

Piedmont Recreation Department (PRD) & Schoolmates Present: CAMP SMART START

A new school year is just around the corner, distance learning is on everyone's minds and parents need childcare! To support working families and keep kids on track, we've created **Camp Smart Start**. Offered in 3-week sessions, this program supports students with their distance learning, while providing safe, fun childcare for working parents.

What Camp Smart Start IS:

Led by trained PRD and Schoolmates Staff, Camp Smart Start will help kids stay on track to start the school year by offering distance learning support, as well as providing opportunities for socialization and play with games and activities throughout the day.

Following the PUSD Distance Learning Bell Schedule, staff will assist students in logging into their various synchronous and asynchronous classes, assist with technical difficulties, and support their learning where possible.

When not "in-class", staff will lead kids in the fun games and activities you've come to expect from PRD and Schoolmates. Camp Smart Start will feature weekly themes, sports, games, and more, all with kids in small, stable groups (pods), following COVID-19 hygiene practices, while socially-distanced, and wearing masks, of course. All children attending Camp Smart Start will be required to wear a mask while at camp, except when eating.

What Camp Smart Start is NOT:

Camp Smart Start is not school. While staff will do all they can to support teachers and students in their distance learning, we may not be able to answer every question or solve every "new" math problem. While Camp Smart Start staff are not teachers or tutors, they will communicate and work closely with parents to support students in their distance learning.

Camp Smart Start Information:

Camp Smart Start is for students grades TK-5th grades. The locations will be at Beach, Havens, and Wildwood Elementary Schools. All Minimates (TK) will be at Havens. All Outdoors! You will register for the lottery based upon your child's school assignment. The sessions are 3-weeks long and if you are selected to attend, you will be paying the full amount for the 3-week session. No adjustments to the fee will be made for missed days or time. Additional sessions may be added. Please note: there will be a processing fee added to the total cost of the camp at check out.

Session 1: Monday, August 17th–Friday, September 4th (3-week session)

- Option 1: Partial Day: 8:15 am–3:00 pm, 3-Week Session: \$962
- Option 2: Extended Day: 8:15 am–5:15 pm, 3-Week Session: \$1282
- Option 3: Minimates (TK Students only): 8:15–3:00 pm, 3-Week Session: \$962

Session 2: Tuesday, September 8th–Friday, September 25th (3-week session)*

- Option 1: Partial Day: 8:15 am–3:00 pm, 3-Week Session: \$898
- Option 2: Extended Day: 8:15 am–5:15 pm, 3-Week Session: \$1197
- Option 3: Minimates (TK Students only): 8:15–3:00 pm, 3-Week Session: \$898

*No camp on Monday, September 7th due to Labor Day holiday.

Camp is Outdoors:

All Camp Smart Start programs will be outdoors. In the event of rain, smoke, or any other unsafe conditions camp may be cancelled. Parents will be notified as soon as possible regarding any closures.

Camp Smart Start & Inclusion:

PRD is committed to inclusion and supporting all PUSD students as much as possible. If a family/guardian is able to arrange a dedicated aide or paraprofessional for their child, Camp Smart Start is reserving space in each pod group for students requiring such support. Please email jstearns@piedmont.ca.gov if you are able to provide an aide for your child, and would like to be considered for one of these program spaces.

Pod Formation:

All pods will match PUSD cohorts to the best of our ability. Because participants are selected via lottery, your child(ren) may not be in a pod with their classmates. PRD will group all classmates together wherever possible, otherwise pods will be formed by grade.

Refunds, Cancellations & Transfers:

Camp Smart Start programs may be cancelled or modified for any reason. Once Camp Smart Start begins, cancellations or transfers will not be permitted, and no refunds will be provided for missed days at camp, except for medical reasons. Transfers are not permitted between PRD Pods or Camp Programs. Campers must attend the entire three week session.

Program Availability & Lottery Registration:

PRD feels a lottery system is the most equitable way to provide care for as many families as possible. Each individual school site will hold a lottery for the Extended Day and Partial Day programs. Camp Smart Start Minimates (for TK only) will have its own lottery drawing.

