Welcome to Blue Camp! We’re excited that you’ll be joining us for another great summer. At camp, your child will have the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and play fun games and activities.

**Typical Questions Answered in This Packet:**
Where is camp and how can you reach us?
When is camper orientation?
What happens in a major emergency/evacuation?
How do I submit activity/track preferences?
When are the special event days?
What does my camper bring to camp?
How can I navigate traffic congestion at 4pm pick-up?
How is camp structured and organized?
Everything you need to know to have a great experience!

**ENROLLMENT OFFICE / CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER**
Year Round Offices at Recreational Sports Facility
Phone: (510) 643-CAMP (2267)
Fax: (510) 642-8343
E-Mail: scrainfo@berkeley.edu

**B2H – Your Camper’s Information**
Before camp starts you can change your camper’s pick-up information, activity preferences, Group-with-a-Friend requests, medical information, etc.

Log on to your account at [http://myrecreation.berkeley.edu/](http://myrecreation.berkeley.edu/) and CLICK “My Profile” -> “My Forms” and edit the camp registration forms.
CAMP DIRECTOR

JENNIFER H. SELKE, PH.D.

Jennifer has been with Strawberry Canyon since 1994 and oversees Blue Camp, Skate Camp, Social Skills Camp, and the Leadership Programs. She received her doctoral degree in Educational Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, works part-time during the school year as a school psychologist and is a faculty member in the Graduate School of Education at UC Berkeley. You can reach her at jenn8@berkeley.edu. In an emergency you can call her cell 510-206-0810. During camp the office number is best 510-643-2509 or 510-642-7648.

CAMP PROGRAMS AT GOLDEN BEAR

Blue Cubs (7-8 year olds)
Blue Bears (9-10 year olds)
Blue Grizzlies (11-13 year olds)
S2 (4th–6th Grade - in afternoon)
Skate Camp (9-16 year olds)
Leadership Training Programs
Social Skills Tracks (9-19 year olds)

The age cutoffs for our camps is December 1st. For example, to be a Blue Cub you must be 7 years old by December 1st.

Golden Bear Recreation Center is located at the top of Dwight Way on Sports Lane on the Clark Kerr Campus at UC Berkeley. Visit the website for driving directions.

OUR TRAINING PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

We have an extensive leadership training program at camp and want to make you aware that while your child will always be under the direct supervision of approved leaders, you or your child may encounter junior leaders. Specifically, we have Junior High and High School programs as well as programs for teens and young adults with social skills deficits common to the Autism Spectrum disorders. These individuals get coaching and supervision, help with morning and afternoon greeting jobs, and help counselors with the campers.

CAMPER & PARENT ORIENTATION

Camp Orientation provides campers and parents an opportunity to tour the camp facility, to meet with some of the instructors and group leaders, and to pick up activity schedules. Camp Orientation is optional, though first-time participants in our programs are STRONGLY encouraged to attend to ensure a smooth transition to camp and to learn the intricacies of the pick-up system. You can attend ANY orientation; however, activity schedules will only be available at your session’s orientation. Each Orientation starts at 5:30 and runs till about 6:15pm and starts at the Golden Bear Recreation Center Tennis/Basketball Courts.

| Session 1 | Sunday, June 9 |
| Session 2 | Friday, June 21 |
| Session 3 | Friday, July 5 |
| Session 4 | Friday, July 19 |
| Session 5 | Friday, August 2 |

Orientation is for both one-week and two-week camps.
CAMPER DROP-OFF & CHECK-IN

AM EXTENDED CARE 7:30AM - 8:45AM
Check-in at the Blue Camp Site office across from the Golden Bear Gym. Extended Care Staff walk the campers to the Tennis/Basketball Courts where they will check-in with their Group Leader or Instructor by 8:45AM. There is an extra fee for Extended Care. You can also sign-up for drop-in extended care on a daily basis for $15 per AM or PM time slot.

EXPERIENCED TIP:
Come a bit early the first day of the session since check-in takes a bit longer.

