

Junior High Summer Institute

Parent Handbook

Welcome to the Junior High Summer Institute!

Community Education developed the summer institute program expecting every child to thrive in a safe environment. To foster such an atmosphere, there are a number of checks and balances in place to ensure a safe and positive experience for every student.

- Community Education will provide curriculum, qualified staff, leadership, and an overall safe environment for every student.
- Parents must read through this handbook with their student and agree to the content.
- Students will be expected to follow the rules, have fun, and ultimately, thrive!

FEES AND PAYMENTS

- Payments must be made in full at time of registration. At this time we do not offer a payment plan.
- Additional weeks may be added based upon availability and must be paid in full.
- Limited scholarships are available with deadline dates. Scholarship information can be found on the JSI website at www.canyons.edu/juniorhigh.



REFUND POLICY

- All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to the Community Education (CE) office.
- A refund will be given when the written request is received by the CE office at least 10 working days prior to the start day of the week enrolled.
- All refunds will be assessed a \$12.00 service fee. No refunds will be issued after this time.
- A refund will not be issued for days missed in a week or session, and make up days are not available.
- Any refund fees may take up to six weeks after notification is received to be processed.

SUMMER INSTITUTE LOCATION AND HOURS

The Junior High Summer Institute (JSI) will be held at the College of the Canyons Valencia campus at 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road.

- Students may be checked in between 8:00 AM – 8:45 AM to remain with an intern until the first class begins.
- First class begins at 9:00 AM
- Last class ends at 3:30 PM
- Extended Care: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM



DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Drop-Off – Class begins PROMPTLY at 9:00 a.m.

For your convenience, we have arranged for parents to drop their student off at the circular driveway located on College Circle Drive off of Rockwell Canyon Road (excluding the Castaic Recreation Track).

All students must arrive by 8:45. Students may be dropped off between 8:00 am and 8:45 am to be received by JSI staff. Students arriving during this time will be escorted to an area where they may participate in a team building activity or relax and visit with friends until they are escorted to their first class.

Pick-Up – Classes end PROMPTLY at 3:30 p.m.

JSI staff will escort your student to the circular driveway on College Circle Drive at 3:30 PM or 5:30 PM if extended care has been paid. If your child is not preregistered for extended care, you must pick up your child at 3:30 PM.

JSI staff will remain with your child until an authorized person arrives for pick-up. Late pick up fees will apply after 3:45 PM.

Parents wishing to pick up their child any time during the day may contact the JSI Supervisor directly to make arrangements for pick up.

Castaic Recreation Track

Students registered in the Castaic Recreation Track must be dropped off and picked up AT Castaic Lake; transportation from COC to Castaic is not available. Extended care is not available for the Castaic Recreation Track.

Driving Directions:

Traveling north on I-5 freeway exit at Lake Hughes Road (4 miles past Magic Mountain) and turn right. Turn left on Ridge Route, turn right on Castaic Lake Drive and turn right at park entrance. Stop at the parking attendant booth and give your child's name - you will NOT be charged to park. Turn right at the “T” intersection and park in lot #1.

Drop Off: Students must be dropped off between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM. JSI staff will be there to receive your child and escort them to their first activity.

Pick up: Pick up your child promptly at 3:30 PM. JSI staff will stay with your child until an authorized adult arrives. Late pick up fees will apply after 3:45 PM. There will be no extended care provided at this site.

SIGN-IN AND OUT

Whenever you drop-off or pick-up your child, you **must** go into the site and sign in your child in/out on the roll sheet. The staff uses the roll sheets to determine the children that are at any site at any given time. **We cannot be responsible for your child unless he/she is signed in and out.** A full signature is required.

Sign-in and sign-out sheets will be available at the drop off and pick up locations.

AUTHORIZATION TO DROP/PICK UP CHILD

Only people whom you have authorized on the Contact Information Form, may pick up and/or drop-off your child. This is for your child's protection. Anyone without proper authorization will not be allowed to pick up a child. If custodial restraints are in effect, you will need to provide (CE) with a copy of the court order; otherwise children will be released to the natural parent. **If you wish to add an additional person to the authorized pick up list you must do so in person by submitting it in writing to the CE Office. No faxes, e-mails, or authorization by telephone will be accepted.**

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Supervisor:	Stacey Stern	661.755.4079 (cell)
Director:	Gina M. Bogna	661.362.3692
Coordinator:	Britt Anderson	661.362.3300
Dean:	Audrey Green	661.362.3294
Community Education Office		661.362.3300
COC Valencia Campus		661.259.7800

LATE PICK-UP CHARGES

There is a \$15 charge for each 15-minute increment, or portion thereof, that you are late in picking up your child. The late charge is due payable (by check or cash) at the site the day in which you are late. If you are continually late in picking up your child, a conference will be held and suspension is possible until arrangements can be made to ensure that your child is picked up on time. No refund will be issued if it is necessary to suspend your child due to late pickups.

