



**CAMPER / PARENT
WELCOME PACKET
– 2026 –**

Helloooooo Wastahi Families!

Welcome to Camp Wastahi 2026! We are beyond excited for another amazing camp session! This packet is a quick guide of pertinent information to help prepare for camp. Everything in this packet along with some extra helpful info has also been integrated into our camper portal on our website for your convenience. Please take a look at our website with your camper to see the electives they can join, our traditions, games and activities and a typical day at camp.

You may access the camper portal under the "Current Campers" tab on our website www.campwastahi.org . Here you will find all the information in this packet plus answers to the FAQ's we get from families; resources on safety and well-being, some tips on preparing your child for camp, as well as a camp gallery that we will update after the camp session with the photos of the week! It is password protected for additional safety measures.

2026 Current Camper Password: **BigFam26!**

We are so delighted to have your camper join our "Small Camp... Big Family" where they will make friends, learn something new, gain independence, and most importantly, have **FUN!**

If you have any questions we haven't answered in this packet or portal, you may contact us at (831)244-3261 (831-BIG-FAM1) or email us at water.stars.hills@gmail.com

The countdown to camp has begun! See you all very soon!!

Gooooo Wastahi!!!

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FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION MODES - PLEASE NOTE:

Signing Campers In and Out is REQUIRED.

Parent/guardians or designated transporter (as designated on the registration form) must sign your camper in and out with the Camp Director. Any changes in transportation of your camper must be brought to the camp directors attention 24 hours before transport. (408) 219-4150 (Soleil).

Medications Must Be Registered at Check In and Will Be Returned at Check Out.

ALL medication (including any OTC drugs, and supplements) traveling to camp with your camper, must be checked in at this time. Medication must be contained within a zip-top bag labeled with the camper's name. If there are special instructions, include as a note inside the zip-top bag and review with nurse at check-in.

Please review the Packing List and Contraband List - Remember that all electronics, including cell phones, (with the exception of the optional camera) are not allowed at camp.

If you are missing any items on your child's return, please email us with a description: water.stars.hills@gmail.com

Travel mode: BUS

BUS STOP LOCATION:

The Municipal Rose Garden. San Jose, CA 95126

On Garden Drive (between Emory St. & Naglee Ave.) Look for table set up and Wastahi sign.

BUS TO CAMP (7/12):

- Check-in opens at 8:30am.
- Bus departs by 9:30am

Check-in procedure:

- Please form a line at the check in table.
- Check in:
 - You will receive cabin colored bag tags for belongings. Attach to all luggage.
 - Drop off ALL medications to camp nurse. Here you may ask any questions, drop off pre written letters, and clarify any medication use.
 - Drop bags in designated zone
 - Please wait in bus loading area until we call to line up.
 - Give all the hugs, and the campers are on their way!

FROM CAMP (7/18):

- Check-out opens at 11:30am
- Bus is scheduled to arrive at 12pm.

NOTE - We will notify the main contact and designated transporter listed on the forms by text if there are any unexpected delays.

Check-out procedure:

- Please form line at check-out table
- You will tell us your name and the camper(s) you will be picking up. *ID may be required.*
- Here, you will pick up any medications. Bags will arrive on the bus with the kids

**** If you are transporting any other child home, you MUST be listed on that child's forms or we cannot release the child to your care. ****

Travel mode: DRIVING

CAMP ADDRESS:

6676 Rose Acres Ln. Felton, CA 95018

Directions: From HWY 9, you will turn onto San Lorenzo Way before reaching Rose Acres Lane. Look for a CAMP WASTAHI sign, as San Lorenzo Way can sometimes be difficult to see. **Use caution when crossing the bridge.** The bridge is one-lane and serves both directions of traffic as well as pedestrians. Follow signs for "Wastahi Parking" **** DRIVE VERY SLOW while on camp property.****

DRIVING TO CAMP (7/13):

Check-in Time: 9:30-10:30am. ****Please alert Camp Director for possible early/late arrival****

Check-in procedure:

- **DRIVE SLOWLY** as you enter into camp, follow signs/ staff guidance through check-in process
- Follow the path to meadow parking, staff will assist with parking.
- Once parked and before lining up, please unload luggage and take out any/all medication (including OTC) and have ready for check-in
- Proceed to Check-In table:
 - Check in camper(s), confirm contact information and return transportation plans. You will be given colored tags to label your child's belongings. Here you may ask questions and drop off pre-written letters.
 - Cabin groups are organized by color. Staff will take bags to designated cabin tarp
 - Hand ALL medications to camp nurse and clarify any medication use.
- Once complete, give all the hugs before your camper joins their cabin group. Campers are introduced to their cabin leaders begin engaging in icebreakers and will stay with their cabin group.

