



## Summer Camp 2022 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### How will Summer Camps 2022 be structured?

For Summer 2022, we are excited to begin the transition back to our pre-pandemic model and offer **weekly camp sessions**, Monday-Friday, with both full and half-day options. Each week, families can choose a full day camp, a half-day camp, or pair an AM & PM camp together for a longer day. Because this is a transition summer, the program will still be smaller than our pre-pandemic offerings, and we will continue with COVID protocols in place (detailed in our Parent Handbook).

### What are the camp dates?

Camps will be offered in one-week sessions, for nine weeks of summer.

- Week 1: 6/13-6/17
- Week 2: 6/20-6/24
- Week 3: 6/27-7/1
- Week 4\*: 7/5-7/8
- Week 5: 7/11-7/15
- Week 6: 7/18-7/22
- Week 7: 7/25-7/29
- Week 8: 8/1-8/5
- Week 9: 8/8-8/12

*\*No Camp Mon 7/4 (this week is a 4-day session, Tues-Fri)*

### How do I register for 2022 summer camps?

Registration will be available online only at [www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg](http://www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg) beginning Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 9am. Please note that trying to register before the registration opening date and time will result in an error message. After completing your online registration, please also submit a Health & Safety JotForm (required once per summer).

### How do I complete the Health & Safety JotForm?

The Health & Safety JotForm can be completed at <https://form.jotform.com/CityofElCerrito/Summer2022>. Before filling out your form out, please have available a recent photo of your child that you can download from the device you are using (i.e. your desktop computer, smart phone, etc.) as well as health insurance information. Please note the form must be completed all at once as you are not able to save your progress (i.e. fill out some information today and come back tomorrow with the rest).

### What is Discount Day?

Discount Day is a virtual special event for camp families! To encourage families to register early and secure their spots in our camps, we will offer a special one-day discount of 10% to everyone who enrolls on the first day of registration. Discount day begins at 9am on March 1st at <http://www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg> and will be offered through 11:59pm that day.

### How much does camp cost?

Prices vary by camp, and depend on factors such as hours per week, staffing levels, supply costs and more. The camp fee for each camp is listed as part of the camp description in our [Summer Camp 2022 rECguide](#). Prices will also display online at <http://www.el-cerrito.org/onlinereg>. In addition to the camp fee, some camps may also have an additional materials fee listed in their description. All fees listed are per camp, per week.

### Are there scholarships available?

The Recreation Department is excited continue our more robust scholarship program. Families are now eligible to receive up to \$300 per child, up to two times per year. More information can be found at [www.el-cerrito.org/scholarship](http://www.el-cerrito.org/scholarship).

### How do I pay for camp?

Credit card information will be collected at the time of online registration. Families will have two options:

1. Pay in full at the time of registration. This secures your space, and no additional payments will be charged at a later date.
2. Pay a \$35 non-refundable deposit (per camp) at the time of registration and keep your card up-to-date with the Recreation Department. Families who opt for the deposit will make an additional automatically charged payment two weeks prior to the start of their camp week (see schedule below) using their credit card on file. Families that register for a session after the auto-debit date will need to pay in full.

#### Payment Schedule:

Camp Week	Auto-Debit Date	Camp Week	Auto-Debit Date
Week 1: 6/13-6/17	Monday, May 30, 2022	Week 6: 7/18-7/22	Tuesday, July 5, 2022
Week 2: 6/20-6/24	Monday, June 6, 2022	Week 7: 7/25-7/29	Monday July 11, 2022
Week 3: 6/27-7/1	Monday June 13, 2022	Week 8: 8/1-8/5	Monday July 18, 2022
Week 4: 7/5-7/8	Monday June 20, 2022	Week 9: 8/8-8/12	Monday, July 25, 2022
Week 5: 7/11-7/15	Monday June 27, 2022		

Both card payments and system credits are accepted online. Alternate forms of payment, including scholarship funds and childcare subsidies, may be accepted with special arrangement through [recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

### How old does my camper need to be?

The overall camp program is geared at elementary age children, with some additional options for middle and high school age campers. Each camp description contains the grades campers must be to attend that specific camp.

**Please note grades are listed as "entering grades." So if your child just completed 2nd grade in school year 2021-22, they are considered an entering 3rd grader.**

### Where will camp be offered?

Camps will be offered at different locations throughout the City in order to maximize outdoor spaces and keep sites as spread out as possible. Locations include:

El Cerrito Community Center	7007 Moeser Ln.
Prospect Sierra Middle School	960 Avis Dr.
Fairmont Clubhouse	715 Lexington Ave.
Harding Clubhouse	7115 C St.
Castro Clubhouse	1420 Norvell St.
Cerrito Vista Park	950 Pomona Ave.
Cerrito Vista Tennis Courts	Corner of Moeser & Avis

### Can I register for multiple weeks?

Yes! You can sign up for as many individual weeks of camp as you wish.

### Can I register for more than one camp in a week?

This summer we will allow campers to enroll in up to two camps per week: an AM camp from 9am-12pm and a PM camp from 1-4pm. Alternatively, campers can choose to enroll on one full-day camp, or only spend half the day with us at an AM *or* PM camp.

Please note that AM/PM camps CANNOT be paired with full day camps, nor a select half-day camps specifically noted in our camp [RECguide](#) (including GameChangers Baseball Camp, Junior Guard Camp, and the LIT program).