ALL CAMP CHECK-IN 8:30 - 9:00AM
Campers or their parents/guardians can sign a camper into camp. There are two drop-off points on Sports Lane where you can pull over and let your camper out. Staff and Leadership Team members are in vests and help campers safely get out of the car and into the Tennis/Basketball Courts. Due to the limited parking at Golden Bear, you cannot park your car on Sports Lane and we keep traffic flow going one way. All Blue Campers check in at the Tennis/Basketball Courts with their activity leader. Parents and guardians are not required to sign the camper into camp. Attendance is taken at the start of camp and campers not in attendance are marked absent. If a camper arrives late, they are checked-in at the camp office when they arrive. It is not necessary to notify us in advance if your child will be absent from camp.

LATE TO CAMP? STOP AT THE OFFICE

If a camper arrives late (after 9:00ish), you must check in at the Camp Site Office and then you need to walk or drive your camper to his/her instructor. Failing to notify the Camp Site Office of your son’s or daughter’s arrival impedes our ability to ensure his or her safety.

NEED TO LEAVE CAMP EARLY?
Need to leave early, prior to the end of your camper’s scheduled day? An authorized pick-up person must sign out all campers in the CAMP OFFICE prior to leaving early from camp. This is also true for campers who are allowed to sign themselves out. Neglecting to send names and a note may delay your child’s release. Because all campers will be moving from their last class to their checkout location at the end of the day, early sign-out is suspended from 3:45 – 4:00PM and during time you may be asked to wait to sign-out your camper until the designated checkout time.

Here are the early sign-out steps: (Please allow about 10 minutes for this process)
1) Authorized person reports to the office to sign-out a camper
2) Once the camper is signed-out, the Authorized person is given a pink check-out pass and walks to their camper’s activity to claim their camper.
3) If you prefer, you can give permission for your child to leave early on his/her own. Email permission from the Parent 1 Contact on the registration or stop by the office to sign an early release slip. Include the following on the note: 1) the camper’s name, 2) the time and date the camper needs to leave, and 3) permission for the camper to sign out himself or herself. The camper will be released on his/her own at that time.
WHAT IS YOUR SIGN-OUT PLAN?
At the time of registration you select your child’s sign-out option. If you are not sure what option you selected Log on to your B2H account at [http://myrecreation.berkeley.edu/](http://myrecreation.berkeley.edu/) and CLICK “My Profile” -> “My Forms” and edit the camp registration forms.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNS OUT CAMPER
At the end of their program day, campers on this plan wait in the designated check-out area until an authorized individual arrives to sign them out of camp. If you have selected this sign-out plan, campers wait in the designated checkout area until an authorized individual arrives to sign him or her out of camp. If the PHOTO ID option has been selected on your registration form, authorized individuals, including parents, are required to show a photo **every time** they pick-up the camper.

**Designated Sign-Out Locations at Golden Bear**
- 1:00PM In front of the Camp Office
- 4:00PM Drive-up pick-up on Sports Lane and walk-up pick-up in Tennis Courts
- All Extended Care Campers picked up from 4:15-5:30pm on the Softball Field at GBRC

CAMPER SIGNS SELF OUT AND CAN LEAVE-ON-OWN
Many campers are on the Leave-On-Own Plan (camper sign-out) due to the amount of traffic and lack of parking at Blue Camp. Campers on this plan are allowed to sign themselves out and leave camp on their own at the end of their camp day. Give them a specified place to meet or you can have them wait in our gated staging area outside the camp office on Sports Lane. From this area you can drive by and staff will help the campers quickly into the car. We do not recommend having your camper wait for you on Dwight Way as traffic is congested and unruly at the end of the day. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS WHERE HE OR SHE IS TO WAIT FOR YOU AND KNOWS TO STAY PUT.**

Campers in Extended Care PM with a leave-on-own camper sign-out option can leave the Extended Care Area on their own at 5:30pm but must be signed out by the person picking them up if it is before 5:30pm. If you pull-up and the staff member knows who you are, your camper can sign him or herself out prior to 5:30pm.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY SIGN-OUT PLAN?
At any time during your camper’s summer, you can change your plan. To ensure the parent with access to registration data is the one changing the sign-out information, we ask that you log into your B2H account at [http://myrecreation.berkeley.edu/](http://myrecreation.berkeley.edu/) and CLICK “My Profile” -> “My Forms” and edit the camp registration forms. We are not notified when **YOU** make a change so if the change needs to be applied to a camper in a current session, you must follow-it up with an email to the Blue Camp Office: [bluencampstaff@gmail.com](mailto:bluencampstaff@gmail.com). If you want to make a change in person, you can complete a "Change Form" in the office and present identification as a parent on the registration form. You may also send an email from the email account we have on file in B2H and we will make the change in B2H for you.

