



# Welcome to Camp Sealth Day Camp



## Note to returning Day Campers:

Starting this summer, camper pick-up and drop-off will be at the **Wrangler Unit** (at the top of the hill) instead of main camp. Details on pages 2 & 3.

Welcome to Camp Sealth! We're thrilled that you've chosen to spend part of your summer with us on Vashon Island. Please read through this packet, as it contains lots of useful information to help you prepare for camp. If, after reading this packet, you still have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Camp Sealth staff.

## GOT QUESTIONS?

For Questions About	Contact	Position	Phone	E-Mail
Registration, cancellation, switching sessions, payment, scholarships or transportation	Elaine Bacon	Camp Registrar	206 826 8947	<a href="mailto:elaineb@campfire-usa.org">elaineb@campfire-usa.org</a>

All other questions can be answered by the Camp Director or Program Managers, listed below:

	Rick Taylor	Camp Director	206 463 3174 ext. 22	<a href="mailto:rickt@campfire-usa.org">rickt@campfire-usa.org</a>
General camp questions, health care, food, activities, check in and check out	Carrie Kishline	Program Manager	206 463 3174 ext. 35	<a href="mailto:carriek@campfire-usa.org">carriek@campfire-usa.org</a>
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If you need to contact Camp Sealth **during the camp session**:

- Contact the camp office at 206 463 3174. If it is not urgent, leave a message at one of the extensions listed above. Voicemails are checked and returned daily while camp is in session.
- To contact camp staff in an **emergency**, call the camp pager at 206 587 8638. Leave a voicemail including your phone number and your call will be returned immediately.

## FREE Family Events at Camp Sealth

If you are new to Sealth, you may want to consider a visit to camp ahead of time. These opportunities will allow kids to meet some of the staff and try out activities before heading off to camp on their own. These events are open to everyone, including new and returning campers, and friends, family or neighbors who want to check it out!

### FAMILY PLAY DAY & OPEN HOUSE – Free!

**Saturday, April 10** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Saturday, June 5** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Family Play Day is a whole day of **free** family fun! Come for a short visit, or bring a picnic lunch and stay for the whole day. Take a tour of camp, relax on the beach, or try out a variety of camp activities: archery, marine “touch tanks”, guided hikes, boating, fishing and arts & crafts. Camp staff will be available to answer any questions you have. All ages are welcome. Reservations are not necessary. Please leave pets at home.

# All the Details

## DAILY SCHEDULE

Camp runs 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. If your child needs to arrive late or be picked up early, or will be absent from camp, please call camp ahead of time to let us know. Extended care runs until 5:30 p.m. if you registered for this option. On field trip days, the pick up time may be later than 3:30 (see page 5 for details about specific sessions).

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE AND THE 3-DAY OPTION

If you signed up for the Short Week (3-day) option, we'll call you before camp begins to ask which days your child will be attending camp. Check the schedule on page 5 for information about pre-scheduled field trips or other special events, to ensure you don't miss out on something fun. Each week, activities revolve around that session's theme. Campers will also get to do many traditional camp activities, including swimming, fishing, rowing, arts & crafts, nature and hikes throughout the week. Older campers (4th grade and up) may choose to do archery and canoeing. One night each week is an optional overnight campout (usually Wednesdays).

## CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

Please complete the enclosed Health History Form and bring it with you on the first day of camp. This form lists all adults who are authorized to pick up your child from camp, as well as all health information and dietary restrictions. Your child will only be released to these authorized individuals. All pick-up people, including parents, are required to show photo ID when picking up their children. Please have photo ID ready to make the check-out process move quickly. Let us know if someone not on the list will be picking up your child.

**New this year:** Check-in and check-out will occur at our Wrangler Unit - take the turn-off from the camp road before you head down the big hill. Follow the signs and staff directions to the parking lot next to the large horseback riding arena. Occasionally, pick-up may be at another location in camp. In these cases, we'll let you know in the morning where to meet for pick-up and staff will be on the camp road to direct you.

## VEHICLES & ANIMALS AT CAMP

Driving directions to Camp Sealth are found on page 3. Please keep to the speed limit of **10 miles per hour**. This ensures the safety of kids and staff, and helps maintain the road (reduces potholes and washboarding), making it easier to drive on. As you are driving, watch out for kids and horses. For check-in and check-out, take the turn-off for the Wrangler Unit; signs will direct you to the check-in location. Pets are not allowed at camp—please keep animals inside your car while at camp.

