

PLEASE DO NOT CHOOSE THIS FRIDAY TO VISIT CAMP

Sleepout Friday is the one day that we ask parents not to visit camp for a few reasons. The day is an especially busy, high energy day at camp which makes it difficult to accommodate visitors. Also, many campers have said goodbye to their parents in the morning expecting not to see them until the next morning. We've found that even seeing another camper's parents can trigger separation anxiety. Because of this, we want to remind you to please choose any day other than Sleepout Friday to visit camp. If you haven't visited yet, it is a great way to help connect with your camper's experience. Pick a day, put on your shorts, t-shirt and tennis shoes and come play with us!

CAMPERS ATTENDING CAMP FRIDAY BUT NOT STAYING FOR SLEEPOUT

Please bring and be prepared to show your ID at your bus on Friday afternoon because your regular bus counselor will probably not be on the bus. While our regular afternoon bus routes will take campers to their normal bus stops on the usual schedule, many buses will have a different bus counselor to sign campers out at the stops.

SLEEPOUT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

- 1. Campers attending the Sleepout but not attending camp on Friday should be brought to camp between 3:00 and 3:45 on Friday afternoon. Please bring your Sleepout gear with you when you bring them on Friday.
- 2. Parents picking up at camp on Saturday morning Please plan to be at camp at 10:00 a.m. to pick up your campers. If you will need to pick up your camper(s) before 10:00 a.m., please call the office before Saturday to let us know so we can have them ready for you when you arrive in the morning.
- 3. Saturday morning bus stop times are on the back of this page.
- **IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER YOU INDICATED THAT YOU WOULD BE PICKING YOUR CAMPER UP AT CAMP,
 PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY TO CHECK.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SLEEPOUT? SOME REMINDERS...

- A. What to bring? If your campers are staying for the Sleepout this Friday, they should bring the following items to camp in a duffel bag or heavy-duty garbage bag: outdoor sleeping bag, warm jacket/sweater, long pants, extra towel & bathing suit (not needed by the pre-K & K groups), flashlight, and necessary toiletries (toothbrush, paste, etc.).
- B. <u>Label everything</u> with your camper's name, as well as his or her counselor's name.
- Can we visit during the Sleepout? The Sleepout is a wonderful and exciting tradition at camp. Campers of all ages enjoy the food, entertainment and sleeping under the stars. It is very normal for campers to be excited and even nervous before the Sleepout, and this week's staff meeting focuses on preparing our staff for this special evening with our campers. To attend the Sleepout, campers need to be prepared to spend the night without seeing their parents from the time they arrive at camp on Friday until the following morning. It is our experience that once campers are at camp and involved in the fun of the night, visits from parents lead to separation anxiety. It is for this reason that campers (and parents) need to be prepared to say "See you in the morning!" when they say their Friday goodbyes.
- D. How is my camper doing? If you are concerned about how your camper is doing during the evening, rest assured that if they decide that they would rather not spend the night, we will work with them to try to help them have a successful night. If it turns out that they aren't quite ready, we'll give you a call (at any hour) and encourage them to try another Sleepout as soon as they feel ready.

| Sleepout Saturday Morning Bus Drop Off Locations and Times Please be at your stop a few minutes early. | | | | |
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| Stop # | Saturday AM Pick Up Options | Stop Description Details at: www.campkinneret.com/sleepout | Time | Suggested for campers usually at the following stops |
| 0 | At Camp | 29646 Agoura Rd. – just west of Kanan Rd. | 10:00 | C4, G3, H3, |
| 1 | A2 –Van Nuys Blvd. Gelsons | SW Corner of Milbank & Sylmar | 10:30 | A1, A2, A3 |
| 2 | B2 – Nestle Ave School | Rear corner at Doman Ave. & Tarzana St. | 10:22 | B1, B2, B3 |
| 3 | D3 – The Commons | On Calabasas Rd. in the bus turn out directly across from Babies R Us | 9:57 | D1, D2, D3, D4, F1, F2 |
| 4 | E3 – Bay Laurel School | Front of the School | 9:57 | E1, E2, E3 |
| 5 | G1 – Lang Ranch School | Front of the School | 10:19 | C1, C2, G1 |
| 6 | G2 – Red Oak School | Front of the School | 9:54 | G1, G2, G3 |
| 7 | H2 – The Oaks Mall | Parking lot closest to Lynn & Hillcrest | 10:19 | C3, H0, H1, H2 |
| 8 | H3 – Village Homes HOA | Across the street from Evenstar Park | 9:54 | C3, H3 |