This also applies to adding extra names on the Authorized to Pick-Up list. It is best if you make all changes prior to the first day of camp. After the first day, rosters are printed and we need your help to let us know if you changed your B2H data. Please be patient if you change data once camp starts.
**LATE FEES**
Staff provide supervision for Blue Half-day Only participants until 1:15pm, All-Day participants until 4:30pm, and Extended Care PM participants until 5:30pm. The greatest number of cars trying to pick up campers is between 3:55 – 4:15pm. We provide supervision for full-day campers until 4:30pm so we suggest you come between 4:15 – 4:30pm and not at 4PM. There is a late charge of $1 for every minute after pick-up time in order to pay the staff. If you are signed-up for PM Extended Care, your camper must be picked up by 5:30pm. For those late picking up campers at our regular checkout time, we automatically enroll your camper into our daily extended care PM program for the drop-in fee of $15. We would appreciate a call if you know you are running late (510) 643-2509.

**EXTENDED CARE**
Extended care allows campers to come to camp early and stay late in a safe, fun, and supervised environment. AM and PM Extended care is available for a fee for all programs at Golden Bear. There are also Private Skate Lessons from 4:30 – 6:30pm for an additional fee. Parents can choose AM Extended Care (7:30am-8:45am) and/or PM Extended Care (4:00pm-5:30pm). If you do not need extended care for the entire session, you have the option of signing up on a daily basis.

To use our extended-care daily drop-in option, simply go to the camp office on the morning that you need extended care, complete a short form and include a $15.00 check, cash, credit card payment for each time slot (7:30-8:45am and/or 4:00-5:30pm).

If your camper’s checkout option is the Leave-On-Own Plan from extended care, at 5:30pm they sign-out and our staff leave the facility. Your camper is on his or her own and we are no longer responsible for them after extended care ends. If the camper’s checkout option is the Sign-Out Plan, then our staff must wait until an approved person picks them up. If this is later than 5:30, there is a $1 dollar fee each minute past the end of extended care.

Pick up for PM extended area is on the softball field after 4:00pm.

**PARKING & TRAFFIC FLOW**
The only way onto the camp site is through Sports Lane at the top of Dwight Way. During drop off and pick up windows (8:45am – 9:05 and 4:00 – 4:30pm), traffic staff are in vests on Sports Lane and we keep traffic flowing one way with the exit at Derby St. To keep the flow of traffic moving, please do not stop in the middle of the road or double-park your vehicle. While some vehicles park in the red fire zone on Sports Lane, this is a fire lane and parents have been ticketed. Some people find it faster to park their car on Dwight Way or Derby and walk into the camp rather than driving their car onto Sports Lane. We do not have ANY control over the parking citation services. Since all parking regulations are in effect, please bring quarters if you plan to park in metered spaces. Park in designated spaces only, not between the trees or in the RED fire zone.

To help us reduce the traffic impact please consider the following:
1) Carpool lists are available a few weeks prior to the start of camp. If you did not get your name on this list at registration, e-mail your request to be on this list to scrainfo@berkeley.edu. Parents and guardians voluntarily put their names, addresses, and phone numbers on this list with the hope that they can find a carpool partner.
2) We have bike racks at camp if campers would like to ride their bike.

3) Pick-up full-day campers between 4:15 – 4:30pm when the traffic has lessened.

4) Allow older and responsible campers to sign him or herself out and have them wait in our staging area in front of the camp office. This will allow you to drive by, slowing down just long enough for us to open your door and help your camper into the car.

TRAFFIC & CHECK-OUT
4:05 PM - 4:30 PM
Curbside Check-Out

CAR PICK-UP: Due to limited parking, we have a system that allows drivers to stay in the car. You may park and walk-up to pick-up your camper. There are a few places to park at camp. All require payment. Parking is free on the city streets like Dwight Way and Derby Street. There are plenty of traffic control monitors to help you.

