

Clark County Parks & Recreation Summer Overnight Camps

Commonly Asked Questions

How old should my child be before I send them to overnight camp?

Your child must be 8-12 years old to attend Omni Camp; 13-15 years old to attend On the Edge camp. You should consider a number of factors before sending your child to his/her first overnight camp:

- ☉ Have they ever spent the night away from home before? Was it a good or bad experience?
- ☉ Are they clingy at night - do they often have bad dreams or wake up frequently?
- ☉ Are they clingy during the day requiring constant adult supervision?
- ☉ Do they want to go to camp, or do they express fear and concern over going away?

Where is the Camp located and what amenities are provided?

Camp Lee is located in Lee Canyon on Mt. Charleston at 6201 Lee Canyon Rd., Mt. Charleston, NV, 89124. Our Camp Facility includes: 7 cabins, a Rec.-hall, Dining hall, Restroom/ Shower facility, Nurses quarters, Camp office, Outdoor Amphitheatre, High-Ropes Course, and Nature trail.

Who are the Camp staff?

Resident camp staff include: camp director, registered nurse, professional caterer, camp supervisor, camp counselors and camp activity instructors/teachers. All staff have passed a criminal background check.

What is the food like at Camp?

Meals and snacks are served buffet style by a professional catering service. Counselors supervise and observe campers during all meals to make sure they are eating properly. If your child has a food allergy or has a special diet (Vegan or Vegetarian, gluten etc), please notify us in advance by completing the food questionnaire (which is included in the Camp Packet). **(Food is not allowed in the cabins).**

Where will my child stay while at Camp?

Campers stay in dormitory-style Cabins equipped with bunk beds. 16 campers and 2 counselors are assigned to each cabin. Camper to Counselor ratio is 8-1. Boys and girls have separate sleeping quarters. Restrooms/showers are located in a separate building.

Can my child stay in the same cabin with their friends?

We make every effort to accommodate roommate requests; however, cabin assignments are determined by age.

Can I call my child or visit them at camp?

We don't recommend calling or visiting as it may cause homesickness in your child and even in other campers. An overnight Camp experience gives children the opportunity to develop independence and social skills by interacting with other campers and staff. Children are more likely to develop these skills in the absence of the parent. If you would like an update on how your child is doing, you may call 702-872-7083 and leave a message, or email camplee@clarkcountynv.gov and the camp director will get back to you within 24 hours to give you an update. You may also email your child at camplee@clarkcountynv.gov (they can not email back) or send a letter via USPS mail. If you send your child with stamps and envelopes they can also write back to you. Campers receive cabin mail every morning at breakfast.

What happens if my child gets homesick?

Homesickness is a very common reaction for children. Approximately one third campers feel some degree of homesickness during their first one to two days. Sometimes these feelings are magnified if a child isn't feeling well or is overly tired. If these feelings come and go, or only affect the camper for a short period of time, some extra attention from their camp counselor will probably take care of it. Our counselors are trained to handle these situations. If the homesickness feelings persist and interfere with the camper's ability to enjoy the camp experience, we will go through a three-step process:

1. Counselors, trained on how to deal with homesickness, will talk with the camper, encouraging him/her to stick it out, reminding them of all the fun activities still to come.
2. If the feelings still persist, the counselor will bring the camper to our Camp Director or the Nurse who will continue to try to help the child work out his/her feelings of homesickness.
3. The last resort is to have the Camp Director contact the child's parents/guardians. A call to home can sometimes solve the problem-but not always. At this point, the parents and Camp Director will work out the best solution for the child. (We hope the camper will stay, however only if it is in his/her best

interest.)

What if my child gets ill or injured while at camp?

A Registered Nurse is on site (24/7) during all camp sessions. In the event that a camper becomes ill or injured, the nurse will contact the parent/guardian to inform them of the illness/injury.

The nurse will assess the camper's medical situation based on the following criteria:

- Can the child be treated at camp?
- Do the parents need to pick up their child and possibly seek further treatment?
- Does the child need to be transported to a hospital by EMS?
- Is the child contagious?

If the nurse determines that a camper's acute health status warrants further medical attention or observation, the parent/guardian will be required to pick up the camper within 4 hours of notification. The camper will be allowed to return to camp after 24 hours if their health status has improved.

The nurse operates on the same Standing Medical Orders as the CCSD. All medication must be given to the nurse at check-in. The nurse distributes all medicine to the campers (medicine is not allowed in the cabins). The nurse also has Tylenol and Pepto-Bismol to administer to campers on an as needed basis, with the prior consent of the parent. Vitamins, Tums or other like items are not allowed at camp-the nurse can not distribute them without a prescription.

Is it necessary for my child to have a physical exam and up-to-date immunizations?

Yes. It is a common practice for resident camps to have these requirements, in order to protect your child and others from the spread of contagious disease. Camp Physicals can be performed by your family physician, quick cares or pharmacy well checks. There are also many low-cost clinics that perform Camp physicals. You will receive a medical/physical exam form in your Camp Packet upon registration. This form must be completed and signed by you and your physician prior to Camp.

What do they do at camp?

Omni Camp: Campers attend four/five 50-minute fun, interactive, "hands-on" classes a day: Monday-Friday. Campers are assigned to coed learning groups with children their own age (Approx. 16 campers per group). Classes include: Outdoor Adventure, Natural Science-Education, Visual, Cultural and/or Performing Arts. In the afternoons and evenings campers participate in traditional camp activities including: arts&crafts, skits, scavenger hunts, hikes, campfires, sing-a-longs and more!

On the Edge Camp: Teens participate in exciting outdoor adventure recreation activities including: mountain biking, high ropes course, archery, bouldering, hiking and a one-night tent camp out/boys and girls on separate nights. Campers remain with their cabin groups for most small group activities; they have the opportunity to meet other campers during large, combined group activities. Afternoons and evenings are filled with traditional camp activities including arts & crafts, cabin skits, camp fires etc. The last night of camp features a Teen Dance with a D.J.!

Do I need to send any money up to camp with my child?

No. All meals, snacks, supplies, activities and Camp logo t-shirt are included in the camp fee.

Is transportation to and from Camp provided?

No. You are responsible for dropping off and picking up your child at Camp Lee.

Can I drop off my child early, before camp check-in; or late, after camp check-in?

We do not allow for early check-in because we are busy getting the camp set-up and prepared for campers.

Please arrive during the official check in time: 2pm-3:30pm

If you need to drop off your child late, after check-in please notify us in advance

Can I pick up my child early?

Yes, but please notify us in advance.

Are there any discounts for families who send more than one child?

We are not able to provide these discounts since the camper tuition fee is used to cover all of the camp costs.

What if my child or I have more questions?

Please contact the Mountain Crest staff at 455-1905. We will be more than happy to answer any questions

You or your child may have. We know that sending your child to an overnight Summer camp for a week is a big decision, and we want to make it as easy as possible for you and your family.