



20201 Camp Fresno Youth Camps - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is camp Fresno. Tell me more about this opportunity.

A: Camp Fresno is a 38.5 acre camp located in the Sierras near Dinkey Creek. The City of Fresno has operated the Camp since the 1920's however it did not operate last year due to the impact of the pandemic.

The Mayor has heard our youth loud and clear. This past year has tested our youth mentally, physically and emotionally. That's why he is rallying the entire community to support our youth for free overnight and full day camps at our very own Camp Fresno. The camp will provide them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get away and grow.

Q: How long is camp?

A: The first three camps will be held tentatively on the following dates. Camp 1: June 17 - 19, Camp 2: June 21 – 23, Camp 3: June 25 – 27. Participants will arrive at City hall at 8am and return at 5pm. Additional, camps will be offered throughout the summer with dates not yet determined.

Q: What age youth can attend Camp Fresno?

A: For the first three camps we are targeting High School Students. Additional camps this summer will focus on other age groups, ages 8 and up.

Q: Will there be a cost for youth to participate in Camp Fresno?

A: The Dyer Administration is committed to offering a quality camping experience to all youth. As such, the Mayor, and other private donors will be covering the cost for all youth to attend.

Q: What about food? Is there a cost?

A: No, food is covered in the cost of camp.

Q: Will there be transportation to the camp?

A: For camps taking place the weeks of June 14th, June 21st, and June 28th the City will be providing bus transportation to and from City hall for all camp participants. Information regarding future camp experiences will be available as the summer schedule unfolds.

Q: I want to drop my youth camper off at camp. How can I do that?

A: Due to the nature of security checks that we are performing, youth are not able to be dropped off at camp directly. We will be conducting a series of COVID and other safety checks to ensure all campers are safe, prior to attending thus youth campers cannot be dropped off directly.

Q: Are parents/guardians/chaperones required for a youth to attend?

A: No, the city has contracted agencies that are professionals at providing meaningful learning experiences for youth campers. They in partnership with the city will provide camp instruction and oversight for campers. Additional adults are not allowed at camp.

Q: What Covid-19 restrictions will be in place at Camp?

A: Camp Fresno is required to follow the guidelines set forth by the State of California for overnight camps effective May 13, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The following information highlights primary safety measures. Additional information will be available in the registration packet.

- Adherence to the CDPH masking guidelines in effect at the time the camp begins
- All campers and staff will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and close contact prior to arrival and/or boarding transportation to the camp
- Daily screening for the duration of the camp
- Campers and/or staff exhibiting symptoms will be rapid tested and isolated. If test is positive, the emergency contact will be notified to discuss safe transportation options home. If test is negative, medical care and further assessment will be provided.
- Campers and staff will need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of departure to camp. Additional resources and information will be available with the registration packet for vaccination and testing facilities.
- Campers will be assigned to a stable cohort for the duration of the camp. Stable cohorts do not need to maintain six foot physical distancing within the cohort. Cohorts will participate in all activities as a unit including break out sessions, hikes and dining. Cohorts will not be mixed in cabins. For large group activities, cohorts will practice physical distancing from other cohorts.

Q: Will students be searched prior to attending Camp?

A: To ensure the safety of all campers, youth participants will participate in security check prior to boarding City buses. We can never be too careful with our youth.

Q: Will genders be mixed during camp?

A: Males and Females can attend the same camp however they will be in separate sleeping quarters.

Q: I want to contact my child, how can I do so after they leave for camp?

A: A contact number will be provided prior to camp, Camp Fresno staff will facilitate delivering messages to campers.

Q: What is the agenda during camp? What activities will they participate in?

A: The first three camps will focus on leadership and civic engagement. It will be a fun experience that will include, nature hikes, journaling, camp fire talks and presentations.

Q: I am parent/guardian to a youth that has been in trouble? Can he/she still attend?

A: We are particularly interested in supporting not just youth that have already demonstrated leadership abilities, but those whom after being exposed to this environment camp can grow into leaders. We desire to serve the marginalized and those who otherwise would never have a chance to participate in this sort of outdoor experience.

Q: What if there is a disciplinary issue at camp? What will happen to my youth?

A: Depending on the situation, parent/guardians may be required to pick their youth up from camp. All

efforts to mitigate issues before they arise will be employed.

Q: I have more than one youth camper, can more than one attend free of charge?

A: Yes, the more the merrier.

Q: What will my youth camper be required to bring to attend camp?

A: A sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries. A list of recommended items including clothing, will be available and provided to selected campers prior to camp. Please note: All prescribed medications will be checked in and dispensed by our certified healthcare provider. Cell phones are not allowed during camp.

Q: When will I find out if my youth camper was selected to attend camp?

A: After completing the interest form at www.fresno.gov/youth we will be notifying those selected to attend camp in the coming weeks. We will email then call if needed for parents/guardians to complete a registration form. If you have any questions contact us at campfresno@fresno.gov or via phone at 559.621.2905.

Q: How are you selecting campers?

A: Availability, age and need.