



**CAMPER / PARENT
WELCOME PACKET
– 2024 –**

Hellooooooo Wastahi Families!

Welcome to Camp Wastahi 2024! In this packet you will find the packing list, transportation guide, COVID information, and contact information. This packet is a quick guide of pertinent information as we have integrated the information in this packet to our website along with many things to help prepare for camp!

You can access this information from our online 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 most commonly asked questions 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 through the session with the photos of the week! It is password protected for additional safety measures.

2024 Current Camper Password: **Wastahi24!**

We are so pleased to have your camper join our “Small Camp... Big Family” where we know they will make friends, learn something new and gain independence, but most importantly, have **FUN!**

If you have any questions we haven’t answered in this packet, 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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COVID INFORMATION

General:

- Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties are currently in the green tier.
- 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.
- For 2024, we require all participants (campers and staff) submit a negative Rapid Antigen Test at the start of camp.
- Any participant that produces a positive 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.
- A negative result COVID rapid test (performed at check-in).
 - Before your camper can get on the bus or go beyond the on-campus sign-in area, a Rapid Antigen Test must be performed with supervision of our camp nurse at sign-in.

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 continue 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 weather 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.

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR PARENTS:

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 and evenings can be chilly and days can be HOT!

Closed-toe shoes are **REQUIRED** for the safety of your camper, as sandals or flip-flops 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.

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.

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 (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)

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**

OPTIONAL ITEMS

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 (unless for dietary needs) /CANDY
- Expensive, breakable items.

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OR LAST NAME**

Travel mode: DRIVING

CAMP ADDRESS:

6676 Rose Acres Ln. Felton, CA 95018

From HWY 9, look for CAMP WASTAHI sign, as San Lorenzo Way can sometimes be difficult to see.

Use caution when crossing 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.

TO CAMP (7/14):

Check-in time: 9:30-10:30am.

Please alert Camp Director for possible late arrival/departure

Check-in procedure:

- Please form line and social distance between families.
- 1st table = rapid test, proceed to next table as test processes.
- 2nd table = Check-in, you will receive cabin colored bag tags for belongings and 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 on the assigned cabins tarp -- Camper is introduced to their cabin leaders. As the cabin groups grow the kids will begin engaging in icebreakers and stay with their cabin group.

Parents may linger, if desired, until bus arrives and camp programming begins.

FROM CAMP (7/20):

-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 and
- 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. **

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.

TO CAMP (7/14):

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

Check-in procedure:

- Please form line and social distance between families.
- 1st table = rapid test, proceed to next table as test processes.
- 2nd table = Check-in, you will receive cabin colored bag tags for belongings and 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 bus is loaded.

FROM CAMP (7/20):

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

Note - We will notify the main contact 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 camper(s) you will be picking up. *ID may be required.*
- Here, you will pick up any medications. bags will arrive 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. **

FOR ALL TRANSPORTATION MODES - PLEASE NOTE:

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 registrar's attention 24 hours before transport. (408) 219-4150 (Soleil).

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 remember that all electronics, including cell phones, (with the exception of the optional camera) are not allowed at camp.

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

Communication & Updates

WRITING TO YOUR CAMPER:

1. **Handwritten cards or letters** provide a wonderful personal touch (preferred method):
 - 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:**

- The quickest way of sending your camper a note.
- Printed in black and white and limited to 2 pages (1 page preferred).
- Delivery usually within 24hours from receipt.
- 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 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:

- 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.
- 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