



## Powersports Camps (Ages 5-10)

(5 year olds must be starting First Grade in the Fall)

### Parent Handbook

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Powersports Camps!

We are glad your child is enrolled in one of our amazing Camp Programs. It is our hope that together we can make this a positive and enriching experience for everyone involved. This handbook was developed to inform parents of the policies and programs. Parents will be given a new copy each year as well as be informed of any policy changes in writing as they occur throughout the year. Parents are expected to read and be familiar with the information contained within this packet. Note that this document serves as a contract between you, the parent, and Powersports stating that you are aware and agree to abide by our policies and procedures.

**You must acknowledge this handbook when registering your child in our Camp Program. By checking the box at registration, you acknowledge receipt of this handbook and agree to abide by ALL of our policies and procedures.**

### Our Mission

It is our mission to meet the needs of the community by providing a safe and fun Camp program for kids ages 5 years old and up.

### Our Staff

Our Powersports Camp staff is carefully selected from a variety of applicants. Our staff members are typically students with Texas A&M University or Blinn College, and a majority of them are education majors seeking to become teachers. We maintain a low student to staff ratio ensuring that your child is always supervised.

**You can find an up-to-date staff list posted near the pick-up area at Powersports.**

## **Hours of Operation:**

**Front Desk:** Monday – Friday 10:00am -7:00pm

**Powersports Camps:** 7:30am – 6:00pm

**Drop Off** – Children may be dropped off at 7:30am or later, no earlier. Please arrive on time for your child to fully enjoy the Camp program.

**SUMMER CAMP:** Campers must be dropped off no later than ONE hour prior to departure time of field trips.

**Late Pick-up & Fees** – Pick up time is 6:00pm. Should you have to pick up your child late, please contact the front office as soon as possible. A late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute will be applied after the program pick-up time. Note that exceptions can and will be made as to whether or not the late fee is applied. One-time offenders may or may not be charged the late fee, but persistent tardiness will result in late charges to be paid before your child can attend another day.

### **Drop-off:**

Each morning children must be accompanied by a parent or authorized adult. When signing in your child we ask that you please follow these steps:

1. Sign your first & last name, time you arrived, and a contact number where you can be reached during the day on the sign-in sheet. Please note: **WE WILL NOT RELEASE YOUR CHILD UNLESS THE PICK UP PERSON IS AUTHORIZED ON THE CHILD'S INFORMATION SHEET.**
2. Make sure all of your child's belongings are together with their name clearly labeled on it.
3. Accompany your child to their designated area and let the counselor know you have arrived.
4. By State Law, children must be signed in/out on the attendance record.

### **Pick-up:**

When picking up your child we ask that you please follow these steps:

1. Sign your first and last name in the appropriate space provided on the sign-out sheet. If someone is picking up your child who is not authorized on their registration form then written notification from the parent/guardian must be provided to Powersports. All persons picking up children must have a valid photo ID. **We will not release your child to anyone not authorized on his/her registration form.**
2. Make sure all your child's belongings are together and accounted for, and most importantly belong to them. Although our staff will help each child gather up their belongings, please note that you as the parent are allowed to step back into our facility and assist your child in packing up their belongings as well as helping our staff find anything they may have misplaced throughout the day.
3. By state law children must be signed in/out on the attendance record.

## **Illness & Exclusion Criteria**

We ask that parents please keep your child home if he/she has:

1. A temperature of more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the morning. Children should be free of fever for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to Camp.
2. Conjunctivitis, an eye infection commonly referred to as Pink Eye. The eye is generally red with some burning and there is thick yellow drainage being secreted.
3. Bronchitis; hoarseness in the throat, cough, and slight fever.
4. Rashes that you cannot identify or that have not been diagnosed by a physician.
5. Impetigo of the skin (reddish pimples). A blister may form and then burst leaving the skin surface irritated and raw.
6. Vomiting/Diarrhea must not have vomited or had two consecutive loose stools in the last 24 hours before attending Camp.
7. A severe cold with fever, sneezing, and/or a runny nose.
8. A contagious disease (measles, chicken pox, Mumps, etc.). Please let us know if your child becomes ill with a communicable disease, we are required by law to notify the parents of other children attending Camp. Privacy will be kept.
9. Been diagnosed by a doctor as having an ear or throat infection. Children must be medicated for at least 24 hours before returning to Camp.
10. Head lice; a child must be free of **head lice/eggs** before returning to class. A doctor's note and assessment by the Child Care director will be required upon your child's return. This also applies to **ringworm**.

