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Blackhawk Care Summer Camp:

As we head into the 2023 summer, we are in need of making some adjustments to our Blackhawk Care Summer Camp offerings. While all of our offerings both during the school year and in the summer are not direct school programs, we obviously work in collaboration with the district. We know our recent posting of projected costs for the 2023 summer has caused some concern. Therefore, as the School District does, we want to listen to our families and search for an agreeable resolution and just as importantly work to provide an explanation for decisions we have to make.

It is important to know we do not strive for Blackhawk Summer Camp to be a profit-making business, but rather a break even service we provide to assist our community. We are very proud to say we have continued to grow in the number of students and families we are able to help. However, due to the popularity of the program this has caused our expenses to increase proportionally.

As a program often there are numerous uncertainties and variables in our estimates for staffing, supplies, etc. Our program has to maintain a strict student to instructor mandated guidelines which changes with the age of each student. We have worked to resolve these issues and do so in a manner that is cost effective for families and make sure we cover our costs.

Therefore we will be implementing the following procedures for the upcoming 2023 summer.

Program Guidelines:

- Summer Camp programming consists of 8 weeks (39 days), May 30th to July 28th
- Closed the week of July 4
- Our doors will be open from 6:45 am to 6:00 pm

Weekly users (this applies to set 3 & 4 day/ week users; the costs would be prorated)

- Applications and registration fees (\$50) completed before **Friday, May 5th** will be \$200 per week. There will be a 10% savings for a second child and the registration fee will be \$40 for the second child.
- Any parent who decides to **pay for the entire summer in one payment** will receive a 10% discount on the first student and then a 15% discount on any additional family. The program will also waive the registration fee.
 - First student - total cost \$1404 (savings \$156+\$50=\$206)
 - Second student - total cost \$1326 (savings \$234+\$40=\$274)
- Anyone who signs up for the summer program after Friday, May 5th, will be charged a weekly fee of \$250 as well as the registration fee of \$50.

- For clarification, we increase the cost of attendance after May 5th because this impacts our time frame in ordering supplies, planning field trips and especially staffing. Any exceptions that are up for consideration may be reviewed by our Blackhawk Care Committee.

Non-weekly users

- Those students who do not use the program for the complete summer or on the entirely weekly basis will be asked to complete registration by Friday, May 5th.
- Everyone will be asked to complete a calendar for both June and July of the days you intend to use the program. The June calendar will need to be completed by May 20th and the July calendar by June 20th.
- We will need to hold each family to these days and will be charging accordingly.
- Pre May 5th registration will be \$40 a day / post May 5th registration will be \$50 a day
- Entire summer commitment with calendar and prepayment by May 5 can receive the discount as described above.

Blackhawk Summer Camp is preplanned and scheduled. We apologize that we will no longer be able to accommodate unscheduled drop offs not arranged at registration or as stated in your registration packet. (May 5, first registration deadline; May 20th and June 20th for the non-weekly users)

Please know our program is one of the few that does not have other costs associated with your child participating in our program. We do not charge separately for field trips and the associated transportation, snacks, supplies and other opportunities we provide. So once you have signed up, this fee will remain constant for the entire summer. As well, recently we have done a study of all the programs around and we are proud to announce we are still one of the best values you will find.

We are grateful for your participation in our Blackhawk Care Summer Camp and if you would have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at the contact information below.

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