Cars entering Sports Lane at 4pm are sorted based on the camper’s pick-up option and given a color-coded car tag: Sign-Out, Leave-On-Own (camper self sign-out), and Extended Care.

SIGN-OUT (PINK): Cars who sign campers out stay in the right lane. The campers are in the Tennis Courts. Staff members with binders wait towards the end of Sports Lane for the cars to pull forward. They come up to your car with a Sign-Out Binder and ask for your name and whom you wish to pick up. You then sign the Sign-Out Sheet and continue to pull your car forward. If you requested ID to be checked you must have it at this time. Another staff member will bring your child to your car at the top of the loading zone closest to the Skate Park.

LEAVE-ON-OWN (BLUE): On this plan, parents have given permission for campers to sign themselves out and meet at a designated location. For many campers, their location is in front of the office in the Waiting Zone. Parents drive in after 4pm, are directed by traffic monitors to move into the left lane on Sports Lane where their camper’s name is called. They drive forward and pick-up their camper in the Waiting Zone. The car then gets back into the left lane to the fast track exit to Derby Street. If your camper meets you somewhere other than the Camp Waiting Zone, please make sure they know where to wait and how to deal with busy streets. Dwight Way is not the safest place for loading and unloading campers because of the incline and cars not paying attention to children.

EXTENDED CARE (ORANGE): All campers signed up for Extended Care PM, regardless of the time of day, are taken to Extended Care, which is in the Softball Field. If you come during the 4:00 – 4:30 rush, you will get an orange tag which will allow you to pull into the left lane to more quickly access the street next to extended care.
No Early Check-Out Between 3:45 – 4:00pm

Due to the movement of campers to the check-out location, early check-out will be closed between 3:45 – 4:00pm. Parents or guardians will be asked to wait until after 4:00pm when the camper reaches the sign-out location. Please arrive **before** 3:45pm if you need to leave early. We appreciate your understanding.

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**Top 5 Check-Out Tips**

1. **Arrive after 4:05 for end of the day pick-up.** If you arrive too early you will have to circle around or find a parking place (just like at the airport) because we cannot block Sports Lane until campers are ready for pick-up. The first 3 days of camp the lines will be long but they lessen as people get the hang of the system. We will not charge you a late fee at 4:30 during the first 2-3 days of camp when there is a pick-up line.

2. **For walk-up pick-ups, park on Dwight Way and walk into Golden Bear.** Foot traffic check-out is at the tennis courts between 4pm-4:30 or Softball Field for extended care.

3. **Pick-up for campers in Extended Care is on the Softball Field, NOT in the curb-side pick lane.** Getting in the curb side pick-up for extended care campers will result in you having to park or loop back around Clark Kerr.

4. **Sport Lane is One-Way when exiting. Keep to the left to exit onto Derby.**

5. **Over 65% of campers age 9 and up are on the Leave-On-Own Camper Sign-out plan.** At 4pm the camper signs him/herself out and meets the car in front of the office. You can send a note requesting this option to scrainfo@berkeley.edu or fill out a Change Form.

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**SWIM LESSONS (2-WEEK CAMPS ONLY)**

Our swim lessons follow the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program. Swim classes are initially scheduled based on the level indicated on the camper registration form. Campers are then tested at the beginning of camp and grouped in swim class by ability. Campers scheduled for swim lessons are expected to participate in swim class everyday unless he or she brings a note from their parent.

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**ILLNESS & EMERGENCY**

In the event that your child becomes ill or an emergency arises, the camp staff will make every effort to contact you—or your emergency contact if you are unavailable. If necessary, your child may be transported to a nearby hospital for treatment.
**SUN PROTECTION**
Blue Camp has limited shade. We encourage the use of multiple sun protection methods for maximum effectiveness. In addition to wearing sunscreen, we also recommend wearing protective clothing such as a hat. Parents must send sunscreen with their child to camp and should put their name on the bottle. At Explorer Camp and Blue Cubs the staff assist the campers with sunscreen application, especially before and after swimming. With the older campers (ages 9 and older), staff are available to assist but campers are encouraged to apply sunscreen on their own. If your child needs assistance or needs to be closely monitored, please let us know in writing. If you do not want sunscreen applied to your child, please make sure that is indicated on your registration form.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES & LICE POLICY**
You will be notified as soon as possible regarding any communicable diseases affecting campers. If your camper contracts a communicable disease, please notify the camp. Strawberry Canyon Youth Programs have a “no nit” policy regarding lice. This means if your child has any signs of head lice, (live bugs or nits, dead or alive) they will NOT be permitted at camp until all signs of head lice are no longer present.

