

# STEM Camps and Spring Break Camps Family Information Guide, Policies and Required Forms

# Welcome!

We're glad you're here, and we hope you're ready for adventure! We've put together this guide to help you understand what to expect and to help ensure your child has the best experience possible. Please read through this information in full and be sure to completely **fill out, print and return all of the <u>required forms included in this packet</u> on your first day of camp:** 

- Camper Expectations and Policies
- Camper Emergency Contact Information
- Consent & Release Agreement
- Springs Preserve Camp Program Release of Liability
- D Medical Treatment Authorization for a Minor

# **Camper Ages**

We accept children ages 6-12 for our camp programs. We may ask you to provide proof of age for your child.

# **Camp Location and Hours**

All camps take place at the Springs Preserve (333 S. Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107). Once you enter the main drive, please look for the fork to the south parking lot on your right. Turn right at the fork toward our Camp Drop-Off/Pick-Up area.

Official camp programming runs from 9 am-4 pm daily on designated camp dates.

- Please drop off your child no earlier than 8:45 am and pick up no later than 4:15 pm unless you are enrolled in optional camp extended care. Otherwise you will be charged for extended care.
- Camp extended care is offered from 7:00-9:00 am and from 4:00-6:30 pm. The cost varies based on the length of the camp.
- For those in extended care, we allow a 5-minute grace period; if your child is not picked up by 6:35 pm, you will be charged a \$10 late fee, which must be paid before your child can return to camp.
- Campers not picked up by 7 pm will be considered abandoned and the appropriate authorities will be called.

# How to Reach Us

The Springs Preserve Camp Phone is **702-419-4409. Please call us in the event of an emergency or delay.** If you know you will need to arrange an early pick-up, alert camp staff at the check-in desk during morning arrival or call the Camp Phone in advance.

Camp administrators are available to speak directly to parent/guardians during extended care and are available for non-emergency inquiries at 702-822-7784.

# Sign In/ Sign Out

All campers must be signed in and signed out daily by a parent or guardian at least 18 years of age. Campers will not be released to any person not listed on your Camper Emergency Contact Information Form. NO EXCEPTIONS! We do NOT allow authorizations over the phone. We DO require Photo ID DAILY at time of pick-up, regardless of how familiar the adult may to Preserve Staff. This procedure is to ensure your child's safety.

# **Registration and Payment Policies**

We encourage you to register in advance to secure your child's spot in camp. Please check your family's schedule carefully and ensure you understand our Refund Policy, as refunds are extremely limited. We offer a Wait List when camps sell out. Call **702-822-7700** to make your request. We will contact you by Wednesday of the prior week if a spot has opened. At that time, payment in full is required to secure the spot.

# Register online 24/7 at www.springspreserve.org

Online registration for camps requires payment in full with a major credit or debit card.

#### Register in person or by phone

Register in person at the Preserve ticket windows, 333 S. Valley View Blvd. Check springspreserve.org for our seasonal hours.

Register by phone at **702-822-7700**. Our reservation staff will read you a reservation number to confirm your registration. Please retain this reservation number.

### **Refund Policy**

No refund or credit will be given for days missed during the camp week for which your child is registered. No refund or credit will be given if your child is dismissed from camp for inappropriate behavior.

# Cancellations

A minimum cancellation fee will apply for all cancellations; this fee varies based on the length of the camp program. You must make your cancellation request **in person** at the Springs Preserve ticket window. Cancellation requests by phone or mail will not be accepted.

#### **Tax information**

**Our Federal Tax Identification Number is #88-6000363.** Camp statements will not be mailed. Please keep your receipts/tickets or cancelled checks for tax documentation.

# What to Wear Daily

Please prepare your child properly for camp each day. Clothing must be in good taste and weather appropriate; it should also be comfortable for a long, active day.

Campers may not wear sandals, open-toed shoes, flip flops or wheeled shoes. Shirts must cover the waistline, and sleeveless shirts must have straps. Remember, your child's clothes may get dirty...that's part of the fun of camp!

#### What to Bring Daily

Please mark your child's full name on everything, including lunches. Camp staff are not responsible for lost or missing items.

#### Bring these items daily:

- A non-perishable lunch and snacks (lunches will be kept in an air-conditioned building but will not be refrigerated)
- □ A refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen: Please put sunscreen on your child before camp daily and DO send sunscreen to camp with your child.
   We'll provide frequent opportunities for kids to reapply sunscreen throughout the day. However, please note that camp staff cannot apply sunscreen to campers.
- A small backpack or bag to carry all of the above
- □ Optional: hat, light jacket for cool indoor rooms

Please check the lost and found box by the camp sign-in/sign out table for any misplaced items. All unclaimed/unlabeled items will be cleaned and donated to charity at the **end of each camp week.** 

#### What NOT to Bring Daily

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING** anything with monetary or sentimental value such as electronic games, radios, CD players, cell phones, iPods, sports equipment, toys, trading cards/toys, money or jewelry. In addition, absolutely **no knives** (pocket or any other), toy/water guns or sharp objects.

