

Hi Families!

I hope this email finds you well. Here are some quick highlights from the week so far and information for the upcoming weeks.

This week we have enjoyed playing camp games, hiking, climbing, making new friends, and trying out some science experiments focusing on the elements; air, water, fire, and earth. As with most experiments, some go well, some not so much, but what matters is we had fun in the process. Despite the chilly weather in the mountains this week, campers have been enjoying discovering new places like Lake Alpine, Tamarack, and Big Trees State Park tomorrow! We also had a visit from Deputy Justin of the Bear Valley Sheriff's and Fire Department. He met us at Tamarack Lodge to talk to camp about fire safety and emergency procedures. The kids were full of questions for him and enjoyed trying on his firefighting uniform and checking out the fire truck.

As mentioned, tomorrow we will be meeting at Big Trees State Park near the Visitors Center. Parents will be able to enter the gate at no charge to drop off kids in the morning and pick up kids in the afternoon. If another parent is picking up your kids at the end of the day, please let me know and give me your pass so that I can return it to the gate for their entry. During our stay we will be participating in their Junior Ranger program and touring the North Grove of the park with a self-guided tour.

Next week we celebrate the 4th of July all week long! We will be tie dyeing shirts on tuesday at Tamarack. If you can, please bring a shirt or pillow case to dye. I do have a limited supply of shirts to provide for those campers who need it. On Thursday morning we will be decorating bikes, scooters, or ourselves for the parade around town. At about 10:30am the Bear Valley community will gather in front of the Perry Walther Building for the start of the parade. The parade will loop through town and end at the Sheriff's station where the fun will continue.

In other news, if you have ordered a camp t-shirt or would like to purchase one, I will be distributing them in the mornings or afternoons when we are in Bear Valley Village. We currently have only youth size shirts and are ordering more Youth medium. If your child would like an Adult size, then please let me know as soon as possible so I can order that for you.

Finally, the Daily Drop In registrations and the Activity Schedules for Week 4 (July 8 - 12) are now available on the website. Don't miss out on this wet and wild week!

Let me know if you have any questions about anything at all. Thank you so much for being apart of camp and helping us create a memorable summer for campers. We look forward to 6 more weeks of fun!

Kind regards,

Mel Rynd

Camp Director