



Thank you for choosing Abiding Hope summer explorers! We are gearing up and making plans for camp which starts Monday June 5th and runs through Friday August 4th. **We are closed on Monday June 19th in observation of Juneteenth Day as well as Tuesday July 4th.**

After much deliberation, we have decided to approach water days differently this summer. Instead of having our water slides and pools on water days, we are going simple with sprinklers and sensory bins. We have discovered that the children grow tired of the water slides and pools even when we decreased water days from five to two days. We have also determined that the children would rather get messy with the water, which is hard to do with a water slide. Therefore, this summer, we will have several different sensory bins with "stuff" (mud, sand, rocks, grass, shaving cream etc) for them to explore and play in.

Our water days will still be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays therefore we recommend sending your child in their swimsuit on these days. Please note, some children do not prefer to wear a swimsuit and that's ok. If your child prefers to wear their regular clothes while playing with water and getting messy, that's fine. We ask that you send them in old clothing and send a change of clothes for after their water play.

Here are a few housekeeping items:

- Apply sunscreen to your child before camp. Sunscreen will be available at drop off. We will reapply throughout the day.
- Send a change of clothes including socks and underwear as well as a towel.
- Children should wear comfortable clothes + shoes that can get wet and messy.
- Bring a labeled water bottle daily. Children are outside most of the day.
- Lunch must be peanut/nut free.*
- Guppies, Seahorses, Turtles and Seals need to bring a crib sheet and blanket for rest/nap.
- Please label all of your child's belongings.
- Children that have allergies or need medication must have a health plan that is signed by the doctor. Any medication needs to come in the original container and be at camp by the first day your child attends. The physician must sign all forms before the child can attend camp. We have a school nurse who visits and she will be checking all health plans, medical paperwork, and meds. You can have your doctor fax paperwork (health plans, medical statement, and immunization) to 303.972.0424.
- Dolphins will participate on walking field trips throughout the summer therefore they need a walking field trip permission filled out by the first day of camp.

**Many children have food allergies related to peanuts/nuts and by-products of peanuts/nuts. Please avoid these items to ensure the safety of all of our children. Also, check ingredients for traces of peanuts and nuts and/or processed in a facility with nuts. If your child eats peanut butter sandwiches, please use soy or sunflower butter and label the item as such. If you would like lunch ideas, please ask! If a child brings a food that is in question, we will substitute a nut free food. If your child has severe food allergies, your child will need to bring his/her own snack.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions please call school office 303-932-9160 X2 or send an email to janice@abidinghope.org