**MEDICATIONS/INHALERS**
A parent-completed medication form and current prescription bottle must accompany all medication taken by a child. This includes prescription and potentially hazardous, if misused, over-the-counter medications. Medications are secured in a locked location. Inhalers may be kept with the camper but still require a current prescription OR Camp Medication Form. To request a Medication Form, phone (510) 643-2267 or e-mail scrainfo@berkeley.edu. You may also download the form from our web site.

**LOST & FOUND**
Label all items brought to camp. Lost and Found is donated to a local charity one week after the camp session ends. If you are going on vacation right after the end of camp, let us know so we can look for your lost items before they are donated.

**HAVE CAMPERS AT EXPLORER CAMP & BLUE CAMP?**
Explorer Camp, for 5-6 year olds, is located at Strawberry Canyon. Their pick-up time is between 3:45-4:15 so if you have children in both camps, it is more efficient to pick up the Explorer Camper before coming over to Blue Camp.

**WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP**
- Food - lunch and snacks. Campers can have snacks all day between activities.
- Swim Suit and Towel for those swimming. A cap and goggles are recommended, but optional.
- Water Bottle - so children can have quicker and more frequent access to water.
- Sweatshirt or Jacket - with your child’s first and last names written on it- since the mornings in Berkeley are often cold and occasionally the fog does not lift.
- Sunscreen
- Dress for active play and only wear closed-toed athletic shoes. No sandals, crocks, flip flops.
- All necessary sports equipment, unless you are in skate camp, is provided at camp.
- Campers carry their belongings with them during the day so a backpack is best.
WHAT TO LEAVE HOME
Please leave electronic games, ipods, and other expensive items at home. We do not allow the playing of electronic games at camp. Campers do like to play Pokemon and other fantasy card games at lunch and we request that expensive cards be left at home as they frequently get lost or ruined. Cell phones also cannot be used during camp. Phone calls and text messaging can be made at the camp office or on the cell phone with the permission and supervision of staff. This will help us ensure your child’s safety. We are not responsible for items brought to camp.

ENROLLMENT, RECEIPTS, & REFUNDS
Questions about enrollment, receipts, dependent care letters, refunds, etc. are handled by the Enrollment Office at the Customer Service Center. You can reach them by phone at (510) 643-CAMP (2267) or scrainfo@berkeley.edu. W-10 forms are available upon request. The Enrollment Center will not be sending out individual Dep Care letters. If you need a Dep Care letter, please contact our Enrollment Office. Our Tax ID Number is 94-6002123.

A written request for a transfer, credit, or cancellation must be received in the Enrollment Office no less than 30 days prior to the first day of camp to qualify for a refund, transfer, or credit. Request for transfers, credits, or cancellations received prior to 30 days before the first day of camp are assessed a fee of $25 per child per camp. No refunds, credits, or transfers are issued for requests received within one month of the start of camp. Requests for transfer or credit in cases of illness or injury are considered with a doctor’s note and letter requesting the exception. No medical requests will be considered after the first day of camp. Camps are not prorated nor session dates individualized. Participant substitutions are not allowed.

CARPOOL LISTS
In an effort to reduce the number of cars on campus, we encourage you to put your name on the carpool list. If you agree to be on this list, your phone number and address will be listed for the camp session for which you are registered. You can get one e-mailed to you. If you would like to get on the carpool list or if you would like to request a copy, e-mail scrainfo@berkeley.edu.

CAMP RULES
Each camp will have specific rules related to its program and site. Below is a list of general rules. Please make sure your child is familiar with them.

1. Respect other campers, instructors, facilities, and equipment.
2. Teasing and put-downs are not tolerated at camp.
3. Accept responsibility for your choices, even when you make a mistake or bad choice.
4. Use appropriate language -- No cursing.
5. Stay with your group. During camp hours, campers can never go anywhere alone. If you have forgotten something, we will go with you.
6. Trash is EVERYONE’S responsibility. If you see trash, pick it up.
7. No electronic games, CD players/ipods, cell phones are to be used during camp. Trading or playing cards often get lost and ruined; do not bring your expensive cards.
8. Please tell us immediately if something is not going the way you would like.

BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES & CONSEQUENCES

In order to provide a pleasant environment and to ensure the safety of all our staff and participants, destruction of equipment and property and disruptive and/or dangerous behavior by campers are not allowed. If a camper should engage in such behavior our camp staff follows the disciplinary steps outlined below. If the behavior threatens his or her safety or the safety of others, the camper will be removed from the program. In some cases, a child may be suspended or dismissed immediately from the program. Below is a general outline; however each case is handled individually. When a child is dismissed from camp, a refund is not given.

Level One Staff Intervention:  The camp staff handle minor rule infractions and misbehavior immediately. Staff, along with the campers, go over rules and set consequences for rule infractions on first day of camp.

Level Two Parent Intervention:  If a camper's behavior does not respond to staff interventions, staff complete an Incident Report Form and parents are contacted to discuss ways to correct the child's behavior.

Level Three Camper Sent Home:  If the behavior is still not within the supervision level of the program, a second Incident Report Form is completed and the camper will be sent home for the remainder of the day. At this point the parents are notified that one more occurrence may result in dismissal from the program.

Level Four Camper Dismissed:  If the camper's behavior results in a third Incident Report, the camper may be dismissed from the program.

While most disruptive behavior often progresses through the above stages, some behavior results in immediate classification at Level Three or Level Four. Examples include but are not limited to:
1. Anything that endangers the health and safety of campers and/or staff of the program.
2. Possession of or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, cigarettes.
3. Possession of firearms, weapons, explosives, etc.
4. Intentional destruction of property or theft.
5. Leaving camp boundaries or property without permission.

NEWSLETTERS AND REMINDERS

We send out newsletter and reminders to parents prior to camp starting. However, we are often defeated by spam filters. You may want to add berkeley.edu as acceptable domains to receive email from.

SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

http://www.youtube.com/user/CALBlueCamp
https://www.facebook.com/calbluecamp
https://twitter.com/bluecamp
http://instagram.com/bluecamp
EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND PROCEDURES

In the event of a major emergency, campers may be moved to a university designated evacuation and management area or an alternate location. Please refer to phone numbers and websites below for pick-up information. The campus may have specific instructions you will need to follow. As always, **campers will be supervised until a pre-authorized sign-out person arrives to pick them up.** These pre-authorized sign-out people are the ones you indicate when you register. If someone arrives that is not on their list or if there is any question about who your child can go home with, we will continue to provide supervision until you arrive. In the event of an evacuation, campers will not be released on their own, even if that is their sign-out option. Please list any and all individuals who would likely pick-up your camper in the event of a major disaster or campus evacuation. If you would like to add names, please e-mail **scrainfo@berkeley.edu** and allow at least 24 hours notice. Your child’s safety and accountability is our first priority.

Program Campus Designated Evacuation Sites
Campers at Golden Bear Recreation Area (Top of Dwight Way)
Initial evacuation site: Tennis Courts at Golden Bear.
University evacuation site: Clark Kerr Campus main entrance at Warring Circle (Warring & Parker)

Campers at Strawberry Canyon Recreation Area
Initial evacuation site: Softball Field at Strawberry Canyon
University evacuation site: - Witter Rugby Field at Strawberry Canyon

Science & Sports Camp
Morning: Lawrence Hall of Science at the Vista Parking Lot
Afternoon: (Grades 1st-3rd) with Strawberry Canyon Recreation Area, and (Grades 4th-6th) with Golden Bear Recreation Area.

Contact Numbers
* UC Berkeley Campus Emergency Hotline (510) 642-4335 or
* 1-800-705-9998 - Activated in the event of an emergency
* Main Web Page: http://www.berkeley.edu
* Emergency Web Page: www.emergency.berkeley.edu - activated if main UCB web page is down

Depending on the nature of the event, phone lines may be out of service. In this case, parents should listen to local emergency radio broadcasts for information, such as, 1610 AM (city of Berkeley) or KALX 90.7 FM (campus radio station).

