



## UPDATE: SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2021 - 2022

### Active Waivers:

- Terms and Conditions
- Refunds and Cancellations
- Consent to Participate
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## Terms and Conditions

### **Enrolling Your Child**

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### **Securing Your Child's Place in Your Trail Blazers program**

Your child's enrollment is not considered complete until a 30% deposit payment has been made towards their program. A non-refundable 5% administrative fee is added to all program selections. All required forms must be submitted by the applicable deadlines. Trail Blazers reserves the right to cancel programs at any time.

### **Pricing, Tiers, and Scholarships**

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During registration, families are asked to select a tier that best reflects their household's financial situation, and will receive a discount code based on their selection. We do not ask for proof of income. Tier tuition discounts and scholarships require completion of all



forms, which may include the USDA Summer Food Service Form; without completion of all forms, the program will be charged at full price. In our pursuit of creating a program that is equitable and accessible to all, we intentionally plan for and hold spots for campers in each of our tier levels.

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### **Payment Plans**

The availability of payment plans varies by program. Information about program payment expectations is given at the time of registration. By registering for a Trail Blazers program, you are acknowledging the payment expectations for your particular program, and agreeing to abide by those expectations.

We are willing to offer individualized payment plans insofar as our administrative capacity allows. We require that families demonstrate intent to pay and reserve the right to revoke scholarships from families who neither demonstrate intent to pay nor communicate changing circumstances with the registration office.

### **Refunds and Cancellations (School Programs)**

This policy has been updated to reflect the operational and financial realities of operating our program, and aims to strike the right balance between ensuring the financial stability of the organization, ensuring that we are able to engage in advanced



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program preparation, and preserving our ability to support and underwrite families who need it most.

- For the 2021-2022 program year, annual tuition is due by the following dates:
  - September 1: 50% of annual tuition is due
  - October 1: 75% of annual tuition is due
  - November 15: 100% of annual tuition is due
- All programs require a 30% non-refundable down payment to hold your spot.
- In the event that you were to cancel your enrollment, the remaining 70% of the program cost will be prorated based on the number of days remaining in the program.
- There will be no refunds for any portion of the program from which your camper is absent.
- There will be no refunds for program cancellations due to school closures or inclement weather.
- We are beholden to CDC, DOH, and DOE directives for our program operations. So long as we are granted permission to operate, and in our judgment are able to do so with minimized risk, our programs will continue to run. In the event that Trail Blazers programs are cancelled, the 30% non-refundable portion remains; the remaining 70% of the program cost will be prorated based on the number of days operated.
- Refunds may take up to 3 months to process.



## Consent to Participate

I hereby consent to my child attending Trail Blazers on the agreed dates. I also grant permission for my child to participate in trips when included as part of their described program using such means of transportation as deemed necessary by Trail Blazers.

I understand that this program may include activities that have inherent risk, including active games, outdoor pursuits, and/or aquatic activities, as well as activities specific to chosen programs. These pursuits may include but are not limited to hiking, fire building, wood shop, high ropes, and outdoor cooking; aquatic, lake-based activities, including but not limited to swimming, canoeing, and fishing; running on blacktop, pavement, or grassy areas with uneven ground; adventure-based pursuits, including use of a low ropes challenge course, which by definition is a series of group and individual challenges constructed of ropes, cables, wood, tires and either telephone poles or trees. All staff are trained and/or certified to facilitate these activities.

In consideration of allowing my child to participate in a Trail Blazers program, I hereby release and forever discharge Trail Blazers and its officers, volunteers, employees, contractors, and agents from any liability arising out of or based upon any bodily injury or property damage which may be sustained by my child while participating in such program. I release Trail Blazers and associated programs from all obligations in the event of an accident for which they are not negligent.



## Behavior Management

We want to help each of our campers to be successful in their program. Our campers' physical and emotional safety will always be our number one priority. We are proactive in our behavior management approach by setting expectations for behavior, providing explanations, and keeping group rules simple. Another proactive step we take is a hallmark of all Trail Blazers programs, and that is learning about all of our campers, building relationships with them, and helping them build relationships with each other. We seek to accommodate individual needs and to problem solve with children and their caregivers so that everyone can have an amazing experience in their program.

Everyone has days that are more challenging than others. We know that when a child is presenting with unwanted or difficult behavior, it is often driven by an underlying unmet need. We seek to identify and fill that need whenever possible. The behavior management strategies we use include:

- Positive praise: pointing out and praising desirable behavior
- Redirection: offering an alternative behavior or choice
- Reminder of expectations: this may serve as a warning before other consequences
- Problem solving: a staff member intervenes to help the child think through alternate options for their behavior, and perhaps work together to determine a logical consequence
- Logical consequences: a staff member may remove or restrict an object temporarily; for example, a child persistent in throwing art supplies after a reminder may need to sit out for a short period of time
- Taking space: allowing the child to relax and calm down in a safe space away from peers, with or near a grown up

Whenever campers must be removed from the group, they will be welcomed back with kindness.



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In instances of repeated inappropriate behavior, the parent and program leader might collaborate on a plan and timeline for addressing the behavior. If the behavior continues after the plan has been implemented, parents may be asked to pick their child up immediately, or to keep the child home from the program for one or two days. If the behavior continues, parents may be asked to withdraw their child.

Certain behaviors may result in the immediate dismissal of a camper. These behaviors include anything that presents a significant danger to the child or others, intentionally running away, or purposeful property damage.

Children who are requested to withdraw from the program are welcome to enroll in future sessions. We believe that children learn and grow, and that everyone deserves a second chance



## (SUMMER 2021 TERMS AND CONDITIONS)

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\*\*medical consent has been here as well in the past, remove from enrollment since that is captured in campdoc

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There is a pre-summer schedule of information sessions and open houses for Trail Blazers' summer overnight and day camps that families are encouraged, but not required, to attend.

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### Refunds and Cancellations (Day and Overnight Camps)

This policy has been updated to reflect the operational and financial realities of operating our program, and aims to strike the right balance between ensuring the financial stability of the organization, our ability to support and underwrite families who need it most, and prepare for the summer in the most effective way.

Please note: Preparing for camp programs is a year-long endeavor, with substantial full time staff working to prepare safe and exciting camping experiences. Our refund policy reflects the expenses associated with this.

- Programs must be paid in full by May 1, or upon enrollment if registering after that date. All programs require a 30% non-refundable down payment to hold your spot.
- Cancellations before May 1 will receive a full refund of the refundable portion.
- Cancellations after May 1, but at least 2 weeks before the start of your camp session, will receive a 50% refund of the refundable portion.
- There will be no refunds for cancellations within 2 weeks of the start of your camp session.
- Transfer from one session to another will be charged a fee of \$10 per transfer.
- The \$25 program merchandise fee, if applicable, is non-refundable after your child has begun the program.
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