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CAMP DESTINY

A weekly outdoor camp for youth ages 5-18



2021 CAMP DESTINY INFORMATION PACKET

Dear families,

Welcome to Camp Destiny! We are so excited to embark on a summer of fun and reconnection. As usual, this summer's staff features some of the Bay Area's most talented and experienced teaching artists and educators who are ready to move and connect with our campers. Please read through the entire packet as it contains important information about what to bring and what to expect at Camp Destiny, including updated health and safety protocols. If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Destiny program team at (510) 597-1619 or email shanna@destinyarts.org.

See you this summer!

Shanna Bowie and Bryan Massengale

Camp Destiny Program Team

ABOUT CAMP Destiny

Camp Destiny is a program of Destiny Arts Center, a community arts center that has provided high-quality, low-cost movement arts programs to youth ages 3-18 since 1988. Youth at Camp Destiny engage in Destiny's core practices of hip hop dance, martial arts, mindfulness, and performance, as well as visual arts and outdoor play. Campers build community through Destiny Arts Center's Warriors Code principles of love, care, respect, responsibility, honor, and peace.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP:

MASK

All staff and students must wear face coverings at all times unless drinking or eating. Valved masks and goiters are not allowed.

WATER BOTTLE

We will be outdoors and it's important to stay hydrated. Please make sure you bring a bottle of water or a bottle to refill.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Bring a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and collaborate with the other students at Camp Destiny!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME:

- **Jeans, skirts, or any clothing that would constrict movement. No sandals or big jewelry either!**
- **Electronics including iPods, mp3 players, and video games**

SPACE

Because we will be in a public park, it is important that young people keep these spaces clean and in good use for others.

LOCATIONS

DIMOND PARK | 3860 Hanly Rd, Oakland, CA 94602

Enter the park from the Dimond Ave. entrance off of MacArthur Blvd.

DEFREMERY PARK | 1651 Adeline St, Oakland, CA 94607

Enter the park at Union St. & 16th St. Look for the Destiny Arts table near the basketball courts.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Each day all campers are required to fill out a health questionnaire. This can be done in-person or online before arrival.

CAMP SCHEDULE ALL CAMPERS MUST BE SIGNED IN BY AN AUTHORIZED ADULT

SESSION 1

JUNE 14 – 18

DIMOND PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

HIP HOP & PERCUSSION | Ages 5-7

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

ZIMBABWEAN DANCE & VISUAL ART | Ages 7-12

DE FREMERY PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

MARTIAL ARTS & LATIN MOVEMENT | Ages 7-12

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

CAPOEIRA & BODY PERCUSSION | Ages 7-12

SESSION 2

JUNE 28 – JULY 2

DIMOND PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

MARTIAL ARTS & LATIN MOVEMENT | Ages 5-7

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

ZIMBABWEAN DANCE & FASHION | Ages 7-12

DE FREMERY PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

AFROBEAT & PERCUSSION | Ages 7-12

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

HIP HOP & HOUSE | Ages 13-18

SESSION 3

JULY 12 – 16

DIMOND PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

HIP HOP & ZIMABAWLEAN DANCE | Ages 5-7

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

HIP HOP & PERCUSSION | Ages 13-18

DE FREMERY PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

HIP HOP & AFRO-BEAT | Ages 7-12

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

CAPOEIRA & MOVEMENT STORYTELLING | Ages 7-12

SESSION 4

JULY 26 – 30

DIMOND PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

ZIMBABWEAN DANCE & MODERN | Ages 7-12

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

LATIN MOVEMENT & STORYTELLING | Ages 7-12

DE FREMERY PARK

MORNING | 9AM-12PM

BODY PERCUSSION & HIP HOP | Ages 13-18

AFTERNOON | 1PM-4PM

HIP HOP & HOUSE | Ages 13-18

CAMP DESTINY GROUND RULES

Respect Yourself and Others

- Wear clothing you can move in. **No large jewelry or jeans allowed.**
- **Please wear sneakers. No flip flops or sandals.**
- **We treat others with respect and use language that doesn't put others down**
- **Make friends and include others.**

Safety First!

- Keep personal belongings secured and avoid bringing valuables.
- **No fighting or horseplay.**
- Make sure your instructors or staff members know where you are at all times.

