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Adventure Guides at the YMCA of Orange County

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The purpose of Adventure Guides is to strengthen the foundations of family by allowing for quality time to be spent between children and their parents. The program events and curriculum are geared toward youth 5-12 years of age. Throughout the program families will engage in activities that promote nature, family, fun and community.

Staff & Volunteers

The program is run by a Y Adventure Guides Director and supported by volunteer leaders. The Director is responsible for the administrative end of the program; tasks such as handling registration, payments, booking events, training volunteers, etc. Volunteer leaders (i.e. Expedition Navigator, Circle Navigator) are responsible for carrying out the program traditions and logistics at meetings and events.

Parent Responsibility

Parents who participate in the Adventure Guides program must uphold the aims of the program. Adults must place in high regard their responsibility as a parent and as a role model for all youth in the program. Additionally, parents must be respectful of all rules and regulations set forth for facilities (i.e. campsites, event centers) used by our program, and abide by all laws.

Behavior Management

Parents are responsible for their own child (ren) at all meetings and events. Parents must be actively supervising their children at all times and manage their behavior. If a child or parent is unable to interact in a safe and friendly manner with others, the YMCA reserves the right to remove them from the program.

Locations & Transportation

The YMCA arranges venues for monthly Expedition events. Transportation to these locations may or may not be included in the fee. Some locations (i.e. baseball stadiums, parks) may require a parking fee not included in the Y event fee. Additionally, things like food may or may not be included see event flyers for details. Volunteer Circle Leaders are responsible for arranging monthly Circle Meetings. If a family opens their home up for a Circle Meeting they assume the liability for having people over to their home. For that reason the Y suggests using parks, restaurants, schools, etc. for meetings instead. Some Y locations also have space available.

Alcohol

Parents who participate in the program must agree to not bring or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs at any YMCA sponsored event. This policy is in place so the focus remains on children and we stay in good standing with rented facilities. If a parent is found in violation of this policy, they may be asked to leave the event immediately and may be removed from the program.

Registration & Fees

The program year runs September-August. Most groups hold meetings and events September-June, but some do continue into the summer months. Registration should be done online, prior to attending a Circle meeting or event. Program registration is non-refundable, non-transferable and not prorated. Event fees are an additional charge. Some events have a clearly stated no refund policy and/or late fees. In all other situations the YMCA requires to be notified within 7 days before the start of the event to process a refund, refunds requests after this time may be partial or not approved.

Guests & Alumni

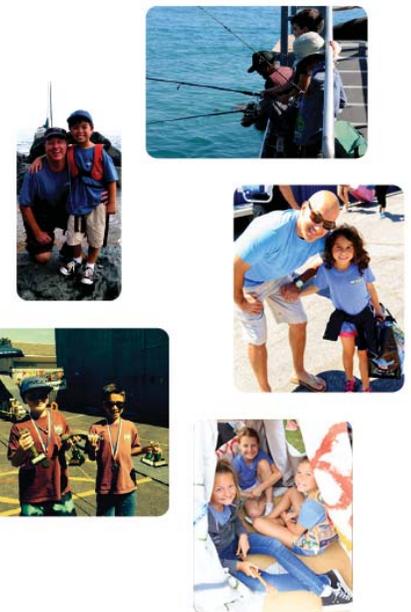
We encourage members to introduce friends to the program through use of an Adventure Pass. Families are only eligible to use an Adventure Pass once, must pay applicable event fees, and parents must attend. Alumni are able to attend 1 event per year. Alumni are considered families who have graduated out of the program after 4th grade. Registration priority is always given to current enrollees, so spaces may be limited.

Health

Adventure Guides activities include a variety of activities of risk (i.e. rock climbing, canoeing, overnight camping). The responsibility is on the parent to ensure that they and their child (ren) are in satisfactory health and capable of safe participation in the program.

Reporting

Y staff and volunteers are mandated reporters of child abuse. If there are any unusual incidents or injuries at an event it should be reported as soon as practically possible to the Adventure Guides Director or Executive Director.



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