FAMILY PLANNING IN AN EMERGENCY

We highly recommend that parents develop a family emergency plan. Most families prepare their children for emergencies in the home. Prepare and educate your child on what to do when the emergency happens and the family is not at home. The American Red Cross has information on Family Emergency Plans at http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/.

Please take into account persons who would most likely pick-up your child (i.e. person closest in proximity to camp) in an emergency and add them to your child's authorized pick-up list. Discuss with your child, in advance, what would happen in the event a natural disaster occurred during their camp day. Who would pick them up? Where would they go? Keep the emergency phone numbers inside your child's backpack and keep the camp's emergency information listed above with you. Please know that our primary role will be to ensure the physical and emotional safety of your child.
BLUE CUBS 7-8 YEAR OLDS

CAMP ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION
Cubs are grouped into "teams" of about 11-13 campers and are assigned a fun and enthusiastic group leader for the entire session. Most teams are grouped by gender. The group leader will provide adult supervision while the campers try new activities and make new friends. Full-day Cubs participate in the same six activities each day for the entire session. Half-day Cubs participate in three activities. Campers eat lunch together and have a "recess" time from 12:00 – 1:00pm.

Cubs on the two-week track have a choice of two activity tracks: Sports Track or Sports/Art Track. Cubs make their track selection at the time of registration. Activities and groups for both full-day and half-day campers are based on their track selection. Cubs on the one-week track do not have a track selection and do not have swimming. Specific activities are scheduled by Camp Coordinators the week before camp begins, and are distributed at orientation and on the first day of camp. Full-day Cubs participate in the same six activities each day for the entire session; morning-only campers participate in three activities.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ONE WEEK CAMPS
All one-week campers will be grouped in age based groups (Cubs & Bears/Grizzlies) and will participate in the same six activities all day for the week. Campers are assigned activities based on the staff available for that session. For campers who prefer to have a choice of what sports they have in their schedule, the two-week camp is a better option. Swim lessons are not offered on the one-week track. Each group is provided a leader who stays with them for the week. Bears and Grizzlies are combined into one group and Cubs are in their own group.

CUB ACTIVITIES
Every attempt is made to offer a wide selection of activities. Factors affecting our ability to offer specific sports are staff and facility availability. Campers who select the Sports Track are only scheduled into sports activities. Campers who select the Sports/Art track will get a combination of sports activities and one or two arts activities such as crafts, drama, dance, nature, etc. Cubs in the two-week camps will be scheduled into swimming. Cubs on the one-week track do not get scheduled into swimming.

CUBS GROUPED WITH A FRIEND
When you register, you may indicate whether you would like your child to be placed in the same group as a friend. You must have selected the same track (sports or sports/arts). Because of the nature of grouping campers, to ensure your camper is grouped with a specific friend, BOTH campers should put each other’s name down and be registered for the same camp (i.e. morning only, 1 week or 2 week). Every attempt will be made to schedule your camper in the same group with his/her friend. Parents should be aware, however, that we take such factors as date of registration, sex, age, track preference list, and group size into account and we are not always able to guarantee the same groups.
SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR CUBS

Group activities are scheduled before camp starts and group activities are set for the entire session. Campers may not change their assigned group on the first day of camp. If a child has tried his or her schedule for a few days and is still unhappy, we will explore the possibility of a group change. However, group changes are reserved for extreme cases. We would like parents to bring us any issues relating to your camper’s schedule immediately. This allows us to talk with the instructors and group leaders about making any changes before we switch a camper to another group.

BLUE BEARS 9-10 YEAR OLDS
BLUE GRIZZLIES 11-13 YEAR OLDS

CAMP ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION

Campers have a blast at camp learning sport skills and participating in activities with fun and knowledgeable athletes, teachers, and coaches. There are over 20 activities to choose from including some girls-only sports.

At the time of registration, campers submit their activity preferences by rank ordering the 10 activities (from 1--highest priority to 10--lowest priority) they would like in their camp schedule. If you would like swim lessons please indicate this as one of your preferences. Campers are then scheduled into three morning activities and all-day campers are also scheduled into three afternoon activities. Campers eat lunch together and have a “recess” time from 12:00 – 1:00pm. Campers pick up their session activity schedule at camper orientation or on the first day of each session.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT ONE WEEK CAMPS

All one-week campers will be grouped in two age-based groups (Cubs & Bears/Grizzlies) and will participate in the same six activities all day for the week. Campers are assigned activities based on the staff available for that session. For campers who prefer to have a choice of what sports they have in their schedule, the two-week camp is a better option. Swim lessons are not offered on the one-week track. Each group is provided a leader who stays with them for the week. Bears and Grizzlies are combined into one group and Cubs are in their own group.