\*If a condition develops during the day, a parent will be notified and the child must be picked up as soon as possible. A sick child will be attended to and kept comfortable in the director's office until the parent arrives. **It is required by law that any child sent home due to illness may not return until they have been symptom free for 24 hours.**

\*Only prescription medications and "emergency medications" prescribed by a doctor (i.e. asthma, insulin, Epi-pen, etc.) will be administered by Powersports employees. You **MUST** fill out and return a "Permission to Administer Medication" form before any Powersports employee can administer prescription or over-the-counter medication to your child. **You MUST also fill out an "Allergic Reaction Allergy Action Plan" form, if your child has any allergies that require medication, treatment, or action from our staff. Please do not send your child to camp with medication for them to dispense to themselves. All Powersports Camps and Childcare Programs are licensed by the state and we adhere to Minimum Standards regulations.**

**Children are NOT allowed to keep any form of medication in their backpack or in their possession. (i.e., cough drops, Vicks VapoRub, neosporin, sunscreen, bugspray, etc.)**

### Medical Emergency Procedures:

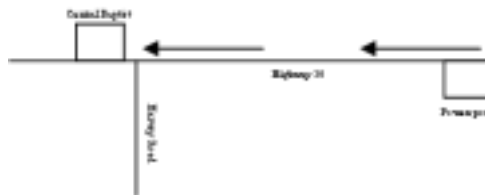
\*Powersports is extremely concerned and cognizant of our role in correctly managing situations that require first-aid and/or emergency care. Our staff is required to be certified in CPR and basic first-aid training.

Specific safety and emergency procedures are posted throughout our facility and within the staff handbook. Fire drills occur once a month and severe weather drills are held each session.

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY:** In the event of an actual medical emergency, EMS (911) will be called and first-aid protocol will be followed. If transportation is necessary the program director or director's assistant will accompany the child to the hospital. Parents will be notified by phone at the number specified on the enrollment form and/or sign-in sheet.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:** In the event of an actual evacuation due to fire, severe weather, flooding, terrorist attack, etc., all parents will be notified and given one hour to pick up their children. All children left after one hour will be transported to our emergency shelter located at Central Church in one of our school buses. Once at Central Church, the staff will do a name to face roll call every 15 minutes using the daily attendance records brought from our facility and the director will communicate with CCL, local authorities, and parents using a personal cell phone or a land line provided by the church. In addition, all parent emergency contact numbers, authorizations for emergency medical care and registration forms will be transported and available for use.

**Central Church**  
**1991 FM 158 Rd.**  
**College Station, Texas 77845**  
**(979) 776-9977**



**SEVERE WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSINGS:** In the case of severe weather, please check social media and stay tuned to local media outlets for announcements of school closures or delays. If College Station ISD is closed or delayed, Powersports will also be closed or delayed. If severe weather occurs during the afterschool program, every precaution will be made to keep your child safe. Shelter in place and severe weather drills are conducted quarterly throughout the year. Children are not allowed outside when lightening is present in the area. Powersports may use its own discretion to close the school based on the utmost concern for the safety of our students.

**SHELTER IN PLACE/LOCK DOWN PROCEDURE:** In the event of an actual shelter in place/lock down due to severe weather or other threat, all children will be moved to designed safe areas and exterior doors will be locked. Parents will be allowed to pick up once the childcare director has been given the all clear by authorities.

