



FAMILY HANDBOOK SUMMER 2024

Camp Dates: Monday, June 10 – Friday, August 16

Aloha Beach Camp

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Dear Parents:

This Handbook answers the most frequently asked questions about Aloha Beach Camp and provides vital information you need to ensure a safe, happy, and successful summer. Please review this Handbook with your child(ren) so your family knows what to expect this summer. Of course, you're always welcome to contact us with any questions or concerns by calling us at (818) 932-4600 or emailing us at info@AlohaBeachCamp.com.

We are always available to discuss any questions or concerns you might have. To maintain happy campers and parents, it is imperative you notify the camp office immediately should any problems arise during the summer. We are in the field most of the day, so unless your call is urgent, we may not be able to return your call until late afternoon or evening, but we'll get right back to you ... you can count on that!

Thank you for choosing Aloha Beach Camp! We're looking forward to a safe, fun, and rewarding summer experience with your child. Here's to a great summer!

Best personal regards,

Eric and Teri Naftulin

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Executive Directors

CAMP PROGRAMS

Aloha Beach Camp delivers aquatic-themed day camp experiences for kids and teens at L.A. and Ventura's best beaches and harbors.

Our campers spend most of their days at Zuma Beach in Malibu but will have the opportunity to visit various aquatic locations on a rotating basis including Channel Islands Harbor. Please view our website at www.AlohaBeachCamp.com for more information about our programs, activities, and program activity location sites.

With respect to Aloha Beach Camp's programs, activities, and locations, please note **these may change** from the preplanned schedule from time to time, and that Aloha Beach Camp reserves the right to make any such changes due to inclement weather, unavailability of equipment or personnel, to comply with COVID-19 guidelines and/or regulations, and/or for any other reason(s) at its discretion.

Should any changes become necessary, we will make every effort to tell you beforehand, but sometimes factors beyond our control necessitate implementing such changes immediately, which will make providing advance notice to you impossible. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions regarding our programs and activities, including the daily activity schedule(s) and program activity sites, please call (818) 932-4600.

PHILOSOPHY

Our goal at Aloha Beach Camp is to introduce campers ages 4 to 13 to safe, fun, and exciting aquatic activities in an outdoor group setting. Emphasis is placed on beach and ocean safety. Older campers (ages 11 and up) in Nalu participate in beach activities like surfing, boogie boarding, kayaking, and more. "Middle-aged" campers (ages 7-10) attend our Kahuna Camp where they enjoy all the same activities Nalu campers do, but in a slower-paced, more age-appropriate camp environment. Younger campers (ages 4-6) enjoy an introduction to the beach and ocean environment through camp activities like boogie boarding, ocean swimming lessons, group sand games, surfing lessons, and more. Our Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Program for campers ages 13-16 aims to cultivate leadership skills including how to guide and mentor younger campers, facilitate activities, partake in team-building activities, and serve as positive role models.

Camp activities rotate from day to day and week to week. Some are familiar and some will be new. Since children are often hesitant to try new things, we hope you'll help us by encouraging your child to participate at camp. While we will never make anyone do anything they don't want to do, we *will* attempt to encourage, assist, teach, and be supportive. We want your camper to learn, grow, and enjoy our program at his or her own pace.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Ensuring a successful camp experience takes a cooperative effort between our staff and your family. To ensure a smoothly run summer, we employ certain rules of decorum we expect every child to abide by. Should a problem arise that requires attention, we will contact you immediately to help us resolve it. Meanwhile, a simple review of the following rules and regulations with your child should help keep camp safe and happy for all:

Prior to Camp:

1. All campers and their parents are required to sign a "[Day Camp Code of Conduct](#)" demonstrating their commitment to, and understanding of, all camp rules and regulations.

While Camp's in Session:

1. All campers must stay with their group.
2. All campers must follow instructions from counselors, directors, lifeguards, specialists, and other persons in positions of authority.
3. All campers must have a counselor present when using public restrooms.
4. All campers must use polite, encouraging words when speaking with others.
5. All campers must follow safety rules when riding in camp vehicles.
6. Nalu and Kahuna campers may purchase food, drinks, or other items **only** when/where it's convenient to do so, and **only** when accompanied by someone from our staff.
7. Keiki campers should not bring money to camp or purchase food, drinks, or other items unless given permission beforehand.
8. We advise against campers bringing cell phones, digital cameras, radios, pagers, personal gaming systems, or other valuables to camp that may be lost, damaged or stolen.