Due to COVID-19, our program requires stable groups (pods) of no more than 12 children, thus significantly limiting the number of registration spaces available, based upon available staff. While we are hiring as many qualified staff as possible, as quickly as possible, we will be unlikely to meet the demand for this program. Additionally, City of Piedmont employees receive priority registration. PRD has also coordinated with the PUSD to provide PUSD staff with priority registration for this program.

Please note, per Alameda County Public Health Department Guidance for Camps and Youth Extracurricular Programs, and Alameda County Health Officer Shelter in Place (SIP) Order, childcare and camps are permitted for ALL children, not just children of essential workers.

Because space is so limited, before registering for a Camp Smart Start lottery please consider carefully what your childcare needs are this fall, as these programs are intended to support those families that have few, limited childcare options. While everyone needs support during this unprecedented crisis, please assess your family's situation and balance your childcare "wants" vs. "needs."

Lottery Information:

Lottery registration opens to all Piedmont residents **beginning Friday, August 7th at 12:00 pm (Noon) and closes on Tuesday, August 11th at 12:00 pm (Noon)**. Lottery registrations received after 12:00 pm (Noon) on Wednesday, August 12th will be eligible for the Session 2

Lottery. If you are not interested in entering the lottery for Session 1, simply submit your lottery registration after the closing date/time on August 11th.

The lottery selections will be drawn on **Tuesday, August 11th** and Parents will be notified if they were selected or not on **Wednesday, August 12th**.

Lottery Rules:

- Please register **only** for a lottery at your child's assigned school*
- You may register for both the Extended Day (8:15 am–5:15 pm) and Partial Day (8:15 am–3:00 pm) lotteries for your school
- Once selected from a lottery, your child(ren) will be withdrawn from any other lotteries
- Once selected from a lottery, your child(ren) may not change Camp Smart Start programs.
NO TRANSFERS OR CHANGES
- Siblings will be drawn together
- Families will be notified whether they have been selected in the lottery or not, on Wednesday, August 12th

*TK parents please only register for the Camp Smart Start Minimates lottery at Havens.

Each new session of Camp Smart Start will be filled via a lottery. We will continue to add pods as additional staff are hired and trained. Families that are not selected in the first lottery will remain in the lottery for subsequent sessions.

How to Register for a Camp Smart Start Lottery:

Lottery registration opens on Friday, August 7th at 12:00 pm (Noon) and closes on Tuesday, August 11th at 12:00 pm (Noon).

For Returning Schoolmates Families:

1. Login to your <https://connect.schoolcareworks.com/login.jsp>
2. Click the "Registration" Tile
3. Register for a Camp Smart Start program lottery at your child's school

For NEW PUSD Families or Families without a Schoolcareworks Account:

1. Visit: https://www.schoolcareworks.com/registration/piedmont/start_registration.jsp
2. Find the Camp Smart Start program that you need and click "Enroll"
3. Complete the required registration fields with your child's information and click "add to cart"
 - a. If you have additional children click, "add new student" otherwise proceed to step 4
4. Under "Connect Portal Account Creation" create your User ID and password. Save your User ID and password, you will use these to login to your SchoolCareWorks Family Portal going forward. Click "Continue".
5. Answer the two Confirmation Questions.
6. Click "complete registration"
7. Next Log into the Family Portal using the user id and password you just set up.
8. Select the AutoPay tile and follow the instructions to enter and save your payment information.
9. All families are required to have a credit card on file for electronic billing. Your child will not be entered into the lottery if payment has not been entered in Auto Pay. Your credit card will not be charged if your child is not selected in a lottery.
10. You are now registered for the Camp Smart Start lottery you selected in step 2.

To Register for an Additional Camp Smart Start Program Lottery:

1. Visit <https://connect.schoolcareworks.com/login.jsp>

2. Enter your User ID and password and complete the registration process for returning Schoolmates families (above)

For technical assistance please call (510) 420-3070 or email jstearns@piedmont.ca.gov (Monday–Friday).

Additional Questions:

While details for Camp Smart Start are still being finalized, for any additional questions please contact:

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