### **Parental Notification Procedures:**

**Medical Notification:** Parents are notified of any accidents. Accident reports are filled out by the attending staff member and signed by the director or supervisor. Parents are also asked to sign the accident report as proof that they were notified. Although accidents do unfortunately occur, safety is our number one priority in all of our activities.

**Notification of Policy Changes:** Parents will be notified in writing of any change to our operational policies and enrollment agreement. Once changes have been enacted parents will need to sign a form indicating they are aware of the changes that were made.

### **Discipline and Guidance Practices:**

**Redirection/Discipline:** One of our goals at the Powersports is to help develop and build a child's self-esteem

and confidence. We believe that every child should learn to take ownership of their actions and learn to make appropriate choices before acting.

Our counselors follow a 3-step process when disciplining a child.

1. A **verbal** correction is given followed by telling the child the correct behavior.
2. A **second verbal** correction is given by the counselor and the child will sit out from the activity for 1 minute times the age of the child (i.e. a 5 year old would sit out for 5 minutes). When the time is up the counselor will communicate to the child why they were sitting out from the activity, what the right choice should have been, and what they can do next time to prevent acting in the wrong behavior.
3. A **third verbal** correction is given by the counselor, the child will be placed at the director/coordinator's office to help the child reset and give the director/coordinator an opportunity to communicate further with the child about their actions.
4. If the behavior persists then a written warning or a write-up will be given. The director/coordinator will call the child's parent to discuss the behavior.
5. Parents may be required to pick-up their child.

**Dismissal:** While it is always regrettable to dismiss a child from the Afterschool program there are times when such an action is necessary. After a child's initial write-up, the consequences for further misbehavior are as follows.

1. Second write-up.
2. Third write-up.
3. Fourth write-up: a parent/teacher discussion is held, accompanied by a 1-week suspension.
4. Fifth write-up: a parent conference is held (if requested), and the child is expelled from the program.

\*The connection between home and school is very important, and children must understand that we are all communicating and working together. During each parent conference the parent is expected to work with the director and other Powersports staff in helping to address the behavioral issues of the child, to avoid any further suspensions and ultimately expulsion from the program. Powersports is deeply committed to seeing your child grow in their time here and we want to greatly avoid having to use these more serious discipline actions. Please be aware though that we do hold the right to bypass any of these steps and act immediately with the more severe consequences such as suspension and expulsion with no refund of tuition and/or fees.

**\*Powersports Inc. has 'Zero Tolerance' for any parent/carer raising their voice, using intimidating or threatening behavior towards a member of staff or other parents/carers.** At no time will aggressive or offensive language be acceptable from anyone whatever the circumstance may be. Parents who choose to ignore, or not respect these values will have their childcare services terminated with immediate effect.

### **Children with Special Needs**

Powersports provides services for children with disabilities whose limitations can be reasonably accommodated. With assistance from families and health professionals, our program is designed to help meet children's individual needs on a reasonable basis. Please be open and honest with the director/coordinator

about any physical or developmental concerns you may have about your child upon enrollment in our program. Only through open communication can we provide the best care and education possible. Communication with parents of students with special needs is very important to Powersports. Maintaining up to date treatment and behavioral plans are imperative to ensuring the success and safety of our students. Parents are requested to provide records and treatment plans from the time of original diagnosis through the end of their time at Powersports to ensure continuity of care and treatment.

We make every attempt to work with families to make reasonable accommodations for their children, on rare occasions, we may not be able to meet the child's specific needs.

In such cases, we may request that the parent withdraw their child from our program. Typically, we will provide parents at least one week's notice to make alternate childcare arrangements. However, certain circumstances may result in immediate termination of services.

## **Meals and Food Practices**

**\*\*\*\*WE ARE PEANUT FREE\*\*\*\***

### **Lunch:**

Powersports Camps Program **does NOT provide a meal during lunchtime or snacks during morning/afternoon time.** Parents are responsible for providing a nutritional lunch & TWO snacks for their child - Camp has a morning snack and an afternoon snack: please provide two snacks per day. Please be sure to put AM/PM snacks separate from their lunch meal or label them so campers know which ones to save during these meals.