## MEDICATION

If your child takes medication during the day, on an overnight, or on an as-needed basis, you'll check in and check out medication daily. Medication must either be in the original pharmacy container with the child's name and current date (no expired meds), or we must have a copy of the prescription. We can only dispense medication according to the physician's written instructions. List all medications on the child's health history form. Even if the child will not be taking medication during the day at camp, it is helpful for us to know what medication the child is taking.

## HEALTH CARE

Professional medical staff are on site every day to provide routine and emergency care for campers as needed. Please help us be prepared by completing the enclosed Health History Form. If your child is attending multiple sessions, only one form is required. Let us know if any health information changes throughout the summer. If your child gets sick or injured while at camp, we will notify you immediately.

## FOOD

You'll need to send a sack lunch with your child every day except Friday. Snacks are generally available in the afternoon, but you may want to send a morning snack with your child. Camp Sealth is a **peanut-free** camp—please do not send any peanut products to camp. Campers will cook their own food on overnights, and on Fridays, day campers will eat lunch in Rounds Hall with resident camp. During session 1 (Kids Café), campers will cook their lunch every day—no sack lunches required.

## NEWSLETTER

Every Monday afternoon, you'll get a newsletter giving details about the week's schedule, what days you need to send lunches, and other important information.

# All the Details, Continued

## WHAT TO BRING

Please make sure to label all of your child's belongings. Sending a backpack helps kids keep all of their stuff together. Old clothes make the best camp clothes—you don't need to buy anything new for camp. Make sure your child is prepared for the weather each day. If you are registered for Horse Day Camp, you should have received additional information about what to bring.

### What to Wear

- Close-toed, sturdy, comfortable shoes
- Socks
- Shorts or long pants
- T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Sunscreen

### Bring in a Backpack

- Sack lunch
- Water bottle
- Extra sunscreen
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Swimsuit & towel (for some days)
- Themed costume (Fridays)

### What to Pack for Overnights

- Warm sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Long pants & warm sweatshirt
- Extra underwear/socks
- Warm pajamas
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Flashlight & batteries
- Stuffed "friend" from home (optional)

*Please do not send: cell phones, music players, video games, any other electronics, money, valuables, fireworks, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, firearms/weapons, pets or animals, or sentimental items that will cause heartache if broken or lost.*

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From downtown Vashon: Follow Vashon Highway south to Wax Orchard road (about 2 miles north of the Tahlequah ferry terminal). Take a sharp right onto Wax Orchard road. Follow Wax Orchard for 1/2 mile, then turn left onto Camp Sealth Road.

The camp road is **winding and narrow**. For everyone's safety, please keep a speed limit of **10 mph**, and watch for kids and horses. Follow the camp road for about 3/4 mile until you see the turn-off for the Wrangler Unit. Signs and staff will direct you to park in the small parking lot just past the large horseback riding arena.

# Camper Code of Conduct

Camp Sealth strives to make camp a safe, fun and valuable experience for every camper. We want each child to be successful, to grow and make new friends, develop a sense of confidence and learn new skills. In order to ensure this positive experience for everyone, we ask that every camper commit to following the Code of Conduct while they are a part of the camp community. Please go over the Code with your child before camp starts.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be a responsible member of the camp community
- Be considerate and respectful of other's feelings and needs
- Think in advance about the consequences of my actions
- Resolve differences in a respectful manner
- Protect the natural environment
- Commit to honesty
- Commit to try

All campers are held to the same behavior standard. Sealth staff use encouragement and positive reinforcement to help campers adhere to the Code of Conduct. If a camper is having behavior problems, staff will keep parents informed daily and ask for your input, suggestions and assistance. Sending a camper home is a last resort, and the parents will be involved in making that decision. Camp Sealth will send a camper home if the child's behavior is unreasonable, uncontrollable, causing harm, or negatively impacting the experience of other campers.