GRIZZLY PRIVILEGES

Grizzlies are the older campers on the site and they are afforded some privileges. At check-in when they receive their schedule each Grizzly also receives a wristband to wear on their wrist or backpack. This identifies them as Grizzlies and they will be able to go with a buddy to the restroom or other locations on campus to retrieve items. Each summer creative and fun options are also offered to Grizzlies as they become available. As long as the camper demonstrates the necessary level of responsibility, they keep their wrist band. Staff reserve the right to limit independence to the level attained by your camper.
BEAR/GRIZZLY ACTIVITIES
Every attempt is made to offer a wide selection of the sports and activities. Factors affecting our ability to offer specific sports are enrollment, staff, and facility availability. **Swimming is not provided on the one-week track.** Campers on the two-week track who register before April 1st get priority in their activity schedule. Some activities fill so priority activity scheduling becomes important.

FOR MOST CLASSES, BEARS AND GRIZZLIES ARE SCHEDULED SEPARATELY AND NOT IN THE SAME GROUP.

BEAR/GRIZZLY GROUPED WITH A FRIEND
When you register, you may indicate whether you would like your child to be placed in the same classes with a friend. Every attempt will be made to schedule your camper in classes with his/her friend. Parents should be aware, however, that we take such factors as date of registration, activity preference list, sex, and group size into account and we are not always able to guarantee the same groups. Campers who want to be in class together should make sure they list **THE EXACT SAME ACTIVITIES IN THE SAME ORDER** at the time of registration. If it is absolutely essential that specific campers be grouped together, please submit a note to the Blue Camp Director. Campers on the one-week track are not grouped with campers on the two-week track. Bears and Grizzlies are not scheduled together except for classes like chess.

BEAR/GRIZZLY SCHEDULE CHANGES (TWO-WEEK CAMPERS ONLY)
Campers cannot change activities on the first day. There are no exceptions. At 9:00am on Tuesday, the second day of camp, Switch Forms are handed out and campers decide what they would like to add and drop. Instructors are available to help the campers complete this form. The forms are collected and every effort is made to re-arrange the campers' schedules. Changes depend on space availability. New schedules are passed out on Wednesday, the third day of camp, between 8:45 and 9:00am. We will do everything possible to ensure campers are happy with their assigned activities. After the designated switch day, campers' schedules will not be switched. However, we would like parents to bring any issues to our attention immediately. One-week campers cannot change their schedule.

BEAR/GRIZZLY ATTENDING MORE THAN ONE SESSION
The activity preferences submitted online are for the entire summer. If campers attend consecutive sessions, they will have an option to fill out new preferences the week prior to the next camp session. If you have any special requests for other sessions, send an email to scrainfo@berkeley.edu.
SPECIAL DAYS AT CAMP

T-SHIRT SIGNING DAYS
The last Wednesday of each session, t-shirts are handed out. Campers enjoy having their counselors and fellow campers sign their camp t-shirt. Campers who want to collect signatures should bring a permanent marker. Please put your child’s name on his/her marker so it will not get lost.

PARENT/ VISITOR DAY OPEN HOUSE
On Open House Parents’ Day is the last Thursday of your session. Family members are invited to camp to attend the activities and meet the staff members your camper has been talking about. The adventurous among you can participate in activities when appropriate. Check-in and pick up a nametag at the Camp office when you arrive. All visitors MUST have a name badge. The Camp office is located across from the Golden Bear Gym. Parking can be difficult. All posted parking regulations are strictly enforced by UC Parking & Transportation. The meters only take quarters. If you cannot make it on this day you can always attend camp on a different day. This is by no means an obligatory event, only about 30% of the campers have family members or other visitors come on this day. All visitors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

CAL DAY
On Fridays we show our CAL spirit and wear the Blue & Gold. And bring you Cal Spirit!