Be Responsible

- **Be on time!**
- If you have an injury speak to your instructors when you arrive.
- Only practice martial arts during class or privately at home with supervision.

Listen Attentively & Follow Directions

- Listen to all instructors with focus and do your best
- Be a role model for your fellow campers.

No Cell Phones

- No cell phones during camp.

Keep Spaces Clean

- Everyone will participate in keeping the parks neat and clean.
- Throw away garbage, recyclables, and compost into the right containers.

Camper Participation

In accordance with our core values, Camp Destiny staff work collaboratively to engage all participants. Our expectations are clearly expressed in our ground rules, and our goal is that each camper receives the full benefit of the Camp Destiny program. We will therefore be in contact with families of any campers who are experiencing challenges that prevent them from participating fully, and we ask for your cooperation in addressing these challenges. Please feel free to be in touch with program staff, Shanna Bowie and Bryan Massengale at any time to address any questions or concerns about your camper's experience.

Feedback

Destiny Arts Center welcomes feedback regarding you and your family's camp experience, including kudos, concerns and everything in between. Please speak with program staff with any feedback.

THE WARRIOR'S CODE

Love

A warrior is skilled in body and kind in heart.

Respect

A warrior respects oneself and all living things.

Care

A warrior believes that caring for oneself means caring for our world.

Responsibility

A warrior takes responsibility for one's own actions and makes a superior effort in every situation.

Honor

A warrior uses fighting skills honorably only to protect self and loved ones. A Warrior never raises a fist in anger.

Peace

A true warrior lives by this code and firmly believes that the greatest warrior of all is the one that stands for peace.

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION:

Social distancing

- Young people will be kept in a stable group for the camp session, and keep within the ratio of 2 adults to 18 students.
- Staff and students are maintaining 6ft of distance as much as possible.
- If a camper is symptomatic, there will be a designated space at each site, where they can wait to be picked up.

Masks

- All staff and students must wear face coverings at all times unless drinking or eating. Valved masks and goiters are not allowed.
- Destiny's Staff members will have extra masks on site for those that need a mask.
- Destiny staff will remind all staff and students to wear their masks over their nose AND mouth at all times.

Eating & Drinking

- Staff and students **are discouraged from eating** during program unless necessary.
- While eating, avoid facing other people; individuals should be spaced more than 6ft apart, facing the same direction.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer before removing masks to eat and again before placing the mask back on.

In Case of COVID

- All students, staff, and anyone that came in "**Close Contact**" in a pod will be told to go home and quarantine for at least ten days from the date of contact with the person identified as positive for covid or reporting positive symptoms.
- Destiny Admin will contact all families to report exposure and identify any other camper and staff who may also need to quarantine and advise DAC staff about any communications that need to go out.
- All positive cases, symptoms, or close contacts will be documented, and parents/caregivers will be contacted without revealing personal or private information.

If you have any questions about the health & safety protocols, please contact program staff.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE & HEALTHY

How can we protect ourselves and help others feel safe?

HONOR: RADICAL HONESTY AND TRANSPARENCY

When you come to program, we will ask questions about your health & wellness. It is important that you are honest.

No one knows where you have been except YOU and information helps keep others safe.



LOVE: GIVE GRACE TO EACH OTHER

We've all had a different experience during shelter-in-place. We want to give everyone the space to engage in the best way for them.

Give grace to each other and ease into interactions. Ask and receive consent before physical interactions.

RESPONSIBILITY: TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR HEALTH AND OTHERS

An outbreak could mean that other families may be isolated and out of work for weeks. Being honest and thinking about the risks to others helps protect our community.



RESPECT: WE RESPECT PEOPLE'S CHOICES & PRIVACY

We understand that everyone has different reasons for the choices they make for their families. We will ask questions but any information gathered will not be shared or *judged*. We trust our community to make good choices to keep your family and our community safe.

CARE: TAKING CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY TAKES EVERYONE

Not everyone in our community will or can be vaccinated. For the safety of EVERYONE we will continue to wear masks, work in small groups, and social distance.



PEACE: GUIDELINES KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

Our staff and faculty will hold strict guidelines in order to keep everyone safe. We will kindly redirect community members but you may be asked to take a break from programs if guidelines cannot be followed.