

Important Notes on Camp

A Typical Day at Family Camp:

You will receive the full schedule of activities, workshops, and your housing assignment upon your arrival at camp. Here is a sample schedule of a typical day at family camp to help you plan for your trip:

7:30am	Optional adult activities including hikes and yoga (childcare provided)
8:00-9:00am	Buffet Breakfast (i.e. eggs, English muffins, oatmeal, yogurt, dry cereal, fruit, juice)
9:15am	Morning meet up and songs
9:30am-12:15pm	Children (including infants) spend the morning with counselors and day groups while adults choose from activities like: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ropes Course• Hike to Lower Falls• Specialized Workshops (i.e. communication skills, parenting, Judaism, nature, etc.)
12:15pm	Children and parents reunite
12:30pm	Lunch (i.e. BBQ chicken, burgers and veggie burgers, salad and watermelon)
1:30-2:30pm	Family Rest Hour
2:30-5:30pm	Family Floats (all camp activity areas are open for family activity time, including swimming, boating, arts and crafts, ropes course, archery, and more)
5:30pm	Dinner (i.e. lasagna, plain noodles for kids, carrot sticks and chocolate chip cookies)
6:45pm	Song Session
7:30pm	Campfire
8:15-9:00pm	Family time, including snack for kids, story time, and getting kids ready for bed
8:45pm	Camp staff on "Shmira" (night watch) until 10:45pm
9:30pm	Adult evening program including cruise-style snacks and adult workshops

A Note About Housing

- We typically assign **two or three families to each cabin** and try to house families with like-aged children together.
- Boys and girls **seven and older** can choose to be bunked in cabins separately from their parents, so these children need their own suitcases or duffel bags. If your child prefers to stay in your cabin, please let us know in the online forms.
- Children under seven will be staying with their parents, and do not need their own luggage.
- Parents who do not have children staying with them will sometimes be housed together.

Location, Location, Location:

- Camp Tawonga is situated on 160 acres in the Stanislaus National Forest.
- **Buildings are spread out**, and it can be a short walk from sleeping cabins to the bathhouse, dining hall, and other program areas.
- **We recommend bringing sturdy walking shoes and a daypack** for carrying a water bottle, sweatshirt, and other necessities. There is very little lighting throughout our grounds (in order to maintain our rustic feel) and few cabins have electric power. Thus, camp is dark at night. *Please bring a flashlight for each member of your family, as well as a battery operated lantern for your cabin.*

Climate, Clothing, and Bedding:

- **The weather at camp** can vary from cool and wet, to hot and dry; *please be prepared for both.*
- **To check weather online**, search for zip code 95321 or "Groveland, CA."
- **Please bring clothes you can layer** to take you from cold mornings through hot days back to cool evenings.
- **Camp does not provide bedding or linens.** For use in cabins, we recommend bringing a twin fitted sheet and sleeping bag or sheets and blankets, a pillow and pillowcase. If you plan to bring sleeping bags, you may also want a top sheet for warmer nights.
- **We recommend a sleeping bag rated for 20°F**; an indoor "sleepover" bag is not warm enough for camp.

For Those with Infants and Young Children:

- We recommend bringing a **portable crib** (such as a Pack and Play), a durable **stroller** for non-paved trails and roads, a **baby bjorn** or other similar item, a sassy seat, **high chair**, and other necessities for caring for infants away from home.
- Families have told us that other helpful items are footed pajamas or a thermal ski base layer, extra baby wipes, sippy cups, infant spoons, infant/child Advil or Tylenol, swim diapers and water wings, and a portable potty. Each child should have their own daypack and sunscreen.
- **Don't worry about toys**, we have plenty of them.

Additional Information:

- **There is no need to bring food**, as we'll feed you around the clock!
- **Food is not allowed in cabins** because it can attract bears or other uninvited pests. If there are a couple food items that you or child cannot be without, we will provide kitchen space for those items.
- Milk and soymilk are available all day for bottles; Peet's coffee is available all day for adults.
- **Please leave pets at home**, as pets are not allowed in camp.

Camp Tawonga Weekend Program Packing List

Recommended Checklist for EACH Person in Your Family:

- Twin sheet and/or queen sheet to cover mattress, plus optional top sheet
- Warm sleeping bag
- Pillow & pillow case
- 1 Towel (plus a 2nd one if you plan to go swimming)
- 3 pairs of socks & underwear
- 1 pair of long pants
- 2 pair of shorts
- 3 T-shirts
- 2 long sleeved shirt
- Warm (fleece) jacket, sweater or sweatshirt, and rain gear
- Sun hat and/or scarf
- 1 pair of sandals
- 1 pair comfortable shoes for walking about camp and for hiking
- Soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb or brush
- Sunscreen and insect repellent (we have plenty at camp as well)
- Flashlight and lantern with batteries
- Alarm clock (*battery or wind-up*)
- Canteen or water bottle for hiking (*one quart*)
- Day pack
- Bathing suit
- Additional items for young kids: footed pajamas or thermal ski base layer, baby wipes, swim diapers, water wings, sunscreen (1 per child), infant/child Advil or Tylenol, infant spoons and cups (if necessary)



Optional Items Checklist for EACH Person in Your Family:

- Picnic Blanket (1 per family)
- Fishing gear (trout in the river, bass in the lake)
- Sporting gear (i.e. softball mitt)
- White shirt to tie dye (if available)
- Costumes and props for the Family Talent Show
- Musical instruments (guitar, saxophone etc.)
- Book
- Camera
- Goggles for swimming pool
- Cash or checkbook for family photographer (\$25 for one family image - hi-res digital download with an unlimited use, or \$50 for all of the edited usable images taken in your 15 minute session)
- Cash for at-camp massage therapist (\$40/½ hour, \$80/hour + gratuity, cash only)