- We ask that you please try to pack easy-to-eat food such as finger foods. We ask that you please do not send your child with any food that requires the use of a microwave.
- Food should be cut and ready to serve. Please send grapes, hot dogs, etc. cut up especially for our younger friends to minimize the chances of choking.
- For your child's safety we also ask that you DO NOT SEND GUM, hard candy, or any other foods they may have trouble eating.
- You may pack a drink in their lunch or your child can use their water cup you provided for use throughout the day. We will help them refill it if needed. **Please note: Tea, Sodas, and Coffee drinks are prohibited while at Powersports. Please only send water or a juice box with your child's lunch.**
- Our Camp counselors will encourage children to eat the healthy foods first and then dessert foods. Children will not be allowed to share lunches or items.
- Please label your child's lunch kits and items with their full name.

**WE ARE A PEANUT PRODUCT FREE SCHOOL. PLEASE DO NOT PACK ITEMS THAT CONTAIN PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER.**

### **Snack:**

Powersports Camps Program **does NOT provide a meal during lunchtime or snacks during morning/afternoon time.** Parents are responsible for providing a nutritional lunch & TWO snacks for their child - Camp has a morning snack and an afternoon snack: please provide two snacks per day. Please be sure to put AM/PM snacks separate from their lunch meal or label them so campers know which ones to save during these meals.

\*If a child has not packed the appropriate number of meals, the parents will be contacted and instructed to come

and provide them with the appropriate food. If a parent cannot be reached, a snack or meal will be provided for the child **at the cost of the parents.**

### **Food Allergies:**

The safety and wellbeing of our participants is our number one concern. We must not only keep this in mind during our planned activities, but as well during our meal times. Due to some children's severe allergic reactions to nuts and other food allergens, all children will be required to wash their hands before/after each and every meal time. **If your child has a food allergy please make sure to note it on their registration form as well as provide Powersports with any medication meant to treat a reaction (i.e. Benadryl, Epi-Pen).** We **MUST** have a **Permission to Administer Medication Form and Allergic Reaction Allergy Action Plan Form on file for your child.**

\*During meal times children with food allergies will be sat separately at a table without any food that is harmful to them.

**It is extremely important that you list any medical issues your child has so as to better keep our staff informed.**

## **Powersports Enrollment**

**Enrollment Information:** During the enrollment process parents **must completely fill out their child's registration form.** If you have any questions, you may ask the front desk or program director. The parent handbook must be read and the **"Acknowledgment of Hand-Book"** must be acknowledged on the Emergency contact form. Along with these two items, all other registration fees and paperwork **must be completely filled out and turned in to the front office before your child may attend any of our programs.**

\*It is extremely important that you list any medical issues your child has or does have so as to better keep our staff informed about any potential complications.

All registration fees and paperwork must be completely filled out and turned in before your child may attend any of our programs.

Children participating in the Powersports Holiday & School Break Camps should be no younger than 5 years old and no older than 10 years old.

**All children attending the Powersports Holiday & School Break Camps MUST be fully potty trained - no exceptions.**

**You must submit a new updated Emergency Contact form for the beginning of each new session: These must be renewed ANNUALLY.**

It is required by law that all students must show a current shot record indicating that they have received their immunization shots, and hearing and vision tests (ages 4+). If your child is unable to take these tests then we ask that you have a signed form from the department of health stating that your child was unable to take these tests.

Exemptions from shots:

The law allows (a) physicians to write a statement stating that the vaccine(s) required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health or wellbeing of the child or any member of the child's household, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. Schools and childcare facilities should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exceptions, so they can be excluded from attending school if an outbreak occurs. Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by parents /guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief can be found at [www. ImmunizeTexas.com](http://www.ImmunizeTexas.com)

## **Program Cost**

### **Powersports Camps (Ages 5 - 10)**

**Tuition:** \$200 per week or \$50 per day (DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

\*10% sibling discount will be applied at time of check out\*

*Summer Field Trips: Costs are already factored into tuition - No additional fees applied*

**FALL** Registration Fee: \$50 (1<sup>st</sup> child) and \$35 for each additional child is due at time of registration.

