payment can be made the following camp day.
- 3. *My son lost his towel at the pool yesterday. Where would I go to look for it?***  
The lost and found is located across from the camp office in Geipel Gym.
- 4. *Is there a way to contact my son just to make sure he is doing okay at camp?***  
You can always call the camp office at (302) 239-0744.
- 5. *My daughter is very allergic to peanuts. Who should I tell?***  
Please make the camp nurse as well as her counselor aware of the allergy.
- 6. *What does my son need to pack for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of camp?***  
Have him pack a lunch (if not purchasing from the cafeteria), a towel, sunscreen, a water bottle, and goggles if necessary. We recommend a 2<sup>nd</sup> swimsuit and a change of clothes for our younger campers.
- 7. *Can I visit the campus for the day and meet my son's counselor?***  
Parents are always welcome at Sanford Day Camp! Please call the camp office to schedule a visit.
- 8. *How many campers will be in my child's group?***  
Approximately 10-15 campers of the same age and gender. Our kindergarten group is mixed gender. Campers are placed in a group based on their upcoming year in school.

**9. *How many staff are in the group?***

Every group has 1 counselor who is a teacher and 1 or 2 junior counselors or C.I.T.'s.

**10. *What do you do on rainy days?***

The camp follows a rainy day schedule that is full of indoor activities including stories, computers, bingo, and board games. All indoor activities are in session.

**11. *My son is not a very good swimmer. Can I send "swimmies" with him to the pool?***

We do not recommend bringing "swimmies" to camp. Our lifeguards teach the Red Cross swimming program in the morning swim. Afternoon "free" swim offers the campers a chance to have fun in the pool while practicing what they have learned in their morning lesson.

**12. *What is the "C.I.T." program?***

The "Counselor In Training" program is for entering 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are looking for a summer of fun while taking on some responsibilities as well.

**13. *What do I do if I arrive late for drop-off?***

If you arrive after 8:45, bring your child to the camp office in the bottom of Geipel gym. Our secretary will make sure your child finds his/her group!

**14. *What do I do if I need to pick up my camper early?***

Call the camp office and let us know. When picking up your child, please come in to the office to sign your camper out.

**15. *What should I expect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of camp?***

Drop off your camper in Geipel gym. On the first day of camp, each camper will be called out by name and introduced to his/her counselor.

**16. *What should my child refrain from bringing to camp?***

Anything valuable! Cell phones, ipods, trading cards, Gameboys, money, or anything else of value should be left at home.

**17. *What happens if I am late picking up my camper?***

Pick up time is at 3:15 pm. After 3:15, your child will automatically be enrolled in our extended day program. We will charge a fee for late pick-up.

**18. *What if my child misses a day he is signed up for?***

Please call to let us know whenever your child will not be in camp. Because of the fact that Sanford Camp has reserved a space for your child there can be no refunds for days missed.

**19. *What if my child wants to be in a group with his/her friends?***

We will make every effort to place campers in groups with their friends if they are within the same age group. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to meet every request. Please encourage your camper to enjoy the opportunity to make new friends and focus on the fun activities he/she will be participating in during the day.

**20. *Who will be teaching the activities?***

All counselors are professional teachers. All activity leaders are certified in that field. Real coaches, real artists!