#### **Health Policies**

Although a physical is not required to attend camp, your signed Springs Preserve Camp Program Release of Liability is considered representation that your child is of reasonable physical health to attend camp.

### Administration of medication

You must have a signed Medical Treatment Authorization for a Minor form on file for camp staff to administer your child's medication. This includes inhalers, epi-pens and prescription and non-prescription medication.

All prescription and over-the-counter medication **MUST** come in the original pharmacy or manufacturer's container and be placed in a ziploc bag that clearly lists the camper's name; the physician's name; the name of the medication; the correct daily dosage; and the time(s) of day the medication is to be administered.

#### **Illness or Injury**

If your child shows signs of moderate to serious illness, rash, fever, diarrhea, infection or other contagions while at camp, we will call you or your emergency contact(s) and ask that you pick up your child within one hour. In case of lice, campers will be allowed back after following physician's directions and a minimum of two days' wait. No children showing signs of nits will be allowed at camp.

If your child experiences a minor illness or injury at camp, staff will notify you at the time of pick-up. In the event of a serious injury requiring immediate medical treatment, Springs Preserve staff and Security will call 911 first (as appropriate) and the parent immediately thereafter; 911 emergency personnel will be responsible for any transportation to local medical facilities. A staff person will follow the ambulance and stay with your child until a parent or emergency contact is able to arrive.

#### Americans with Disabilities Act

If your child needs a reasonable accommodation to participate in our camp, please make your request to the Education Programs Supervisor. Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate your request in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The majority of the Springs Preserve's historic trails are not wheelchair accessible with the exception of the Exploration Loop Trail.

#### Staff

All camps will have a minimum 1:20 staff to camper ratio. The Springs Preserve maintains age-appropriate staffing ratios and utilizes trained, experienced camp staff in addition to our year-round Springs Preserve Education staff. The application and interview process for our staff includes reference checks and fingerprinting. Guest instructors, if applicable, will be accompanied by Springs Preserve Education staff at all times.

#### Please let us hear from you

The Springs Preserve is committed to helping each camper have the best possible camp experience. Please make our staff aware of any issues so that we may address them.

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# **Springs Preserve Camper Expectations and Policies**

# Please review these guidelines with your child prior to the first day of camp.

Respect – When asked to do or not do something, a camper must follow directions the first time given. This is for the safety and consideration of all campers. Please speak to staff and other campers with respect. Campers will also refrain from any obscene language or gestures.

Play – Campers are asked not to engage in any horseplay with each other or with a counselor. No one will be allowed to hit, kick, push or display any type of aggressive behavior. We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

**Responsibility** – All campers need to remain with their group and within eyesight of their counselor. We want campers to be safe at all times.

# What will happen if these guidelines are violated?

1. First violation – A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The child may be removed from an activity for the day. Parents will be contacted during the day or at the end of camp depending on the time of the incident. Parent must sign the Behavior Incident Report at time of pickup.

2. Second violation - A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. Parents will be contacted immediately to pick up their child from camp. A conference will be scheduled with the parent or guardian to discuss a plan of action regarding the poor behavior. The child may be suspended from camp for up to an additional day. Parents must sign the Behavior Incident Report at the time of pickup.

3. Third violation – Child will be dismissed from the camp for the remainder of the week and summer, if applicable. There will be no refund or credit given for children who are dismissed from camp for inappropriate behavior for that week's camp. Any child causing self-harm or harm to another child or staff member will be dismissed from camp immediately.

Violations for campers attending multiple weeks of camp will carry over.

# Please sign, date and return on the first day of camp:

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(print name of parent or guardian), have read and understand all policies for Springs

Preserve Camp Programs.

(print name of parent or guardian), have read and discussed the Camper Expectations

with my child(ren).

Parent name	
Parent signature_	

Child name	
Date	

# Springs Preserve Camper Emergency Contact Information

Camper Name:		
Camper Age: Camper	Date of Birth:	
Please list any allergies or dietary requireme	ents:	
Will you be using optional extended care? If YES, when:	□ Yes □ No	
Emergency Contact Information Emergency Contact 1: Name:		
Phone: ( ) Work: ( ) _	Cell: ( )	
Relationship to Camper:		
<i>Emergency Contact 2:</i> Name:		
Phone: ( ) Work: ( ) _		
Relationship to Camper:		
(A picture ID will be required to sign ou PLEASE PRINT:		
Parent/Guardian Information I certify that the individual(s) I have list Parent/guardian signature: Parent/guardian name(s) PLEASE PRINT: Address		
City		Zip Code
Primary Phone ( )		
Email address(es):		

**Yes!** I would like to receive email information on future Springs Preserve camps, youth education programs, events and registration discounts.

