



## Youth Conservation Camp Parent Information

**Final/Full Payment** Payment must be received prior to camp. Payment of \$145/camper must be made before camp begins unless other arrangements have been agreed upon. If you requested a scholarship, the camp director will contact you on or before May 15th with the amount awarded.

If you paid the \$10 deposit on the registration software and would like to write a check for the remaining cost, please make it out to: **Rio Grande Watershed Conservation Education Initiative, Memo: Youth Conservation Camp 2025.**

Mail or in-person: 101 South Craft Dr. Alamosa, CO, 81101

All questions and concerns should be directed to **Hannah Thill**, camp director, by calling or emailing [hannah@rgwcei.org](mailto:hannah@rgwcei.org), 719-315-1214

**Check In and Pick Up** Please be aware of the camp check-in and pick-up times. All campers must be signed in and out of camp by a parent/guardian or other person specified by the parent/guardian.

### **Steward's Week (ages 11-13)**

**Camp Check-In: 8:00-9:00 AM Tuesday, June 3rd, 2024**

**Camp Pick Up: 5:00 PM Thursday, June 5th \*Awards and Family end-of-camp dinner  
6:00 PM Camper check out**

### **Sprout's Week (ages 8-10)**

**Camp Check-In: 8:00-9:00 AM Tuesday, June 10th**

**Camp Pick Up: 5:00 PM Thursday, June 12th \*\*Awards and Family end-of camp dinner  
6:00 PM Camper check out**

### **Directions:**

**Beaver Creek Youth Camp Address: 0885 County Road 20A, South Fork, CO 81154**

**\*be careful using google maps, it may route you incorrectly. Please review the written directions**

**(From the East)** Go west on Highway 160 through South Fork towards Pagosa Springs. Just outside of South Fork, there will be a green sign that says, "National Forest Access Beaver Creek Road," turn left and cross the creek. Follow Beaver Creek Road for 3 miles and you will come to a brown sign that says, "Beaver Creek Youth Camp" and points to the right. Take the road to the right that immediately follows it. Follow this road down the hill and up and around the curve to the left. There will be another brown sign that says, "Beaver Creek Youth Camp" to the left. Follow the road up the hill to the camp.

**Contacting Your Camper** In case of emergency, you may call **719.315.1214 (Hannah)**; or **719.873.5311 (camp phone)**, and a message will be given to your child. Campers are not permitted to make calls unless approved by staff. Cell phones are permitted but cannot be used without approval from staff. Cell phones will be kept in the custody of the camp director to avoid any problems. *Please allow your child at least 24 hours to adjust to camp life before you call, unless it's an emergency.*

**Homesickness** For many children, the first time away from their parent/guardian can be somewhat traumatic. Sometimes, it's harder on the parent than the camper! But, most children quickly adjust after a day. You can help us by letting us know of any unusual situations at home (death of a relative or pet, separation of parents, moving to a new home, etc.) Please be positive and DO NOT suggest that he or she can come home early if it does not get better. That may encourage them to not let it get better. Our staff will help your camper work through this transitional time. Most campers do adjust to camp life and have a wonderful time with old and new friends.

**Medical Care** A medical release and authorization form is on the online registration site. *Parents must fill out and sign the medical form every year, regardless of former camp attendance.*

- *A nurse will be on-site daily and a staff member with training in the appropriate level of first aid and CPR/AED will be on duty at all times when campers are present, in camp, and on out-of-camp trips.*
- *Campers should arrive ready to participate in the program. Should your camper be unable to participate, please inform the camp director as soon as possible.*

**Medication** If prescription or over-the-counter medication is brought to camp, it must be in its original container with directions for administration and MUST be checked in with the camp nurse upon registration.

**Food considerations.** Allergies and other dietary restrictions will be communicated to the camp cooks, and they will have alternatives available at every meal. In some cases we allow campers to bring their own "safe" snacks and food, which will be kept in the kitchen.

**Facilities and other policies:** We are grateful to be renters of Beaver Creek Christian Camp and adhere to their facility use policies. More information on their policies and procedures can be found at: <https://www.beavercreekexperience.org/Retreat.html>.

### **Packing Suggestions**

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| ✓ Any necessary medication(s)   | ✓ Sunscreen   |
| ✓ Proper outdoor attire (bring clothes that can get dirty, wet, and sticky!). Lightweight, breathable, and quick-dry clothing is best. <i>If your child likes jeans, please provide another type of clothing to change into in case they get wet, sweaty, or uncomfortable.</i> | ✓ Lip balm with SPF   |
| ✓ Sleeping bag and pillow   | ✓ Bug spray   |
| ✓ Shower items and toiletries   | ✓ Ballcap or hat  |
| ✓ Towel for showers   | ✓ Sneakers (an extra pair or two are suggested)                       |
| ✓ Shower shoes (flipflops)  | ✓ Clothes for warm and cool weather (please include a jacket and hat) |
|   | ✓ Rain jacket   |
|   | ✓ Flashlight  |

*\*If you do not have the above items or need help finding them, please contact the Director and we will gladly work with you to help your child be as prepared as possible.*

### **What NOT to Bring:**

- **Bare Midriff or strapless tops**
- **Attire with inappropriate/vulgar images or words**
- **Fireworks, knives, or weapons**
- **Candy or Other Food**
- **Expensive Electronic Devices**
- **Lighters or Matches**
- **Valuable Items**
- **\*Cell Phones** (these will remain in the custody of the camp director, to be used only for emergencies or with staff approval)

### **CODE OF CONDUCT (included in Registration)**

Any behavior deemed to be inappropriate by the adult leaders of camp will not be tolerated and may be cause for immediate dismissal from the camp without refund. There is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy at camp regarding bullying, including but not limited to physical, verbal, and emotional bullying.

Our goal is to provide a camp environment that is both enjoyable and educational. The staff will work diligently to ensure that you have an adventure that is fascinating, fun, and as safe as possible. We ask for your cooperation to achieve this goal!

1. **Respect others and the outdoor environment.**
2. If you become ill, injured, or have any other problem, inform your counselor or adult immediately.
3. No tablets, handheld gaming consoles, or other electronic devices are allowed unless the director gives express consent. Cell phones must be turned in to the camp director upon arrival at camp. There will be time and opportunity for campers to make calls home.
4. Inform the camp nurse of any regularly scheduled medications to be taken. All medication, either prescription or over-the-counter, must be held and administered by the camp nurse.
5. Boys and girls are not permitted in the cabin areas of the opposite gender.
6. Everyone is expected to attend and should be timely for all activities and meals.
7. No fireworks, firearms, ammunition, or knives will be allowed.
8. No food or snacks are to be kept in cabin areas (wildlife is a concern). \*Snacks will be provided.
9. Staff/counselors are dedicated to camper safety - campers are required to follow their guidance.
10. Campers shall conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, and exhibit good sportsmanship.