

CARE FOR CHILDREN AT CAMP ESPA, INC.

SPONSORED BY: EASTERN SHORE POLICE ASSOCIATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in Camp ESPA, Inc. For 43 years now, we have served the underprivileged youths of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The camp experience combines recreational and educational programming centered on nature and the outdoors for children between the ages of 9 and 12. Our camp in Dorchester County is approximately seven acres which sits on the Marshyhope River. At Camp ESPA, we have riverfront for boating, a pier for fishing, a swimming pool, several acres of land, water and electrical hookups for campers and a fully equipped clubhouse, which features sleeping quarters for 30 with full bathrooms, showers, kitchen and dining room.

Enclosed in this Information Folder you will find your application packet consisting of Registration Forms and Health History forms. You will need one application packet per camper. Get your registration forms in as soon as possible to be considered for this year's camp.

The date for camp this year is

Session I

Session II

The Physical Form is due the Friday, two weeks prior to departure for camp. If this form is not in by that time, our child's name may be dropped from the camp roster.

Please read over all of the information and feel free to contact the Office at Camp ESPA, if you still have questions. 410-883-3500.

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INFORMATION TO KEEP IN MIND:

- 1) Campers will be enrolled in camp on a first come, first serve basis. Camp ESPA is limited to 30 campers per session. When the camp session is full, all other applicants will be placed on a waiting list. To reserve a place for your child this summer, you must return the registration forms to our office. **YOUR CHILD'S NAME WILL NOT BE ADDED TO THE CAMP ROSTER UNTIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM IS RECEIVED.**
- 2) A physical examination by a licensed medical practitioner is **required prior** to attendance at camp. The physical form included in the application must be used for the physical. The last page of the physical form must be completed by a doctor prior to camp attendance. Be sure to complete all pages of the physical form including the immunization record.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW WITH YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR.

- 3) **Prescription Medications must be in original containers.** (no substitute bottles, no combined medications in the same bottle, no baggies, etc.) The label on the bottle or box must match the orders by the physician on the Health form.
- 4) Mail is always a great thing to receive at Camp. Please keep it positive and uplifting. It does take a few days to reach camp and you may want to mail any letters prior to your child's departure for camp. *Mail clearly marked with the camper's name may be sent to*

Att: Camper's Name
Camp ESPA, Inc.
5425 Sharptown Road
Rhodesdale, Maryland 21659

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CAMP ESPA, INC.

CAMP REGISTRATION FORM 2008

5425 Sharptown Road
Rhodesdale, Md. 21659

OFFICE USE ONLY:

410-883-3500
Website: www.campespa.com
Email: espa@comcast.net

Date Received _____

PLEASE PRINT THE ANSWERS TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS.

CAMPER'S NAME _____ MALE ___ FEMALE ___

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ COUNTY _____
ADDRESS,
APT.# _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE (ETHNICITY OPTIONAL)

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ASIAN-AMERICAN CAUCASIAN HISPANIC

NATIVE – AMERICAN OTHER _____

CAMPER LIVES WITH:

FEMALE GUARDIAN PARENT MALE GUARDIAN PARENT

GRANDPARENT OTHER _____

GUARDIAN NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

CELL PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

EMPLOYER _____ **PHONE** _____

OTHER GUARDIAN _____ **PHONE** _____

CAMP REGISTRATION FORM 2008

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT'S RELATIONSHIP TO CAMPER _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN MEDICATION, ALLERGIES, OR OTHER SPECIAL
NEEDS _____

WHAT SCHOOL DOES THE CAMPER ATTEND _____

WHAT TOWN _____

I FOUND OUT ABOUT CAMP ESPA, INC FROM

POLICE OFFICE/MEMBER
REFERRING THIS
CAMPER. _____

NAME

DATE

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THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE AT CAMP

CAMPER NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

GENERAL AND TRANSPORTATION RELEASE

I, the parent/legal guardian of _____, hereby grant permission for my child to participate in the activities of Camp ESPA, Inc.. I recognize that, while precautions will be taken for the safety of my child and other campers, children's outdoor camping includes physical activity and no activity can be rendered completely without risks. My child will be expected to participate in activities chosen by his/her group and to cooperate with and be courteous to fellow campers as well as staff and volunteers. I understand that inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and that my child may be barred from future participation and or returned home for serious reasons, (fighting, failure to follow rules, etc.). I release and hold harmless Camp ESPA, Inc and Eastern Shore Police Association, their board, staff, agents and volunteers from any damage resulting from the actions of my child. I also grant permission to staff, volunteers or agents of Camp ESPA, Inc. and Eastern Shore Police Association to transport my child as necessary for reasons of the camping program or safety while attending Camp ESPA, Inc.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date Parent/Guardian Signature Date

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Prescription Medication in ORIGINAL CONTAINERS (Turned in at Check-In)

Clothing (shorts, shirts, underwear, socks) for 6 days
Swim Suit (girl's one piece suit)
Athletic shoes
Jeans or long pants
Jacket or raincoat
Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant)

***Please remember this is camp – what is brought may get dirty, ruined, broken or lost

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

Negative attitude	Weapons (including pocket-knives)
Electronic games/Radios	Food or Snacks
Alcohol, Tobacco, other Drugs	Gang Apparel
Personal Sports Equipment	Cell Phones

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Your child will be expected to follow certain rules of behavior while at camp. These expectations help to ensure a pleasant experience for all of our campers, volunteers and staff.

Treat all others with courtesy and respect.
Name-calling and fighting are not allowed.
Use appropriate language (no cursing)
Everyone helps to keep the camp clean.
Everyone is expected to take turns with chores.
Everyone participates in activities chosen by the camp director.
The buddy system is used for safety.

Each camper is evaluated by his her counselor, other counseling staff and program staff in order to access eligibility for camp next summer and for special activities through the year. You will be notified of the outcome of your child's evaluation.

CAMP RULES APPLY FROM CHECK IN UNTIL CHILD IS PICKED UP.

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TRANSPORTATION RULES

All camp rules apply during transportation to and from activities. In addition, the following rules apply:

Campers may not enter or leave the transportation vehicles without permission of a staff member.

No eating, drinking or radios on the transportation vehicles.

All campers are to remain seated, facing forward, with head and hands inside the transportation vehicle.

Yelling on the transportation vehicle or outside of the transportation vehicle is not allowed.

Due to limited phone lines, campers may not call home.

If you need to reach your child in an emergency, please contact the office at 410-883-3500 and we will relay the message.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All activities are conducted under the guidance of the camp staff that has been trained in conducting the activity. Certified lifeguards are on duty during all activities at the lake; life jackets are worn during all boating activities. Staff is trained in First Aid and CPR and a nurse is available in camp during each session. Activities generally include one waterfront activity each day (swimming or boating). Other possible activities include: Arts & Crafts, Nature Study, Picnic Lunches, basketball, volleyball, challenge course, cooking indoors and outdoors, fishing, water sports. Each camper is expected to take part in the daily activities with his or her group. Those not wishing to be in the outdoors or with the group will need to discuss this with camp staff prior to applying for camp. A week at Camp ESPA, Inc. is fun and educational; we hope that you will join us this summer.

CAMP ESPA, INC. GOALS

The goals for growth of each camper are achieved through.

- Learning about and enjoying the out of doors
- Educating participants for safe and healthful living
- Modeling the constructive use of leisure time
- Developing the unique personality of each person
- Practicing democratic group living
- Exploring values and meanings
- Strengthening family values by experiencing a cooperative living environment.

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