### **If I register for an AM (9am-12pm) and PM (1-4pm) camp, what does my child do between camps? Do I need to pick them up?**

If you register for an AM camp and PM camp in the same week, your camper will be automatically placed in our "Lunch Bunch" program. Lunch bunch is a time period from 12-1pm where City staff supervise campers while they eat their lunches **from home**, and enjoy some free time between camps. City staff will sign your camper out of their morning camp and into their afternoon camp, so parents DO NOT need to be present during this hour. Food is not provided and campers must bring a nut-free lunch from home. **Those is half-day of Sports Camp in addition to another Specialty Camp are also eligible for Lunch Bunch.**

### **What if I register then need to cancel?**

Cancellation requests must be made no less than two weeks prior to the camp start date. All cancellations will result in the loss of the camp deposit amount (\$35, per camp, per week). Cancellation/refund requests with less than two weeks' notice will not be permitted except for medical reasons\* supported by a doctor's note. Transfer requests also require two weeks' notice and a transfer fee of \$35 will be incurred if transfer is approved. ***\*Camper COVID-19 related illness will not be eligible for refund but will be eligible for transfer to a later camp session or account credit.***

### **I am nervous about another COVID-19 surge. Can I be refunded if pandemic conditions worsen?**

While the El Cerrito Recreation Department will do what we can to make the camp environment as safe as possible, families are reminded that the possibility of COVID-19 transmission cannot be eliminated. Case rates as well as Health Orders, guidelines, and vaccination/testing requirements from State and County authorities are subject to change at any time. **Families will not be eligible for a refund outside of our cancellation policy due to such changes.** However, if state or county guidelines prevent a camp from happening, or a camp is cancelled due to instructor illness, families will be eligible for a full refund in these cases.

### **The camp I want is full, what do I do?**

If the camp you are most interested in has reached its max capacity, we encourage you to register for the waitlist. Waitlist enrollments are completed the same way as regular enrollments, but no fees are charged. Your confirmation receipt will tell you your waitlist position. If a space opens in camp, the El Cerrito Recreation Department will contact families according to the waitlist. If you are not contacted by Recreation staff, a position has not opened for your child.

### **If I enroll in the waitlist on discount day and get into the camp later, do I get the 10% discount? What if I register for a camp on discount day, and decide later to transfer camps. Does my discount transfer?**

The discount will only be applied on 3/1. If on 3/2 or after you choose to transfer camps within the allowed transfer time, the discount will NOT carry over to your new camp. The full camp fee will be charged for the camp you are transferring to. Similarly, if you are offered a spot from the waitlist after 3/1, the discount will not apply to camp fees.

### **Is Extended Care (Early Birds & Late Birds) Available?**

Extended care is NOT available during this transition summer. To reduce the risk of exposure to and transmission of COVID-19, it's still recommended that children participate in as few groups as possible. While campers will be able to attend both an AM and PM camp in the same week to allow for a full day of care, other options that would further intermix campers (such as Early Bird and Late Bird extended care, or daily drop-in options) will not be offered at this time.

If you are looking for a full day of care, we recommend choosing a "Camp Everything" camp which has "extended care" time built into the camp day. Similarly, El Cerrito Sports Camp offers camp until 5pm (versus the standard 4pm end time for other Specialty Camps).

### **Will swimming be happening this year?**

Yes, swimming will be happening for Camp Everything camps this summer. Adventure (Full Day), Discovery, and Explorers camps will all walk to the Swim Center at least twice per week during weeks 2-9 (please note there will be **NO SWIMMING WEEK 1**). Specialty camps, including Sports Camp, will **not** be visiting the pool this summer.

### **Will field trips be happening this year?**

Camp Everything Discovery and Explorers will be resuming field trips this summer. Discovery will have one field trip per week OR one special event **on Thursdays**, and Explorers Camp will have two field trips per **week on Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

*Please note some field trip venues may require proof of vaccination.*

### **How do I know what field trips/special events are being offered for Camp Everything?**

For Camp Everything themes, spirit days, excursions and special events, see the chart on page 6 of our Summer Camp [rECguide](#).

### **I read that Explorers Camp has two field trips per week, but only one is listed on the excursion chart. Where else will they be going?**

Each week, Explorers campers will have one "larger" field trip **on Thursdays** (the excursion listed on the chart) and one "mini" field trip **on Tuesdays**. A "mini" field trip is a more local destination that can be accessed by walking or public transportation. Mini trips may include places like Barnes and Nobles, Baskin Robins, or other local parks, and will be announced in each weekly newsletter.

### **What if I sign my child up for camp, but I do not want them to go on the field trip?**

Parents/guardians may opt to keep their child home on field trip days if they wish. Campers will not lose their space at camp for non-attendance. However, fees will not be prorated if a camper does not attend the field trip and because we are not offering drop-in options this summer, there will not be an alternative care option for them.

### **My Specialty Camp has a materials fee. How do I pay that?**

Materials fees are not collected at the time of registration, and instead should be paid to the instructor on the first day of camp. Typically, materials fees are paid via check, payable to the camp instructor. Some instructors may additionally accept payment via app (i.e. PayPal or Venmo), and if this is applicable to your camp it will be noted on your registration receipt.

### **What can I do to make sure my camper does not get sunburns?**

While camp staff cannot apply sunscreen for your camper, they will give reminders before and after swim center use, at lunch time, and at afternoon snack time. Here are some suggestions to help with sun safety:

- 1) Your camper should arrive with a thick layer of sunscreen applied before camp begins.
- 2) Apply a heavy and somewhat sticky sunscreen that stays on well, and send that with your camper for re-application.
- 3) Hats are highly recommended, and please feel free to let staff know to remind your child to keep a hat on if that is important to you.
- 4) Keeping shoulders covered is key. Some campers may want to wear tank top shirts and the tops of the shoulders are one of the first areas to burn as they face the sun directly. High coverage clothing with breathable, lightweight fabric is best.

Practice sunscreen application and safety before camp starts so your camper is used to the routine ahead of time.