## CAMP SEALTH POLICIES FOR CAMPERS

**Animals/Pets:** Campers and parents may not bring animals or pets to camp.

**Alcohol, Drugs & Cigarettes:** Camp is a drug and alcohol-free environment. Campers may not use or possess drugs, alcohol or cigarettes while attending camp. Violation will result in being sent home immediately. Possession, misuse or self-administration of medication will also result in being sent home.

**Cell Phones:** Campers may not bring cell phones to camp. Any cell phones found will be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of the day.

**Clothing:** Campers and staff may not wear indecent or revealing clothing, low-cut, halter, or backless shirts, low-riding pants, revealing bathing suits, or clothes with messages promoting drugs, sex, alcohol, violence, hate or discrimination. Close-toed shoes are required – sandals may only be worn in the shower or on the beach.

**Contact with Staff:** It is Camp Sealth's policy that campers and staff members may not have contact with each other after the camp session has ended. While we understand that this is difficult for many people to understand, it is for the protection of both campers and staff that we enforce this policy.

**Electronics:** Electronics, including digital music players, CD players and video games are not allowed at camp. These items will be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of the day.

**Firearms & Weapons:** Firearms, weapons, or anything else used as a weapon are prohibited on site. This includes toy guns, water/squirt guns, or anything resembling a gun or used in a threatening way. Possession of a weapon will result in being sent home immediately, and possibly calling the police.

**Personal Sports Equipment:** Personal equipment (such as archery bows, riding helmets, etc.) may be brought to camp and used in some circumstances. Check with us before bringing them to camp. Camp staff will inspect personal equipment for safety prior to use.

**Pictures, Cameras & the Internet:** Pictures taken at camp are for personal use only. Please respect the privacy of other campers by not posting any pictures on the Internet. Pictures may not be taken inside cabins or bathrooms. Camp staff will monitor use of cameras and delete any inappropriate pictures if needed.

**Vehicles:** Parents dropping off their children should keep to the 10 mph speed limit on the road and park in designated areas.

# Day Camp Sessions

The session(s) your child is registered for are listed on your statement. Please double-check the dates and mark them on your calendar. Special events such as field trips and other notes are listed below.

Session 1	Where The Wild Things Are	June 28 - July 2
<p>This week is all about farming - make jam, do some gardening, and spend a day with horses. We'll also visit a couple of local farms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pony rides are on Friday</li> <li>Overnight on Wednesday night</li> </ul>		
Session 2	Kid's Cafe	July 6 - 9
<p>This week focuses on cooking - every day we'll cook a new snack, and take your recipes home with you. You'll still need to bring a sack lunch, but snacks are provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a four-day week (no camp on Monday, July 5)</li> <li>Overnight on Wednesday night</li> </ul>		
Session 3	Real Superheroes of Camp Sealth	July 12 - 16
<p>Learn about real-life superheroes - we'll have several guests including police, firefighters and service animals. At the end of the week, dress up as your own superhero!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overnight is on Wednesday night.</li> </ul>		
Session 4	Weird Science Camp	July 19 - 23
<p>Kids will try out some "wacky" science experiments throughout the week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trip to the Pacific Science Center on Wednesday - late pick-up (5:00 p.m.)</li> <li>Overnight is on <b>Thursday</b> night</li> </ul>		
Session 5	Camper vs. Wild	July 26 - 30
<p>Spend the week in the woods - learn wilderness survival skills, go camping and cook outdoors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure campers wear sturdy, close-toed shoes for hiking.</li> <li>Overnight is on Wednesday night</li> </ul>		
Session 6	Harry Potter Camp	August 2 - 6
<p>Activities this week will revolve around the popular "Harry Potter" series - make a wand, be sorted into houses, play Quidditch and more!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overnight is on Wednesday night</li> </ul>		
Session 7	Camp "Stealth" Mystery Camp	August 9 - 13
<p>Become a private eye - learn detective techniques and solve a mystery!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overnight is on Wednesday night</li> </ul>		
Session 8	Aquatic Adventures	August 16 - 20
<p>Get wet and wild - spend the week in and on the water; fishing, boating and swimming at camp, plus two exciting field trips.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trip to the Pt. Defiance Zoo &amp; Aquarium on Wednesday</li> <li>Field trip to the Vashon Community Pool for free swim on Friday</li> <li>Overnight is on Wednesday night</li> </ul>		