*****Due to the limited parking space, we ask that families depart after check-in is complete*****

FROM CAMP (7/19):

-Check out: 11:00-11:30am. **** Please alert Camp Director for possible early/late departures ****

Check-out procedure:

- Please form line at check-out table
- You will tell us your name and camper(s) you will be picking up. *ID may be required.*
- Here, you will pick up any medications
- Bags will be in a designated pick-up area.

**** If you are transporting any other child home, you MUST be listed on that child's forms or we cannot release the child to your care. ****

CODE OF CONDUCT

Camp Wastahi strives to create a safe and caring community. We want all campers to feel welcome and accepted.

1. I will be respectful to everyone at camp. I will not swear or speak disrespectfully of or to other campers or staff.
2. I will be respectful of Camp Wastahi by keeping my personal area and cabin clean. I will participate in camp clean up and understand that I will be asked to perform chores around camp. I will not litter!!
3. I will respect the property of the camp and of others.
 - I understand there is a NO GRAFFITI policy, especially in the new cabins, and that my parents will pay a \$50 to \$120 fine for graffiti left by me.
4. I will ask for permission before leaving my cabin or an activity and will always travel with a buddy for my safety.
5. I will dress in appropriate clothing for camp. Logos depicting violence, foul language, alcohol, etc. are not permitted. Closed-toed shoes will be worn at camp.
6. I will not bring electronic equipment to camp (iPad, Kindles, cell phones, video games, etc.). If these items are brought to camp, they will be held by the Camp Director and returned at the end of camp. Camp Wastahi is not responsible for the damage, destruction or loss of such items.
7. I will not bring alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons or fire-producing devices to camp. Possession or use of these items is cause for immediate dismissal with **NO** refund of camp tuition.
 - **** Legal Note:** To ensure the safety of all attendees at camp, if presented with reasonable suspicion of possession of items listed in #7 of this Code of Conduct, Camp Wastahi reserves the right to search a camper's bag for items detailed in #7. Parent/guardian will be informed prior to search. Camp staff or local authorities will perform search. Subject to "Release Agreements" detailed on below.
8. I will follow safety instructions and remain in areas designated by staff.
9. I will inform my counselor or the Camp Directors of any situation that makes me feel uncomfortable, disrespected or unsafe at Camp Wastahi. I will voice my concerns for others as well.
10. I understand my behavior can affect the experience of other campers. If I do not follow these guidelines or my behavior is inappropriate, I may be asked to leave camp with NO refund of camp tuition.

Please review the above guidelines with your child before attending camp. Campers who disregard these guidelines will be dismissed from camp. In the event of dismissal, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make transportation arrangements for their child from camp and there shall be no refund of any part of the camp fees.

CAMP WASTAHI DISCIPLINARY POLICY (abbreviated)

We believe the best way to prevent behavior issues is through high-quality camp programming. Wastahi strives to provide a positive and inclusive camp environment under the supervision of experienced counselors, with engaging and fun activities which often reduces many behavior challenges.

In Order to Prevent and Managing Negative Behavior, we

- Create group rules to set clear expectations.
- Create an inclusive environment.
- Use positive reinforcement.
- Redirect attention when appropriate.
- Use consequences for unacceptable behavior and rewards for positive behavior.
- Never use physical or emotional punishment.

Zero Tolerance Behaviors

The following behaviors are unacceptable and may require immediate pickup without refund of camp tuition.

- Possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, cigarettes, or weapons
- Aggressive physical contact, such as hitting, pushing, punching, or kicking
- Destruction of camp property or the property of others
- Stealing from camp or others
- Hate Speech (repeated or unchanged after discussion with staff/directors)
- Endangering self or others
- Verbal threats toward campers or staff

Please note that each behavioral situation is different and may require more specific action or consequences depending on the severity.

Progressive Discipline

Initially, general misbehaviors will be addressed by the counselor and/or director using positive behavior strategies. If a camper is unable to follow camp policies, or follow staff directions, we will call home to discuss ways to support improvement and to explain the consequences. If the misbehavior continues, depending on the severity of behavior, a second call home may occur. The first and second call may include camper if necessary. If the behavior continues without improvement, accelerates/increases, disrupts other campers' experience, or becomes unsafe for the camper or others, we will contact the parent or guardian and arrangements will be made for immediate pickup without refund.

The full Disciplinary Policy is available upon request.