9. While we understand that parents may want their camper to bring their phone with them for emergencies, we will ask campers to keep all cell phones in their bags while at camp. Cell phone usage will be restricted to transportation and emergency purposes only.
10. Bringing guns, knives, or other dangerous weapons to camp shall be cause for dismissal & potential legal action.
11. Bringing or using alcohol, drugs, or illegal narcotics to/at camp shall be cause for dismissal & potential legal action.

CAMP LOCATIONS

Aloha Beach Camp operates four age-specific day camp programs including Keiki Camp for kids ages 4 to 6, Kahuna Camp for kids ages 7 to 10, Nalu for campers ages 11 to 12, and a CIT Program for campers ages 13+.

KEIKI CAMP DAY CAMP PROGRAM

Keiki Camp is located primarily at Lifeguard Tower 7 at Zuma Beach. The address is 30100 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA, 90265. The major cross streets are PCH and Morningview Drive.

KAHUNA AND NALU DAY CAMP PROGRAMS

The main program address for the Kahuna and Nalu Camp program is: Zuma Beach, Lifeguard Tower 7, at 30100 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA, 90265 (major cross streets PCH and Morningview Drive). But Kahuna and Nalu kids visit other field trip locations, too. Please consult the Master Daily Activity Calendars at www.AlohaBeachCamp.com to see the day-to-day programming.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM

The CIT Program is conducted primarily at Lifeguard Tower 7 at Zuma Beach. The address is 30100 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA, 90265. The major cross streets are PCH and Morningview Drive.

PARENT VISITATION

All visitors must contact the camp director ahead of time before coming to camp, so we know when to expect you. We prefer all visitors to wait until after 10:30 AM before coming to camp so we have enough

time to conduct our morning bus arrival session and daily ocean safety events with limited traffic and distractions.

Particularly at the Keiki program, we understand parents, nannies, babysitters, and/or family members may want to stay at camp for extended periods. You are welcome to stay if necessary for your child to feel comfortable. However, after a certain period of time, we will respectfully ask you to leave. It is important to remember that camp is for the kids, thus we want your child to spend as much time as possible together with their counselor and group.

In addition, by limiting the time you spend at camp, you will be helping us minimize any jealousy or separation issues among those children who don't have the luxury of having their own parent(s) with them at camp. Thank you for understanding.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Camper health and safety is our first concern. Please read the following section carefully for important health information. As always, call us at (818) 932-4600 with any questions.

MEDICATION

If your child must take medication at camp, please send a note with clear instructions. The medicine must be in the original prescription container or labeled bottle. Aloha Beach Camp shall not be liable or responsible for notifying you if the prescription runs out.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Please make sure your child does not come to camp with a fever or other medical problem. **Should your child come into contact with any communicable disease during the summer, please tell us immediately.** Campers will have the option of wearing masks on the bus and at camp. Our staff is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment.

FIRST AID

Aloha Beach Camp Directors are Lifeguard, CPR, and First-Aid certified, and all counselors are CPR and First-Aid certified. If your child becomes ill or sustains an injury at camp requiring more than basic first aid, we will notify you at once. Injuries that require only basic first

aid, such as minor scrapes or bruises, will be treated and documented in writing by our staff.

SUNSCREEN POLICY

Parents/guardians should provide sunscreen for use during the day. Sunscreen sent to camp should be placed in a sealed plastic bag and labeled by name. Families are responsible for applying the first layer of sunscreen prior to morning drop-off and providing it for use during the camp day.

During the camp day, staff will take all reasonable and appropriate steps to help each child reapply sunscreen to exposed skin. Counselors will assist campers ages 4-6 in reapplying their sunscreen and will remind campers ages 7+ to do so throughout the day.

When necessary, a counselor will assist each child that may be unable to personally apply their own sunscreen. When a child needs such assistance, the counselor will apply sunscreen on only the exposed parts of the child's skin.

Staff members will never apply sunscreen to areas that are covered by clothing, swimsuits, or rash guards.

Camp strongly recommends that parents/guardians provide a UV-rated swim shirt and a hat for use throughout the day.

WHAT TO WEAR & BRING

In the interest of safety, we suggest all children wear an Aloha Beach Camp T-shirt or Rash Guard to camp every day. We also recommend sending your camper with a daypack or backpack. Campers should bring their own lunch. While there is a snack bar where lunch can be purchased, please note **snack bar lines can be extremely long, cutting into camp activity time (and the snack bar is not open every day)**. The camp provides all necessary toys, equipment, and activity program supplies including boogie boards and surfboards, so you don't need to send your own.