# **Springs Preserve Consent & Release Agreement**

ARTICIPANT Printed Name
ddress
ity, State, Zip

The above-mentioned does hereby consent to the use by Springs Preserve to make, produce, reproduce, exhibit, distribute, publish, print, post to Internet, websites and transmit by means of live broadcast or cablecast, film, videotape, or any other similar mechanical or electronic method, including multi-streaming via the Internet or other on line technology services that exist today or will be created in the future, the Participant's name, voice, picture, likeness, poses, actions and any combination of any of these for any promotion or benefit of Springs Preserve.

Participant understands that services rendered hereunder are subject to Springs Preserve and Las Vegas Valley Water District approval, direction and control at all times. Springs Preserve and the Las Vegas Valley Water District are not responsible for any agent's commission in connection with the making or performance of this agreement.

Participant hereby releases and discharges Las Vegas Valley Water District and Springs Preserve from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with the making, producing, reproducing, processing, exhibiting, distributing, publishing, transmitting by any means or otherwise using the above-mentioned production.

The undersigned hereby certifies and warrants that the Participant is over the age of 21 years (or has been given consent by guardian) to enter into this consent and release and has read same in its entirety and understands all of its terms and provisions.

By approving the role of Participant for this program, I understand that I agree to the terms and conditions outlined herewith.

Accepted By

Guardian Signature and Date

□ I decline consent of the terms above.

Accepted By

Guardian Signature and Date

9/22/15

# Springs Preserve Camp Program Release of Liability and Covenant not to Sue

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of my minor child, \_\_\_\_\_\_, any personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby release the Las Vegas Valley Water District, d/b/a Springs Preserve ("PRESERVE") and their agents, employees and/or officers and Board of Directors from any liability of personal injury, death, or property damage through my child's participation in the Springs Preserve Camp Program ("Camp").

I am fully aware, understand and acknowledge that my child will be involved in physical activities, both outside and indoors, during the Camp, including but not limited to hiking on nature trails, playground activities, interaction with animals, theater activities, gardening, and arts and crafts that my child will engage in that may result in physical injury. I understand and acknowledge that these activities have inherent risks associated with them, and I knowingly assume those risks, release and covenant not to sue the PRESERVE for any liability whatsoever resulting from my child's participation in the activities of the Camp. In the event of an injury, I consent to emergency medical attention for my child.

I understand and acknowledge that, as a part of the Camp, my child may be taken beyond the PRESERVE property to a community park(s). I give consent for my child to participate in excursions which involve walking or being driven beyond the PRESERVE property under supervision by one or more of the PRESERVE's Camp staff within Camp hours.

I understand that the PRESERVE – through one or more of its Camp staff – will be transporting my child by motor vehicle during the Camp. I appreciate the risks associated with driving and voluntarily and freely assume any and all rights of accident, liabilities, injury, damage or loss of property with my child when the transportation is provided. Knowing these risks and understanding that the transportation may be provided with one adult in the vehicle, I nonetheless authorize the PRESERVE to transport my child as described above. I agree to hold the PRESERVE harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims and suits arising from or related to the transportation provided by its Camp staff. I further understand the transportation is being solely provided during the Camp and the PRESERVE will not provide such transportation to or from the Camp to my home or outside the transportation for Camp activities.

The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the PRESERVE from any loss, liability, damage, or cost that may occur as a result of my minor child's participation in the Camp. The undersigned hereby assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage due to negligence of PRESERVE or otherwise while in, about, or upon the premises of the Springs Preserve.

The undersigned has read and voluntarily signs the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements, or inducement apart from the foregoing writing agreement have been made.

Signed this day of	_, 20	
Parent/Guardian printed name		
Parent/Guardian signature		
Participant name (please print)		
Address		
City	_State	_Zip Code
Phone ()		

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PLEASE COMPLETE CAMP DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ Check one: 
Summer 
Spring Break Science (STEM) 
Other \_\_\_\_\_

# **Medical Treatment Authorization for a Minor**

I, (parent/legal guardian),	hereby grant Springs Preserve Staff, of 333 S. Valley
View Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada, the authority to obtain medical treat	ment for the following child:
Name of Child (please print):	
Birthdate:	
The above care provider(s) are authorized to:	
Obtain medical treatment and procedures for the child as may b including treatment by physicians, hospital and clinic personnel,	
Obtain routine medical treatment from appropriate health care coughing, irregular breathing, unusual rashes, swallowing proble	
Administer medications as follows:	
Name of Child:	
Name of Medication:	
Amount/dosage to be Given:	
Time(s) to be Given:	
This grant of temporary authority shall be in effect throughout my c Program. Signed this day of, 20	hild's participation in the Springs Preserve Camp
Parent/Guardian signature	
Parent/Guardian printed name	
Address	
City State Zip	Code
Preferred Phone Number: ()	
Alternate Phone Number: ()	