ILLNESS POLICY

General:

- In order for your camper to have the best possible experience at camp, they should be arriving at camp free of illness. **If your child is showing any signs of illness, please keep them home until they are well and contact Camp Wastahi at 831-244-3261.**
- We are actively following the most up to date guidelines.
- Wastahi reserves the right to adjust protocols, as deemed necessary.
 - This may include serial Rapid Testing of all participants, mask use (intermittent to required), etc.
 - Parent/guardians will be notified should any new safety protocols be implemented.
- **COVID:**
 - **Currently, we will NOT require all participants (campers and staff) to submit a negative Rapid Antigen Test at the start of camp.**
 - * Should this change, we will notify all participants prior to camp start.
 - Any participant that produces a positive COVID test during the camp session, is not allowed to stay on campus.
 - Positive persons will wait in a designated isolation area, properly distanced from other participants, until they can be safely transported home.
 - Members of the cabin group and any close contacts will be Rapid Antigen Tested at that time, and again after 48hours
 - We will notify ALL parents/guardians of exposure.
- The parents/guardians (as listed on registration forms) of all participants have the right to pick up their child at any point in the camp session.
 - However, notice MUST be given directly to the Camp Director prior to arrival by calling 831-244-3261.
 - Upon arrival, **all non-registered persons must stay in the parking area until met by a camp staff member.**

Requirements:

- COVID vaccinations are recommended but NOT required.

Optional:

- If able, please bring 1 or more Rapid Antigen Tests labeled with your camper's name. This aids us in the ability to Rapid Test for safety should your child present with symptoms.
 - Wastahi is procuring an allotment of tests but cannot predict how often testing may be necessary. If the tests you bring go unused, we will attempt to return them to you.

Masking:

- Masking remains optional, our participants have the right to mask if they so choose.
- Our camp culture prohibits bullying of any kind. This includes teasing anyone for their choice to wear or not wear a mask.
- Please note, due to suffocation risk, we cannot allow any participant to sleep in a mask.

PACKING LIST

This list outlines the MINIMAL amount of clothing and supplies your child will need during the camp session. Please send all required items for the safety and comfort of your child. We can experience a variety of different types of weather and temperatures at camp (from very HOT to very COLD!), and it's best to be prepared. However, cabin space is tight, so please try to avoid over packing.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS:

Pack Camp Friendly Clothes

Remember that your child will be in the woods and participating in outdoor activities. Pack "camp-friendly" clothes that are appropriate for activity. Revealing clothing and clothing with inappropriate slogans/images are not allowed; campers will be asked to change. Send enough clothes so that your child can wear layers or change as needed. Mornings/evenings can be chilly and days can be HOT!

Closed-Toe Shoes

Closed-toe shoes are **REQUIRED** for the safety of your camper, as exposed feet are the most common cause of avoidable camp injuries. Your camper will be doing A LOT of walking through camp; durable comfortable shoes with good grip are recommended. Please send at least 2 pairs of closed-toe shoes in case one pair gets damaged or wet. Flip flops are allowed in showers and pool area only. Water shoes are recommended for water carnival day.

Pack With Your Camper

For younger campers: Pack with your camper, so they will know what is in their bag and where to find it. Practice things they are unfamiliar with, like rolling a sleeping bag, writing a letter, or applying sunscreen.

Label Items

We strongly suggest you label your camper's items with their full first and last name. This will help us return items to the camper if they are misplaced.

Disclaimer: Broken, Lost, or Stolen Items

Camp Wastahi is not responsible for any broken, lost or stolen items. This includes contraband items (items instructed NOT to bring to camp). A lost and found is provided at the end of the camp session and can be accessed for 10 days post-camp. Items that remain unclaimed after the 10 day period are donated to charity.

Contact us at water.stars.hills@gmail.com or call/text (831) 244-3261 to claim lost items

REQUIRED ITEMS

CLOTHING

Qty	Item
6	SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS
4	LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS
3	SWEATSHIRTS/SWEATERS
1	WARM JACKET
4	LONG PANTS/JEANS
3	WARM PANTS/SWEATPANTS
4	SHORTS
8-12	PAIRS OF SOCKS
6-10	PAIRS OF UNDERWEAR
1	SWIM SUIT
3-5	PAJAMAS

SHOES

Qty	Item
2	ATHLETIC CLOSED-TOE SHOES (Comfortable and durable - not Crocs)
1	CLOSED-TOE WATER SHOES/SHOES THAT CAN GET WET (durable/sturdy)
1	SHOWER SHOES (Crocs/Flip-flops ok)

SUPPLIES

Qty	Item
1	SLEEPING BAG (Please have your camper practice rolling and tying)
1	PILLOW
1	BATH TOWEL
1	BEACH TOWEL
1	WOOL HAT/BEANIE
1	WATER BOTTLE
1	FLASHLIGHT (new batteries)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

TOILETRIES: Travel containers preferred. Send in large zip top bag(s) or toiletry bag.

