

Location: 1361
Hawthorne Avenue,
Chico Ca

Ages 4 & 9 months – 11
years old

Open Monday-
Thursday 9:30-4:30;
Join us by 10:30 to be
counted for the day.

CLOSED Monday July 4th
& Tuesday July 5th

No Day Camp Fridays,
Friday Evening camps
On:
June 17th, July 15th, July 29th, Aug
12th

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Camp Wild Heart



Parent Handbook

Please review the following handbook to familiarize yourself with our camp policies and procedures. This information will help you set your child up for success during their time at Camp Wild Heart.

Camp Dates & Time:

Open June 6th – August 18th, Monday-Thursday – NO DAY CAMP FRIDAYS

Camp is open 9:30-4:30; main activity options are between 10:30 am – 3:30 pm. Friday Evening camps offered on June 17th, July 15th, July 29th, Aug 12th. Special Nature Exploration & Creek days offered on four Thursdays this summer!

Registration:

Convenient, **Online Registration**. Must be registered online prior to first drop off. <https://www.campwildheartchico.com/book-online>

Camp Shirts:

Camp shirts are optional and are not required for attendance. They are a fun option for our hands-on, messy play. Shirts can be purchased for \$20 with camp packages, or at the camp sign in table.

Dropping off & Picking up:

Drop off between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Must arrive by 10:30 am to attend camp for the day. Pick up anytime between 3:30-4:30. **Parents/Guardians dropping & picking up must stop by the sign in table to check children in & out.** Older campers can sign themselves in/out with parental consent (i.e., camper walks/bikes to camp from home). Please talk to the camp director to make this arrangement.

Late Pickup

Please pick up on time, by 4:30pm. A late fee of \$1 per minute is charged for late pickups. If your child is not picked up within 1 hour from the scheduled pick-up time and no contact has been made with the parent/guardian or authorized persons on the emergency form, Child Protective Services may be called.

Hydration

Hydration begins at home. Please ensure your child is drinking enough water at home before, after and between camp days. Once a child is dehydrated, it can be difficult to replenish their body with enough water. Campers should bring a personal water bottle from home and will be promoted to drink and refill often.

Breakfast & Lunch

We are unsure but hopeful to be offering Breakfast & Lunch FREE through the Chico Unified School Lunch Program. We will update this section once we know specific dates the program will be offered. **If you are receiving the free meal(s) you should still pack snacks.** You may pack your own lunch if you prefer. Sharing food amongst campers is neither encouraged nor discouraged (except in cases of food allergies/specified preferences). If your camper has food allergies and you wrote them on your emergency information section during registration, our instructors will be aware and help/watch your child as needed. If you did not enter allergies at registration, or if you prefer your child not take the free meal(s) from Chico Unified lunch program, please contact the camp director.

Waterplay

Waterplay is a regular, everyday activity at Camp Wild Heart. Please make sure your child has the necessary supplies. We recommend packing a swimsuit, sunscreen, a towel, and a change of clothes, daily. We are unable to provide towels and campers are much happier and more comfortable when they have one to wrap up in and sit on. We do have extra clothes on site for accidents but do not have swimsuits or enough extra outfits for campers to use for daily waterplay.

Creek & Park Days

We are bringing back a Creek & Park option to camp this summer! We will have 4 special Thursdays (June 23rd, July 7th, July 21st, and August 18th) where we will visit Bidwell Park and spend our day splashing in the creek and being immersed in nature. We will walk **all** campers to and from the park on these fun days and spend most of the camp day in the park. Flexible punch card days mean you can keep your child home if these activities do not interest them or if you think the walk to and from would be too difficult for them. Campers should wear their Camp Wild Heart t-shirts; we will provide a loaner t-shirt for the day if your camper does not have one.