LUNCHESES All students must bring a lunch everyday and are required to carry it with them in their backpack throughout the day. Lunches should not include perishable foods.



Beverage machines are available for \$1.50 on the Valencia Campus.

A Bar-B-Q or pizza lunch is available on the last day of each week (6/19, 6/26, 7/2, 7/10, 7/17, and 7/24). Send \$8 **with your student, or bring a sack lunch.**

SNACK Students are encouraged to bring a snack in their lunch. A break will be given at 10:45 AM where bottled water will be provided.

UNHEALTHFUL AIR QUALITY/EXTREME HEAT: JSI staff reserves the right to use their best judgment on days with poor air quality or extreme heat. During this time, students may be brought inside to enjoy indoor activities.

FEVER: If your child has a fever or other signs of illness such as vomiting, or chronic coughing, he/she cannot attend. If your child develops a fever or other visible signs of illness you will be called to pick up your child.



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE: (i.e. chicken pox, measles) Please let us know if your child contracts a communicable disease so that we may inform other parents. Your child may come back when cleared by doctor. For chicken pox all spots must be dry.

MEDICATION:

No medication (prescription or nonprescription) may be taken at the Junior High Summer Institute unless written instructions from your child's doctor are on file in the CE office and parent/guardian grants permission in writing for their child to take such medication during the hours of the summer institute.



INJURIES: If your child is injured, the Dean or Director will take whatever steps are necessary to obtain medical care if warranted.



IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR ACCIDENT:

1. We will attempt to contact the parent/guardian first, however if the accident is life threatening, 911 will be called first.
2. We will attempt to contact you through any person listed on your emergency information.
3. If we cannot contact you, we will do any or all of the following:
 - a) Call an ambulance
 - b) Call a paramedic

LOST AND FOUND

All items placed in the Lost and Found will be kept on site for ONE WEEK after each session. After this time, all items in the Lost and Found will be taken to a non-profit organization. To help prevent loss, please make sure that all of your child's belongings are labeled with his/her name. **Please Note:** We are not responsible for any lost or stolen items brought to campus, including electronic devices.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

- In order to provide a meaningful experience for all students, we require that all students have self-discipline and follow instructions.
- Discipline plays an important role in helping older adolescent children develop socially, emotionally, and physically, and is also vital for his/her safety. Therefore, students are expected to follow the rules below at all times.
- If behavioral problems persist, parents will be contacted to discuss the situation. If a child's behavior is unsafe or harmful to themselves or others, parents will be notified to pick up their child. Recurrent behavioral problems may result in permanent suspension from the program **without a refund.**

RULES:

1. Be safe
2. Listen to the counselors/instructors
3. Use appropriate language
4. Be respectful
5. Check in with counselors at designated times.
6. Stay with the group
7. Leave electronic devices such as games and iPods at home.



DRESS GUIDELINES:

Students should be attired appropriately and safely.

Appropriate Attire:

1. Junior High Summer Institute t-shirt must be worn each day of attendance.
2. Jeans, cords, denims, slacks, skirts, and shorts at fingertip length.
3. Closed toed shoes are mandatory on the Valencia campus.

Inappropriate Attire:

1. No clothing with inappropriate language or advertisements of any reference to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or gangs
2. No bare midriffs

Discipline helps ensure that your child has a positive experience. Please be sure to go over the rules with your student. In the event that these rules are broken, the following procedures will be carried out.

VERBAL WARNING:

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1. Student is given a verbal warning.
2. Student is given a verbal warning and parent is called.
3. Student is isolated **and** parents are called to come and pick up child.

EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC MISBEHAVIOR INCLUDE:

1. Harassment of other children (including hitting, name calling, etc.)
2. Disrespect shown to staff members
3. Unfair play and abuse of equipment
4. Not following directions and rules
5. Use of profanity