T-SHIRTS AND RASH GUARDS

All campers are advised to wear a **current** Aloha Beach Camp T-shirt or Rash Guard each day. One free (1) T-shirt and one (1) free Rash Guard comes free with your child's enrollment of 2 days or more. Your

child will receive their free T-shirt and Rash Guard on their first day of camp this year. If you want to order extra T-shirt(s) or Rash Guards, please complete the Camp Store Order Form or call the camp office at (818) 932-4600.

LUNCH AND SNACK

Campers should bring a lunch every day (except/unless they are given notice to the contrary ahead of time, such as on special field trip BBQ cookout days).

Please note we do not provide refrigeration equipment. That means it's best to pack non-perishable items. In addition, please note there may be times when the camp will provide lunch for everyone, but we will always give you notice ahead of time.

The camp will provide an afternoon snack each day for all campers. "Snack" consists of Goldfish crackers, pretzels and/or punch, juice, lemonade, or water. If your child has dietary restrictions, please let us know in advance.

ACTIVITY SUPPLIES

The camp provides all program activities, toys, and equipment so you don't need to send your own. For example, we have boogie boards, sand toys, surfboards, kayaks, and more for the kids. If your child is attached to their own boogie board, please feel free to send it. However, we do not have room on the bus for larger items such as individual surfboards, so please do not send those to camp.

DRINKING WATER

Aloha Beach Camp provides ice water every day for the kids. **We recommend sending a refillable bottle of water** so your child can refill their bottle when it's empty for the afternoon bus ride home.

PACKING LIST

In addition to an Aloha T-shirt or Rash Guard, we recommend your camper wears "flip-flops" or sandals to camp. Please also send the following items in your child's backpack:

- Sunscreen. The following are some links and recommendations for reef-safe options!
 - ◆ [Sun Bum Original SPF 70 Sunscreen Lotion | Vegan and Reef Friendly](#)
 - ◆ [BLUE LIZARD Sensitive Mineral Sunscreen](#)
 - ◆ [Reef Safe Sunscreen SPF 50 Mineral Face Stick](#)
 - ◆ [COOLA Organic Sunscreen SPF 50](#)
- Towel. The following are some links and recommendations for beach towels!
 - ◆ [Cloud Oversized Beach Towel](#)
 - ◆ [Mermaid Beach Towel](#)
 - ◆ [Microfiber Kids Beach Towels & Pouch](#)
- Hat
- Bathing Suit
- Extra shirt/dry clothes to change into
- Plastic bag to separate wet and dry clothes at end of day
- Refillable water bottle
- Optional: Sunglasses (optional as they can be lost easily)
- Lunch + Snacks

NAME TAGS/LABELS

Aloha Beach Camp shall not be liable or responsible for personal items brought to the camp. We highly suggest labeling anything you send to camp so that if it does end up in our lost and found, we can promptly return the items (*this is especially important for our younger campers*). Should you decide to use name labels, they are easiest to spot on the neckbands, waistbands, and corners of towels.

LOST AND FOUND

We make every attempt to find and return any lost items, but your child is ultimately responsible for their own belongings. If your child has lost and not found something, please tell us immediately as we regularly donate unclaimed items to charity.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

We advise against sending your child to camp with cameras, video games, cell phones, squirt guns, watches, toys, or any other items that might be lost, stolen, damaged or dangerous. Keiki campers should not bring money to camp unless instructed otherwise in advance.

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from camp, please call us by 7:45 AM at (818) 932-4600 to let us know.

TELEPHONE GUIDELINES – HOW TO REACH US

Summer office hours are 7:30 AM – 6 PM. Our phone number is (818) 932-4600. Please don't hesitate to call for any reason, but **please also remember our staff is out supervising most of the camp day. Calls will be returned at the first opportunity, generally in the afternoons and evenings between 5 and 8 pm.** When you call us, please indicate the best time to reach you and whether a return call is necessary.

TRANSPORTATION

Aloha Beach Camp provides daily morning and afternoon transportation in safety-equipped, fully insured, and mechanically-inspected certified school buses. In the interest of maintaining short rides and reliable schedules, we've arranged convenient meeting points. If you have not yet picked your meeting point, please contact us as soon as possible as transportation requests are subject to availability.

VEHICLES

Our vehicles are provided from many sources. Some are leased or rented, some are chartered, and some we own. All parties maintain strict quality control over their vehicles. Each bus is equipped with seatbelts, 2-way radios or cell phones, first aid equipment and fire extinguishers. Our buses meet state and federal construction standards for school buses which are considered by transportation experts to be among the safest vehicles for carrying kids.