Items from Home

Campers may bring items from home such as toys, playing cards, games etc. **at their own risk.** We offer a self-directed time during the day where campers choose their own activity; during this time, campers may choose to play with their items from home. **We do not take any responsibility for lost or damaged items brought from home.** In the event of losing an item from home, please check our lost & found shelf near check in. **We do not allow any toy guns, or weapons, including water guns.**

Electronics at Camp

Some campers may have their own electronic devices such as smart phones, smart watches, ipods, tablets, etc. We ask that valuable items such as these remain at home. Campers who choose to bring these items to camp will be asked to keep them in their backpack during camp hours. Campers wishing to call/contact home can do so in the "Shine" office.

Inclusive Programming

Camp Wild Heart is an inclusive program designed for children of various ages, backgrounds, and abilities. If your child needs additional services or accommodations, please let us know how we can assist. Please reach out to our Camp Director to discuss any pertinent details to help us serve your child's needs. We do not have funding for aides or special needs services but are happy to make accommodations.

**CPR/First Aid
Certified & Safety
Trained Camp
Instructors**

**Child choice
environment**

**Flexible punch card
packages**

**Enriching
recreation and
STEAM based
activities**



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Refund/Cancellation Policy

Refunds are only given in cases of dissatisfaction with camp or family emergencies. In those cases, the Camp Director should be notified as soon as possible. Refund requests must be made promptly and may not be honored if requested near the end or after summer. **Punch card days are to be used in the summer in which they are purchased.** Once purchased we plan our staff and programs accordingly and are **unable to refund or roll over days** simply because you did not use as many days as you thought you would, please plan accordingly.

Discipline Procedure

Enjoyment, kindness, and respect are high priorities at Camp Wild Heart. If your child has a hard time being respectful and kind to others, the environment, or our facility, they may be sent to the office, asked to sit out of an activity, or sent home for the day. In some cases, the Camp Director will schedule a meeting with the campers' parents to discuss the behavior. Campers displaying behaviors that are destructive, rude, or unkind will be asked to discontinue attending and will be issued a refund.

Bad Air Quality

For the safety of our campers and our staff we have made the decision to close camp on days with poor air quality. Our procedure will be to check the air quality daily and notify families by 8:00 am if Camp will be closed. We will remain open on days where the air quality is between Green and low Orange. In the event the air quality has reached high Orange, the Red level, or higher, we will close camp for the day. On days with low Orange level air quality, we will do mostly indoor activities. As always, families can make the choice to not attend camp on days with poor air quality if they feel more comfortable keeping their child at home. We will utilize our own Air Quality monitor as well as local air quality websites to determine the daily air quality.

COVID-19 Mitigation

We believe our children need real, in-person play, socialization, and hands-on learning now more than ever! **The majority of our camp is mask-less.**

- Campers are welcome to wear or not wear a mask at any time. We do not tolerate any teasing, shaming or negativity around mask-wearing or non-wearing.
- Most of our program is outside and in active play.
- Our rooms are large, well-ventilated and campers do not spend extended time indoors.
- We clean and sanitize high touch areas frequently.
- Punch Cards make it easy for parents to keep sick kids home without losing a day of camp.
- We cannot guarantee your child will not contract or be in contact with COVID at camp.

We are very transparent with families and will notify all registered camp families if anyone on-site tests positive for COVID-19. This will be done in a professional manner, protecting the privacy of the family and the child. We ask that you also be transparent with us and let us know if your child, or any close family members test positive for COVID-19. With our drop-in style punch card system, you are always welcome to not attend and make choices that feel right for your family. We plan to remain open unless we have multiple staff members out ill. We also encourage you to keep your children home if they are feeling ill or experiencing any symptoms.

Health and Emergency Procedures

Families will be notified if their child is ill, hurt, or otherwise needs parental care. We ask parents to respond quickly and pick up within 60 minutes from the time of the call. We have a no lice/nit policy. Please notify the Camp Director if your child has been exposed to lice/nits or other communicable diseases.

Lost & Found

We collect left clothing, toys, and items daily and store them on our lost and found shelf. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each month.