

WELCOME TO ROYANEH FAMILY CAMP 2024

Family camp is starting soon, and we are looking forward to having you join us at Camp Royaneh from August 30 to September 2. Please take the time to Prepare for the weekend by reading this email.

Attached to this email, you will find:

- Directions to camp
- Medical Form

Health and Safety

To help our camp staff and campers remain healthy, if you or a family member are feeling unwell, please email cubdaycamp@comcast.net to let us know you are not attending.

Because this is an overnight camp, we ask everyone to fill out a health form before camp. This will greatly expedite your check in process. This is the standard health form (parts A and B); part C is not required. You will be instructed at check-in how to handle your health forms at camp.

Arriving to Camp

As you enter the camp, please **obey all posted speed limits**. The camp road is rough – take your time. Drive to the parade field (main flag poles) and back-in at the log, then walk up to the camp office to register. This is where you are assigned your campsite. **DO NOT** walk/drive directly to a campsite. Locations may be already booked for another family/group. If so, you may be asked to move. For safety, everyone will be provided with a wristband. This will also provide you with access to meals if your family is on the camp Dining Hall meal plan. When parking, always park facing out. This is for everyone's safety, so no one will need to "back out" in case of emergency. Remember to keep all fire lanes clear. Please do not park in front of the Royaneh Thunderbird sign at any time.

Once receiving your campsite location only **one** car at a time near your campsite to drop off your gear. **NO DRIVING INTO CAMPSITES!** When unloading, please take your camping gear out of the car and pile it in your campsite, then move your car down to the lower parking area for the rest of the weekend. Unloading should be done quickly (10 minutes) to allow another family to bring up their gear. This unloading time is not for setting up your campsite, only for unloading the car. Please take everything out of your car you will need for

the weekend. You will not be allowed to move your car back and forth between parking and meals.

If you are cooking your own food for the weekend, do not leave your ice chest in the car. Please take it to your campsite. As long as you secure it at night, you should not have a problem with critters.

Reminder: Campsite access by car is a privilege, not a right. Other events require campers to physically carry gear to their campsite. Please do not ruin this opportunity to drop off your gear for other campers. Follow the brief unloading guidelines, then move your car down to the lower parking area.

Once your gear is unloaded, please drive to the lower parking area and leave your car there for the weekend. Cars may not be driven through camp during the weekend.

Check-In/Check Out

Camp check-in will begin at **3:00 pm** on Friday afternoon.

Please do not arrive early; the camp gate will be closed.

Please check out with the camp office any time before leaving camp, even to run to town for marshmallows. If you wish to leave camp to go canoeing or other off-site activities, you are welcome to do so. But it is vital that you check out/check-in at the camp office as you leave and enter camp. This is a standard camp protocol for both Staff/Campers and Visitors. Please help us keep everyone safe. There is a clipboard outside the office for this purpose.

Schedule

Unlike some other events, you may have attended at Camp Royaneh. This weekend's schedule is much less structured and more relaxed. Activities are open after breakfast and lunch, and you may participate in them as you wish. Or you may stay at your campsite and enjoy nature. Activities at camp includes, but are not limited to: Shooting Sports (age restrictions), Archery, crafts, wood crafts, self-lead hikes, T-shirt design, board games in the dining hall, and outdoor activities on the parade field. Additional activities may be posted as well. While some activities are free, several activities will charge between \$2 - \$10 to cover the cost of supplies. Keep this in mind when planning for the weekend.

Royaneh Family Camp will continue our tradition of a Saturday Night Ice Cream Social. This activity is free for the whole camp. This will include ice cream, toppings, along with chips, salsa and nachos. There will be a dairy-free option for “Ice Cream” as well. Additionally, there are board games for your families to enjoy at the Dining hall. We do ask that you clean up and put the games back when you are done using them. Please wash hands or use sanitizers before and after using/playing games and wipe down games before moving to a new activity.

At the end of this letter is a description of the weekend schedule. Know that these times are NOT exact. This is just to provide a basic guide for the weekend. You will receive an exact schedule onsite at camp.

Sleeping Locations

For this weekend’s family camp, only canvas tents or personal tent sites are open. Cabin sites are not available, so please pack accordingly. Each canvas tent will comfortably hold two people, so if you are coming as a family of four, you will receive two canvas tents.

Meals

Meals are served cafeteria style/buffet style. Once your family has completed their meal, please bring your dishes to the dishwashing window, then pick up a “red table cleaning bucket” to clean your own table. As needed, please sweep debris from under tables.

Dining service begins with Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Dining Hall Food Plan

******* Special dietary needs*******

If you have special dietary needs (Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Nut, etc.), please email us by Tuesday, August 27. The kitchen crew is pretty good at handling special food needs if they know ahead of time. Be aware we do not have separate kitchens for specific allergies. If you have complicated needs, please be prepared to bring your own food. Campers do not have access to the camp kitchen for cooking, but there is a microwave oven in the dining hall for camper use.

Food Storage

You may store food in your campsites if you have a cooler or plastic box with a tight-fitting lid. If you wish to store shelf-stable food in the dining hall, we offer a self-service option. There is a designated shelf along with numbered clips. Please take a “paired set of numbered clips.” Please place one number on your bag (or milkcrate), and the matching number you keep to designate your items. This storage option is on the honor system.

Refrigerated options can be stored in an ice chest at your site or in the kitchen using a similar tag system. Please do not be “helpful” and help yourself to items in the fridge. Walking into the kitchen is dangerous for you and the kitchen staff. The kitchen is a busy, hazardous place with lots of sharp objects, hot items, and people moving quickly.

Morning Flags

Morning flags are very informal. If your family or scout wishes to raise colors for the camp (especially for rank), please come into the camp office to sign up, and we will be happy to put your family on the schedule. The options are Saturday(AM/PM), Sunday (AM/PM), or Monday Morning.

Camp Check Out

You should be packed up and ready to leave camp by 11:00 a.m.

All Program areas are closed on Monday!

Camp Site Clean-up/Pack Up

As your family is rolling up sleeping bags and packing other gear, please look around your site (including under tent platforms) for trash, gear, as well as escaping socks. Once the gear is packed, place it near the road for quick loading. Remember, other families need to load their gear, too.

Camp Check-Out

Similar to last year, camp is using a rolling check-out. This makes the feedback forms on the back of your parking cards even more important. Please share your feedback and new ideas; this is how camp can grow. Then, when your family is in their car and buckled in, drive out to the camp road, where the check-out team will collect your parking card/feedback form.

We look forward to seeing everyone at camp.

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