**SPRING** Registration Fee: \$30 (1<sup>st</sup> child) and \$25 for each additional child is due at time of registration.

**SUMMER** Registration Fee: \$25 (1<sup>st</sup> child) and \$20 for each additional child is due at time of registration.

**All Camp tuition & fees are due upon enrollment to secure enrollment.**

**There will be no refunds for missed days nor will we transfer credit from one day to another.**

## **Facility Closures**

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

December 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

December 30<sup>th</sup>, - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

July 4, 2024

Labor Day

Thanksgiving

Christmas

New Years

Good Friday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

## **Parental Visitation**

Powersports offers an open-door policy for parents to come in and visit their child.

\*If visiting while at the Powersports facility, you must sign in at the Front desk. We do ask that while visiting your child you do not distract from any activities going on. Please ask your camp director for daily schedules.



\*Aside from snack visits, excessive visitation within a period of time (longer than 30 minutes) is not allowed, unless you fill out and pass a criminal background check. We strive to provide a safe and secure environment for your children, this is why our staff are thoroughly screened and trained. If you would like more information on filling out paperwork please see the Director/Coordinator or front office.

## **Miscellaneous Information**

**Field Trips:** Powersports Summer Camps take daily field trips. All field trip locations and times can be found online at [www.powersportskids.com](http://www.powersportskids.com), attached in your welcome email, or printed out to take home during drop-off and pick-up times. The field trip schedule stays the same every week - Parents will be notified in writing of any changes to the field trip schedule. Please make sure to pack appropriately for the particular field trip we will be attending each day. (i.e. extra money for games, pants, socks, & jacket for ice skating, towels, extra clothes, sunscreen, swim suit, etc.)

**Note:** All campers **MUST** arrive no later than **ONE hour prior to departure of field trips**. Late drop-offs **cannot** stay on site at Powersports during field trip times. Parents cannot pick-up or drop-off at field trip locations.

**Powersports Holiday & School Break Camps do NOT take field trips.**

**Transportation:** We only transport the children back and forth between Powersports and the field trip location.

**Water Activities/Swimming:** At least twice a week our camp swims at the local swimming pools. These pools are staffed with lifeguards as well as with counselors that work for Powersports (life jackets are provided). You must designate on your child's registration form their level/area of swimming ability or they will not be allowed to participate in these field trips. It is most convenient to send your child already dressed in their swimsuit on these days because we leave relatively early in the day. Parents are also required to provide sunscreen for their child. If your child does not have sunscreen, they will not be allowed in the water and must remain in the shaded area.

**\*Important\***

**Lost items are placed in lost and found each day. All contents in lost and found are discarded every other Friday.**

### **Questions/Concerns:**

One thing we value is the feedback from parents. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child please communicate them through the following contacts:

1. If you have questions or concerns about the Day Camp please contact the Childcare Director at (979)776-0018 to speak with them directly or to leave them a message.
2. If you have questions about tuition or payments please contact the front desk at (979)776-0018

### **State Licensing Contact:**

**\* It is our top priority to keep your child free from harm.** In Texas each person is required by law to report even the suspicion of abuse or neglect. The Child Abuse Hotline is 1-800-252-5400. The local licensing office number is 979-774-6779, and the website is

[www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us). Please remember anytime you see something that appears suspicious, makes you feel uncomfortable, or violates policy; please bring it to the attention of the Camp director.

**Notification of Policy Changes:** Parents will be notified in writing of any changes to our operational policies and enrollment agreement. Notifications will also be clearly displayed for all parents to see within the parent check-in and check-out area.

**Viewing of the Minimum Standards Rules and Licensing Reports:** A copy of the Minimum Standard Rules for Licensed Child-Care Centers and the latest report from the Department of Child Care Licensing is displayed for view on a bulletin board located in the hall close to the main entry. A copy of either document can be provided upon request. Additional copies of the Minimum Standards are kept with the director and owner.