

ORIENTATION TO CAMP DISCOVERY 2006

Welcome to Camp Discovery! We welcome both you and your child to this phenomenal camp experience! We are very excited to be able to offer two choices for Camp Discovery this year. We will have our usual camp at the Spicewood Springs location for current students 4-6 years old and any siblings of current CDC kids that would like to attend that campus. We will also offer a Camp Discovery at the Austin Discovery School charter school site at M.L.K. and Decker lane. It is open to all children ages 5-11. We have use of the entire campus, and we are really excited to finally be able to extend our camp options to all the alumni of CDC that are always asking for a "Discovery School" camp experience! To make the most of your time with us, we are providing the following useful information:

BASIC INFORMATION FOR SPICEWOOD SPRINGS CAMPUS:

- ◆ We will take all siblings of CDC students, but please check out the charter school campus if your child is 7 years or older. We will still have all the 4 and 5 year olds at Discovery School, so you may find more peers at the older kids camp (see below). We will not have space for any other children besides currently enrolled students and siblings of CDC students.
- ◆ This year's camp starts on Tuesday, May 30th. We will be closed July 4th. Last day of camp is Friday, August 11th.
- ◆ The regular hours of operation for Camp Discovery are 8:00-4:00 (7:30- 6:00 if you drop off and pick up at CDC on Duval) Monday through Friday. The fee is \$175 per week plus a one-time registration fee of \$50. (*Current students may stay with their same monthly rate and with no interruption in schedule)
- ◆ Extended hours are 7:30- 8:00 and 4:00-6:00, and are offered only at Children's Discovery Center on Duval St..
- ◆ Transportation is available to and from The Children's Discovery Center at 4112 Duval St.

- ◆ Morning van schedule: one van leaves CDC at 8:30 and the second van leaves between at 9:30. Please be at CDC by 9:15 at the latest if you want to use the van!
- ◆ Afternoon van schedule: the first van leaves DS at 2:45 and is at CDC by 3:15. The second van leaves DS at 4:00 and is back at 4:30 at CDC.
- ◆ For people not using the van: Drop off at Discovery School anytime after 8:00 a.m. and pick up anytime before 4:00 p.m..
- ◆ If you need registration materials, please ask Kyle, or Download them from www.discoveryschools.com . You will need to submit the registration form with the weeks you would like to attend, as well as the application form.
- ◆ Please make your schedule clear to the teachers and Kyle!

BASIC INFORMATION FOR M.L.K. AND DECKER LANE CAMPUS:

- ◆ Camp Discovery is open to all children ages 5 to 11 years old. We especially welcome all the charter school students, as well as CDC alumni and future charter school enrollees.
- ◆ This year's camp starts on Monday, June 5th. We will be closed July 4th. Last day of camp is Friday, September 1st.
- ◆ The regular hours of operation for Camp Discovery are 7:30-6:00, Monday through Friday. The fee is \$150 per week or \$40 per day, plus a one-time registration fee of \$50.
- ◆ Contact Cynthia Wells, director, at 517-3331, or Kyle Holder, owner, at 762-3321.
- ◆ If you need registration materials, please ask Kyle or Cynthia, or download them from www.austindiscoveryschool.org . You will need to submit the registration form with the weeks you would like to attend, as well as the application form.

BASIC SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CAMP:

- Your child will be spending a lot of time outdoors. Please send hiking shoes with a closed toe to leave at school.
- Please encourage your child to wear clothes that can be ruined. Also provide at least **ONE COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHES** and an extra set of shoes to keep at school for emergencies. We want children to have the ultimate experience at camp and we don't want them worried about their clothing.
- We will be swimming regularly, so please bring a swimsuit, towel, goggles (and floaties if needed), daily. We have a pool at Spicewood Springs, and the charter school camp will either swim on site or at a neighborhood pool.
- Please provide sunscreen and a towel every day. **WE ASK THAT YOU APPLY SUNSCREEN BEFORE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP!** We will reapply it during the day. **Bullfrog** is a great sunscreen that is sweatproof and waterproof. If you bring a different sunscreen other than Bullfrog, please make sure it is **gel** rather than lotion, as **lotion sunscreen has a detrimental effect on the pool's clarity.**
- Please be sure to label all of your child's belongings with a permanent ink marker. **This is important if you wish to have your child's belongings returned, as there are many identical sets of underwear, socks, shorts, towels, etc..**
- A backpack will be necessary to transport lunches and snacks, clothing, and extra shoes.

LUNCH

We ask that you provide your child with a lunch and two snacks per day. Please send your child's lunch in a container with an ice pack and at least one drink. We ask that you respect our **NO SUGAR, NO SUGAR, NO SUGAR** policy when packing lunches and snacks. Please avoid Lunchables, they are very high in preservatives and nitrites. We want to turn children on to good nutrition. We will be happy to send home lunch suggestions if you need some fresh ideas. We spend a lot of time outdoors, so please send a labeled water bottle with a strap for carrying in your child's backpack.

BASIC DAY

These are some of the things we are planning at Camp Discovery:
Art projects like mosaics, found object art, clay sculptures,
printmaking and cartooning.

Swimming, nature hikes, labyrinth building, kite making and flying
and gardening.

Stories and storytelling, science activities, sewing, weaving and
batik/tie-dye.

Box car making, trellis playhouse fabrication, cooking "camping
style" and many other activities that our creative staff members
think up!

PHILOSOPHY

We always like to remind folks that our philosophy of child
development is "process" oriented, not "product" oriented. Your
child will not always, or maybe ever, come home with an "art
project". What they will always come home with is a memory full
of adventures and the pride that comes with "open ended art"
that ALWAYS turns out great!

CAMP DISCOVERY INFORMATION:

Spicewood Springs campus:

8600-3 White Cliff Dr., Austin, 78750

School phone: 794-1021, Van phone: 587-3153

Map located at: <http://www.discoveryschools.com/DSchool/s-handbook.htm> - **LOCATION**

M.L.K. and Decker lane campus:

8509 F.M. 969 Suite 200

School Phone: 674-0700 ext 106, Cynthia: 517-3331

Map located at: <http://austindiscoveryschool.org/contact.php>

I am looking forward to seeing all of you over the summer and I
am excited about the fun activities the staff is planning for the
kids. Please feel free to call me anytime at 443-4098 (home) or
762-3321 (cell), Kyle.