

# GUARDIANS OF THE PARKS SUMMER DAY CAMP GUIDELINES, RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT



**Address:** Pembina Nordic Ski Club, 7010 Twp Rd 494, Rocky Rapids, Alberta

## **Contact Information:**

**Lead Facilitator:** Kathy Schwengler, 780-542-1932

**Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council Office:** 780-898-7275

## **Counsellors/Campers Ratio:**

We will have at least one camp counsellor and one junior camp counsellor on site at all times. Maximum number of campers will be decided by Lead Counsellor (usually limited to 20).

## **Daily Drop Off and Pick Up Times**

- 10 to 12 year olds - 8:40 am to 9:00 am drop off, 4:00 to 4:15 pm pick-up
- 7 to 9 year olds - 8:40 am to 9:00 am drop off, 3:00 to 3:15 pm pick-up

## **Typical Day at Guardians of the Parks**

Kids will be outdoors for most of each day, exploring the trails. They will also do shelter building, team activities, outdoor games, disc golf, crafting, forage for berries and other wild foods, write in nature journals, do outdoor cooking, tipi time, learn about fire lighting and fire safety. Older (10 to 12) campers may go fishing or wade in the river. Lunch hours are free time to eat and socialize with fellow campers over board games and puzzles in the Outdoor Education Centre. We also have a few outdoor games set up near the lunch room so that they can be outdoors if they prefer.

## **Clothing**

Closed toe shoes are mandatory and long pants are highly recommended. Pants protect them from thorns and branches which can scratch or stab their bare legs. Please have an extra change of clothes sent with your child in case of an accident! Students should come prepared for rain or cold with jackets and a hat.

## **Topical Treatments, Prescriptions & First Aid**

If your child requires medication during the day, please send it with your child and advise us so that we can ensure the child takes it. Sunscreen and insect repellent are the responsibility of campers. EPBR Parks Council staff are trained in first aid and will have a first aid kit on site.

## **Food**

Campers are responsible to bring their own snack, lunches and a water bottle. EPBR Parks Council will supply an outdoor campfire lunch on the final day of camp (or alternate date). There is potable water onsite if campers need to top up their water bottles.

Please advise us if your child has unique dietary needs.

## **Stuff Campers Can Bring**

We welcome kids to bring books, board games and puzzles but ask that our campers not use electronic devices or phones while at the camp. Campers will not be able to lock up or secure their possessions, so refrain from bringing valuable items/possessions.

## **Cancellation Policy**

All cancellations received in writing two weeks prior to the start date will receive a full refund, less an administration fee.

## **Guardians of the Park Code of Conduct**

- We expect our campers to respect each other, each other's property, the facilities and the natural environment.
- Campers should not litter and will pick up after themselves. If a camper sees garbage out on the trails or in the Park area, pick it up and put it in a trash bin.
- Campers will respect others by not bullying or act aggressively towards other campers or camp counsellors.
- Campers will respect the property of other campers, camp counsellors and the property at the facilities they visit.
- Stealing or borrowing other people's possessions without their consent will not be tolerated.
- Vandalism, graffiti or damage to camp property and equipment will not be tolerated. This includes any damage to buildings, window screens, doors, washrooms, chalet, tipi, Outdoor Education Centre, cookhouses, picnic tables, fire pit areas, any other buildings, signs, program equipment and including the natural environment.
- Campers will be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement, including labour costs for damage, graffiti or vandalism that they commit.
- Tampering with any safety or operational devices including smoke alarms and fire extinguishers will not be tolerated.
- For your safety, all campers must remain inside our designated boundary (this will be explained to campers during their tour of our facilities).

## **Violations**

In the event that a camper violates the code of conduct, we reserve the right to contact parents/guardians and ask them to pick up their child. In the event that one of the campers puts another camper or counsellor's safety at risk, the child will be asked not to return.