DRIVERS

Our drivers may include our own camp staff and/or contracted professionals. Each driver is subject to ongoing drug testing and must pass a criminal background check. At least one Aloha Beach Camp counselor (in addition to the driver) also rides the bus for added safety and supervision. Please note your child's bus counselor may not be his or her camp counselor during the regular camp day.

DRIVER COMMUNICATION

Once camp starts and you have met your camper's bus counselor(s), please keep conversations with them to a minimum. A note to the Director or your child's counselor may be sent with the bus counselor. Please do not give any verbal messages to the transportation staff. If you ever need to contact your child or your child's bus counselor or anyone else at camp, **please call the camp office directly.**

***IMPORTANT:** please **do not** ask our staff for their cell phone numbers or attempt to call them personally, as **all correspondence must come through the camp office.** Similarly, if you have any questions, problems or concerns relating to business matters, please call the camp office at (818) 932-4600. We are happy to help any way we can.

DIGITAL CELL PHONES AND RADIOS

Every Aloha Beach Camp vehicle is equipped with 2-way radios or cell phones so that everyone is always in reach. Whenever you need to contact your child or anyone else at camp, please call the camp office. As stated above, **YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO CONTACT ALOHA BEACH CAMP STAFF MEMBERS ON THEIR CELL OR HOME PHONE NUMBERS.**

VEHICLE SAFETY

We do our best to minimize the time your camper spends on the bus or van, but sometimes extended travel time becomes unavoidable. Similarly, while we always try to make the bus ride pleasurable for the kids, we also have strict safety rules which are strongly enforced as follows:

1. Campers must stay seated with seatbelts fastened at all times.
2. Campers must keep all body parts inside the vehicle at all times.
3. Campers may talk in normal voices, but they must remember their manners and practice respectful behavior toward each other, their transportation staff, and passersby.
4. Campers may not eat or chew gum on the bus unless granted permission by the bus staff.

MEETING POINTS

In the interest of providing short rides and reliable schedules, we ask all families to meet the bus at central locations. If you have not yet arranged a meeting point, please call our office as all transportation requests are subject to availability.

After your child has been placed on a route, it may take some time to identify exact pick-up and drop-off times. Accordingly, you will receive information about your driver, route number, and approximate pick-up and drop-off times the week before your child is scheduled to start camp. Please arrive at the meeting point at least five (5) minutes before the estimated times since our staff is instructed to wait only two (2) minutes past the estimated times before continuing with their routes. We suggest setting your watch according to your bus counselor's watch to avoid any problems.

ADULT SUPERVISION AT THE MEETING POINTS

It is Aloha Beach Camp's policy never to leave a child unattended at a meeting point. If you would like your child to remain unaccompanied and/or unsupervised by an adult at his or her meeting point, please indicate this on your Enrollment Form or send us a signed note or email in advance. The camp shall not be liable or responsible for any campers left unattended at their meeting point(s).

LATE PICK-UP

Aloha Beach Camp is not staffed to care for campers after the PM route ends. If you think you will be late picking-up your camper, please call us immediately at (818) 932-4600 because you may still have time to meet the bus or van at a further stop. However, if you do not make it to the final afternoon stop in time, you must wait at your normal drop-off location until the driver can complete his/her route and return to you. As you can imagine, these delays create undue strain for both your camper and the bus staff. Accordingly, **a fee of \$25, paid directly to the transportation staff, will be charged for each 10-minute time block (including a 10-minute minimum) after your scheduled drop-off time.** To help ensure that each day ends on a wonderful note, PLEASE BE PROMPT!

BRINGING/PICKING-UP YOUR CHILD TO/FROM CAMP

We do not recommend driving your child to camp yourself. For one thing, we spend lots of time on the bus getting to know each other, playing games, and having fun. In addition, by taking advantage of our bus service, you will be helping Aloha Beach Camp reduce traffic in the beach parking lot while ensuring safe arrival and dismissal periods at camp.

If you insist on bringing your child to camp, please let us know at least 24 hours in advance. You will need to drop-off your child at camp between 9:30 and 9:45 AM and check-in with the camp director. It is preferable you only stay a few minutes to help us reduce traffic in the beach parking lot and ensure a safe morning arrival period at camp.

If you wish to pick-up your child from camp early, please call our office to make arrangements. You will need to pick up your child at 2:30 and no later than 2:45 PM. Please call ahead so you know exactly where to meet us. **When you arrive at camp, be prepared to show a photo ID and sign our attendance/sign-out log with your own pen.**

If anyone other than you has permission to pick-up your child, we require written authorization beforehand.

