



EMERALD COVE DAY CAMP

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FAMILY HANDBOOK

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME YOUR CAMPER TO ECDC THIS SUMMER! OUR FAMILY HANDBOOK IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU AND YOUR CAMPER PREPARE FOR THEIR SESSION.

LET'S GET STARTED!

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PRE-CAMP PREP

Forms are due one month prior to the start of your camper's session. To access your camper's forms, [log in to your Parent Account](#) and you will find all of the required forms on the homepage under “Forms and Documents.”

REQUIRED FORMS

- Camper Photo
- Health History
- ECDC Friend Request
- ECDC Camper Code of Conduct
- ECDC Personality Profile
- ECDC Water Activities
- [The Shea Center Waivers](#) (2nd - 4th grade)
- [The Ranch at Zoomars Waiver](#) (K - 1st grade)



CAMPER HEALTH

- In order to keep our ECDC community safe and healthy, if your camper is feeling under the weather, please keep your camper at home.
- Being well rested helps children have a better experience at camp! Make sure they are getting a good amount of sleep!
- Be sure your camper arrives with sunscreen already applied. Pack sunscreen for your camper, our staff will help reapply.
- Bring a reusable water bottle everyday to stay hydrated.
- Please expect a call from camp staff regarding your camper's health if any treatment was given during the day.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

We thank you, parents, in advance for helping our staff ensure a safe and efficient drop-off/pick-up system.

LOCATION

Del Obispo Elementary School

25591 Camino Del Avion

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675



DROP-OFF

Camper drop-off is between 8:45am - 9:00am, and campers must be signed in upon arrival. In order to ensure safety and relieve congestion in the parking lot, please follow staff and designated signage. Please do not linger past your camper's entrance into camp.

PICK-UP/SIGN-OUT

Camp pick-up runs from 2:45 pm - 3 pm, please be prompt. Campers will be with their counselor and Pod Group awaiting the sign out process. Campers must be signed out by a parent/guardian or by the authorized person you listed on your *Camper Release Form*.

If your camper requires special drop-off/pick-up arrangements or must miss a day of camp, please email or call the camp office at (949) 361-3077 one day prior to notify us. There is no tuition reimbursement for days missed.

LOST AND FOUND

Parents, we ask that campers leave valuable items at home. ECDC will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of personal articles. Any items found around camp will be available at the Lost and Found Table near the check-in station each day. These items will be held until the end of your session. If not claimed, all items will be donated or thrown away. Please reach out to our office if your camper has a lost item.

STAYING IN TOUCH

SUMMER OFFICE

Days Open: Mon - Fri

Hours: 8:00am - 3:30pm

Lunch: 12:30pm - 1:00pm

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OUR CAMP LEADERSHIP WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY, ANSWERING CALLS AND EMAILS. ANY CALLS OR EMAILS THAT COME IN AFTER-HOURS WILL BE RETURNED THE FOLLOWING CAMP MORNING.

CAMP PHOTOS

Pictures will be posted at the end of each week of the session. To view photos go to our online Parent Account and click "Photos" on the homepage. You can download and share camp photos with your friends and family through Facebook or email and purchase your favorites.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Prior to the start of the session, you will receive an Event Schedule via email leading up to your camper's session. The Event Schedule will provide you with the dates your camper's pod group is scheduled for any off-site outings. In the event of an emergency or transportation delays on off-site adventures, the ECDC Office will reach out to parents through a mass text service and email. Parents are more than welcome to call or email our office daily during camp hours!

WHAT TO BRING



Camp is a place to play hard and likely get wet and dirty! The happiest of campers come dressed in comfortable play clothes with a swimsuit underneath and wearing closed-toe shoes. Dressed like this, they will be ready for any adventure! Please mark all belongings with your camper's name.

Pack in a backpack each day:

- Lunch
- Snack Item
- Hat
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Sunscreen (Apply before the camper arrives at camp)
- Sandals (For Beach Day and Splash Day only)
- ECDC Rash Guard (Required for Beach Day)

LUNCH

Campers bring their own snacks and lunches to camp each day. Please label clearly with the camper's name. There is no refrigeration or heating equipment available for camper use. Sharing of food is discouraged due to allergies.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

We are a No-Tech day camp. Please no cell phones, smartwatches, iPads/tablets, electronic games, or other tech items at camp. Other toys, stuffed animals, collections, and trading cards are strongly discouraged. We have all the fun and more at camp!

OFF-SITE ADVENTURES

We provide off-site outings 2-3 times per week. Transportation is provided by chartered school buses. Off-site Pod activities can be found on **The Event Schedule** in your email. Booster seats are not required for transportation on chartered school buses.

THE EMERALD COVE RANCH

ECDC has partnered with Zoomars, in San Juan Capistrano, to create a new off-site adventure for our K-1st grade campers that we're calling it "The Emerald Cove Ranch". We're excited for campers to learn about animal care, have hands-on exploration through mineral mining, and delight in God's creativity.

HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM

Our partnership with the Shea Equestrian Center provides our 2nd through 4th grader campers the opportunity to grow in their confidence and love of horses. On the days your camper is scheduled for horsemanship, please arrive early at 8:30 am and send them to camp wearing long pants and closed-toe shoes. We recommend that campers pack shorts to change into for their remaining afternoon activities.

BEACH DAY

Each Thursday we will be heading to Del Mar Beach at Camp Pendleton for sandcastle building and splashing around in the ocean. All of our programs are safe for non-swimmers, including this outing! Please send your camper with a towel, sunscreen on, and in their swimsuit with their ECDC rash guard on top (rash guards will be handed out the Wednesday before Beach Day). These will be handed out during the first week of camp. **Camp will provide beach toys for your campers.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

TIDE POOL HIKE

Campers will get the opportunity to go for an exploration hike at the Dana Point Tide Pools led by trained staff members. On the day your camper is scheduled for Tide Pools, please send them in closed-toe shoes and clothes they can get slightly wet in.



SPLASH DAY

On the first Friday of your session, campers will be participating in water activities throughout the day at camp. From blow-up slides to Kona Ice, it is a day full of water fun. If your child is riding horses in the morning, please send them to camp in pants, with trunks or suit to change into.

CLOSING PROGRAM

Parents, please join us on the final day of the session to join us at 12:15 pm for our closing program. Enjoy songs and camper highlights, and plan for the day to wrap up around 1:00 pm.

*Home, of the
World's Greatest
Campers! ♡ ECDC*

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PARENT DAILY CHECKLIST



DROP OFF

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(Campers assigned to Horsemanship arrive at 8:30 am)

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PICK UP

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FINAL REMINDERS:

- Hand medications and Epi-pens (in original containers) to our Office Manager upon Check-in.
- The outcome of a good night's sleep is a healthy and happy camper. Please make sure your camper has plenty of sleep each night during the session.
- Make sure your camper is hydrated in the morning.
- Please have your camper arrive with sunscreen already applied.
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