Qty	Item
1	TOOTHBRUSH
1	TOOTHPASTE
1	SOAP/BODYWASH
1	SHAMPOO/CONDITIONERS
1	BRUSH/COMB
1	SUNSCREEN
	PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

MEDICATIONS: Pack ALL medications in a zip-top bag marked with camper's name. Turn in during Check-In. DO NOT leave in camper bag.

Qty	Item
	PREScribed MEDICATIONS TAKEN ON DAILY BASIS: In prescription bottles with label including name and dosing information.
	OTC MEDICATION TAKEN ON A REGULAR BASIS: In original packaging. Label with camper name
	DAILY SUPPLEMENTS: In original packaging. Label with camper name
	PRN MEDICATION: In prescription bottles or original OTC packaging. Label with camper name
	Any medication your child needs to keep on their person must be listed on the medical form

-- All medicine is closely monitored and distributed by the Health Supervisor --

**MARK ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR
CHILD'S FULL OR LAST NAME**

Qty	Item
	RAPID COVID TESTS
1	SUNGLASSES
	SWIMMING SUPPLIES (goggles, life jacket, water wings, etc.
1	EXTRA BLANKET (it gets COLD at night)
1	SMALL TISSUE BOX
1	INSECT REPELLENT
1	HIKING BOOTS
1	STATIONARY w/ STAMPED ENVELOPES (pre-addressed preferred)
1	STUFFED ANIMAL (one that can be washed, it will get dirty at camp)
1	DISPOSABLE/SIMPLE KID-FRIENDLY CAMERA - NO wifi or cellular cameras.
1	TWIN FITTED SHEET - for cabin bunk
1	EXTRA PILLOW CASE
	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (camp-friendly)
1	CANVAS SHOPPING BAG (to transport arts & crafts home)

DO NOT SEND:

If these items are found, they will be held in the camp office for the duration of camp and returned at checkout.

- ELECTRONIC DEVICES - Cell phones, Video Games, iPads, etc.
- WEAPONS of any kind (including pocket knives)
- PERFUME or COLOGNE (they can attract bugs, particularly mosquitoes and bees)
- FOOD/CANDY (unless for dietary needs)
- Expensive, breakable items.

MARK ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S FULL OR LAST NAME

Communication & Updates

WRITING TO YOUR CAMPER:

1. **Handwritten cards or letters** (preferred method)

Handwritten mail provides a wonderful personal touch.

- Mail may be sent before and during the camp session (US mail generally arrives in 1-3 days).
- Pre-written letters may be handed to the director at camper check-in.
 - Please mark the date to deliver on each envelope
- Address letters in this format:

"Camp Name (if known)" Full Name
c/o Camp Wastahi at Daybreak Camp
6676 Rose Acres Lane
Felton, CA 95018

2. **Email:**

- Printed in black and white and limited to 2 pages (1 page preferred).
- MUST send to the Camper Email Address below.
- Camper Email Address:

Wastahi.Camper.Emails@gmail.com
Subject Line: "Camp Name (if Known)" Full Name

IMPORTANT: Emails sent to the General Wastahi Email are not guaranteed to be delivered.

NOTE: Content of letters:

We encourage families to write in a positive encouraging tone.

We GREATLY DISCOURAGE breaking any difficult or sad news via letter or email.

In such event, please call/text the Camp Director at (831) 244-3261 to arrange the best way to tell your camper(s) the news (ex. by phone if urgent, or wait until they get home).

CAMPER WRITTEN LETTERS:

- Campers can send handwritten letters/postcards at any time.
- Outgoing mail goes in the camp mailbox each evening. We recommend packing pre-addressed & stamped envelopes.
- Since campers unplug for the week at camp, campers will not be able to respond via email.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

CARE PACKAGES:

- **We recommend sending handwritten letters over care packages to avoid potential allergen exposure.**
- If you choose to send a care package:
 - Please only send things like small travel games, handy camp supplies, or fun books.
 - Do NOT send food or anything on the "do not send" portion of the packing list.
 - We must be cautious of ingredients that could trigger an anaphylactic or other allergy response. We also want to avoid enticing animals/insects into the cabins.
- Campers will be asked to open any care packages in front of their counselor or a staff member for reasons above.
- Anything received that we cannot allow in the cabins will be held in the camp office and returned at camp check-out.

PHONE CALLS (Reserved for Urgent/Emergency Purposes):

- In order to give your child the best camp experience, emphasizing independence and confidence, phone calls to or from your child during the camp session are reserved for urgent/emergency purposes only.
 - Phone calls take kids out of "camp mode" and can make them feel very homesick.
- We recommend that you discuss this policy with your camper beforehand so they are aware that they will not have access to a phone aside for urgent or emergency situations
- Update requests can be arranged with the Camp Director.
- You may reach us by phone:
 - Camp Director (831) 244-3261
 - Co-Executive Director, Soleil at (408) 219-4150