



CALIFORNIA ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH YOUTH CAMP
“Linking Our Youth to Success”
THREE LINKS CAMP

Independent Order of Odd Fellows
A Non-Profit Corporation - ID# 216-70393
P.O. Box 2115, Cameron Park, CA 95682-2115
21950 Highway 108, Mi-Wuk Village, CA 95346
1-209-586-5500

January 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters of All Branches:

PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF THIS LETTER WITH THE SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS WHEN THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND OTHERS.

The Youth Summer Camping season is coming up fast at Three Links Camp! We can handle up to 60 children age 7-14 each week. Let's fill the camp this year! Remember, you provide the transportation to and from camp and we keep them in between. **Please mail applications as soon as possible (but no later than June 23, 2012)**, to insure a spot for your camper(s) in the desired week(s) and to give us time to process and plan.

The three weeks of summer camp are as follows:

Week 1: 3 PM Sunday, July 1 - Noon Saturday, July 07, 2012

Week 2: 3 PM Sunday, July 8 - Noon Saturday, July 14, 2012

Week 3: 3 PM Sunday, July 15 - Noon Saturday, July 21, 2012

Weekly rates this year are \$225 per child. Each child will receive a Camp t-shirt at no additional cost their first week, and a group photo each week they attend. (**Please note** that by signing the Parent/Guardian Statement, you agree that any pictures we take at the Camp may be used on our website, brochures and other IOOF publications and without reimbursement.)

If you wish to sponsor a child, use the enclosed application or pass them along to others. If you have no children to sponsor, you may send contributions towards Camperships for needy children. The Camp is a great value, and every dollar helps us to continue our work! Additional copies of the Summer Camp and Employee/Volunteer applications can be found at www.caioof.org Click on Serving the Community, then the Camp link.

Due to issues that have previously arisen, we are still emphasizing the need to adhere to the Camp preparation requests as outlined below and on the Summer Camp Application. Please prepare the children for the Camp experience. Informed and pro-active parent(s) and guardian(s) play a critical role in performing pre-Camp preparations and initiating communications to the Camp Director. We are dedicated to making Camp a happy, pleasant and safe destination for all!

- We must be notified on the Campership application of children coming from Child Protective Services or similar organizations, along with a contact name and number.
- Children are being sent to Camp with special emotional or behavioral issues that we are not equipped to deal with. We ask that these children not be sent to Camp as it is not good for them or others.
- To be effective, the **Physician Certificate** and other documents must provide all pertinent health/medical information that will help us better manage the child's health and well-being at Camp.
- Children on medications, including those that are over-the-counter (OTC), must bring the medication in the original OTC and prescription bottles.

- For both OTC and prescription medications, the medication prescribed and the dosage must be indicated by the doctor on the **Physician Certificate** as requested.
- The Camp Nurse will dispense all medications. **Without complete information from the physician and proper bottling, the nurse will be unable to dispense these medications.** Children cannot administer their own medications at Camp.
- Completed Summer Camp Applications and the Physician Certificate must be provided **prior** to the start of Camp (**mail at least one week prior to the first day of Camp**). This will allow time to process the Application and Physician Certificate, and to plan for supplies and workload to accommodate the appropriate number of children.
- Children are coming to Camp with phones and other electronic devices which are prohibited. If brought, these devices will be collected by the Camp Director and locked up for safekeeping until the Camp stay is complete. If a child refuses to give up their device(s), the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be asked to pick up the child. The Camp experience precludes use of these devices so that we can better promote physical activities, communing with nature, and social interaction with others.
- Children can call home from the Camp telephone once a week. They can also be contacted from home through the main Camp telephone.
- Athletic shoes or hiking boots must be provided to protect feet and prevent injuries when hiking, playing sports, or for just walking around the Camp. Flip flops are allowed only in the shower and pool areas.
- All belongings must be marked with child's name. This is important to prevent mix-ups during the week and when packing up to leave. We cannot be responsible for lost items.
- Children must be able to learn, understand, and follow Camp rules; they are also expected to respectfully follow through on any directions from Staff.
- Children who are not adequately prepared for the Camp experience, or who cannot or will not adhere to Camp rules and requests may be sent home. Therefore, please encourage parent(s)/guardian(s) and responsible others to carefully read and instruct their children on the information provided in this letter and the Summer Camp application.
- Preparing the children ahead of time for what to expect and how to behave helps us greatly in providing a positive Camp experience!

As always, we need **adult counselors** (age 18 or older). If you have a week or more available, enjoy working with children ages 7-14, and want to be a positive leader, **please consider being a Camp Counselor**. An orientation/training class will be provided along with a Counselor's Manual. If you enjoy working around children and just want to assist with the campers and/or help perform daily duties around the Camp, we have spots for you too! If interested, please call Betty Stevens, Summer Camp Manager, at **(831) 384-9550**. After June 16th call Betty at **(209) 586-5500 (at the Camp)**. Send Campership applications to Betty at the address on the Summer Camp Application form.

Please be aware that by State law, criminal background checks are required for all volunteers and employees. You must complete an employee/volunteer application, and give written permission for this check (required each year). Without this permission and completed application, you cannot work or volunteer. Contact Betty Stevens to obtain Employee/Volunteer Applications. Send them to the Camp P.O. Box at the top of this letter.

In addition, **State law requires that anyone working/volunteering as a food handler** must take and pass an on-line food handlers course, and be issued a card certifying same. We have the pertinent information to obtain this card (good for 3 years), and will provide it to those who are interested in helping in the kitchen or dining room. Contact Betty Stevens or send a note to the Three Links Camp at P.O. Box 2115, Cameron Park, CA 95682-2115 to obtain this information.

Thank You for your help!
Three Links Camp Board of Directors



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Dear Brothers and Sisters of All Branches:

The Three Links Camp board of directors this year offers two (2) free summer campership awards. The Agnes Pierce Summer Campership awards from Rebekah Assembly are paid from the interest. Each of these awards to lucky children will consist of one paid week at Three Links Camp during the 2012 summer season.

We ask lodges from all Branches of the Order to submit the name of a child aged 7 to 14 years for an opportunity to be selected for one of these two awards.

We will select and announce the names of the winners at the Youth Camp Festival on June 23, 2012.

By June 15, 2012, please fill in the form below and send to:

Betty Stevens
302 Park Circle
Marina, CA 93933

Camp Weeks are: July 1-7, 8-14, and 15-21, 2012



Agnes Pierce Summer Campership Awards 2012

Name of Child _____ Child's Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Phone (_____) _____

Email address _____

Recommended by _____ Phone (_____) _____

Email address _____

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