AUTHORIZATION TO PICK-UP CAMPERS

To ensure the safety of all campers, it is not possible for our staff to release a camper to any unauthorized person. If your camper is to be met by any person other than the parent or legal guardian, please indicate this on your camper's Enrollment Form or send us a signed note or email with the authorized person's name and phone number at least one week prior to your child's first day of camp.

We understand there may be unexpected circumstances that warrant your child being picked up by someone other than the previously authorized adult. Should this occur, please call our office at least 24 hours prior to the morning pick-up to inform us. Our transportation staff will ask for proper ID from the substitute person. For the safety of all campers, **this is a policy that is strongly enforced.**

BUS, VAN, AND ROUTE CHANGES

We strive to maintain short rides for campers and reliable schedules for parents. However, sometimes factors beyond our control – such as unpredictable traffic patterns, camper absences, and other unforeseen issues – can negatively influence our efforts. These situations are a typical part of camp life, so we hope you will be patient.

If there is one area where we cannot compromise, it is protecting the safety of your child. Accordingly, once scheduled, no changes to your meeting point or scheduled times are permitted.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Aloha Beach Camp has organized procedures in place for each type of foreseeable emergency to ensure the safety of the camp community.

First and foremost, at any time in any location, we will defer to the instructions of the local onsite authorities or agencies such as the LAPD, LAFD, Red Cross, Los Angeles County Lifeguards, Los Angeles County Sheriffs or Paradise Cove Lifeguards.

If an emergency that endangers the camp (i.e. fire or earthquake) arises, we will immediately and continuously update our camp voice mail system and post a special message on our Web site to keep you informed. In the event of an emergency, please call our main phone number at (818) 932-4600 or visit our Web site at <http://www.AlohaBeachCamp.com/emergency.html> for specific, up-to-the-minute information.

Should it become necessary to evacuate camp, campers will be taken to a pre-designated location depending on the day's activity location. Evacuation points include:

- Pepperdine University (Malibu)
- Malibu Bluffs Park/Malibu Little League Field (Malibu)
- Hughes Research Labs Parking Lot (Malibu)
- Malibu Creek State Park (Malibu)
- Salvation Army Camps (Tapia Park, Calabasas)
- College of the Canyons (Valencia, Santa Clarita, Castaic)
- Burton W. Chase Park (Marina del Rey)
- Santa Monica High School (Santa Monica)

In the event of an emergency, please **DO NOT** come to the campsite location to pick-up your camper(s), as this may hinder our evacuation process and put you in danger. Instead, please listen to the camp voice mail or visit our Web site for directions on how and when to pick-up your camper(s). At the evacuation site(s), all campers will have access to food, water, and first aid supplies as needed.

We have never had to evacuate camp and hope we never will. But rest assured our staff is well-trained in the above procedures should we ever need to implement them.

ALOHA BEACH CAMP'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSIVITY & RESPECT

At Aloha Beach Camp, we believe in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where every individual is valued and respected. Our commitment is unwavering in establishing an environment that embraces and empowers everyone, irrespective of their race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, culture, socio-economic background, religious beliefs, abilities, or any other identity. We endeavor to nurture a culture defined by respect, understanding, and open dialogue, ensuring both campers and staff feel valued and understood.

Our philosophy is rooted in the understanding that diversity enriches our community and strengthens our bonds. We embrace the uniqueness of each individual and celebrate the differences that make us who we are.

Recognizing that achieving genuine equity and inclusion demands continual learning, reflection, and proactive steps, we are dedicated to ongoing personal and organizational growth. As part of our commitment to inclusivity:

- We expect all interactions to be conducted with kindness, empathy, and understanding. We encourage open dialogue and active listening, ensuring that everyone feels heard and valued.
- We recognize and honor the diverse backgrounds and traditions of our campers and staff. We strive to create an environment where everyone feels represented and respected.
- We are dedicated to promoting equality and justice for all individuals. We reject discrimination in any form.
- We provide ongoing training and resources to our staff to foster awareness and appreciation of individual differences. Through

- education, we empower our community to become advocates for inclusivity both within and beyond our camp.
- As role models for our campers, we understand the importance of setting a positive example. We demonstrate respect, empathy, and acceptance in all our actions, inspiring others to do the same.

Aloha Beach Camp seeks to create a safe and inclusive space where everyone can thrive, learn, and grow together.

If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please don't hesitate to call us at (818) 932-4600 or email us at info@alohabeachcamp.com.

Here's to a fantastic summer!

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