



ELAWA FARM FOUNDATION

2023

YOUTH CAMPS

PARENT HANDBOOK



A Message from the Education Manager

Dear parent/guardian,

Welcome to our 2023 Camp Elawa! While summer is the season of abundance at the farm, the season is not quite complete until our campus is filled with the joyous laughter and activity of children at play. I often take pride in saying that camp weeks are times I gladly step away from office duties and enjoy a fun-filled week outdoors with our campers. Needless to say, I look forward to another summer filled with fun activities for your camper!

With our summer camp session approaching (whether you signed up for **Farm Camp**, **¡Verano con Elawa!** or **Farm-to-Table Cooking Camp**) I wanted to provide important information and a look ahead at camp. Please read through this handbook as it provides relevant information for the summer camp program. We will host a brief parent orientation - as well as a Q&A - on the first day of camp week. Additionally, you will meet our Camp Counselors!

Prior to the start of camp, we will need forms and information for each child attending camp. You can find the downloadable forms on our website at www.elawafarm.org/camp-elawa. You can either send the completed forms digitally or complete them in person during the parent orientation. Forms and questions can be sent to jcuezzi@elawafarm.org.

Thank you for enrolling your child in Camp Elawa and supporting our mission at Elawa Farm Foundation. We look forward to meeting you and your camper soon!

With gratitude,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CAMP VISION

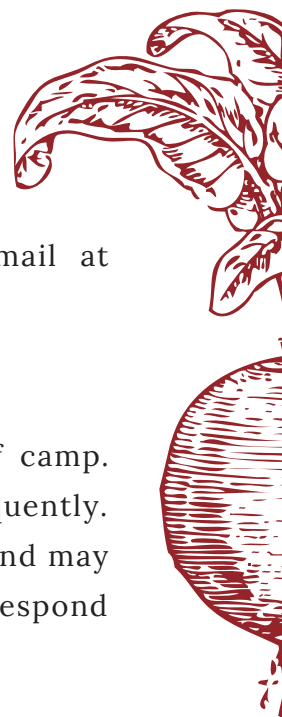
Our goal is to offer a camp program that will provide each camper with the opportunity to explore, discover, and learn something unique about themselves to build confidence, independence, social skills, environment appreciation, and promote collective responsibility while fostering a sense of community.

CAMP MISSION

Our youth camps are intentionally planned to enrich the quality of the camper's lives by providing a fun experience while implementing opportunities for them to learn, play and grow.

FORMS TO SUBMIT

- Liability Waiver
- Photo Release Form
- Child Pick-up Authorization Form
- Any additional accommodations for child attending camp, please email at jcuezzi@elawafarm.org.



CAMP COMMUNICATION

You will be given a phone number during orientation on the first day of camp. Leadership staff will have the phone with them each day and will check frequently. Please understand they are participating in the activities with the campers and may not answer immediately. In the event that Leadership Staff cannot respond immediately, please call the Foundation Office at 847-234-1966 Ext. 800.

SNACKS/LUNCH

Kids are active, thus they will get hungry! While we provide healthy morning snacks, we ask that you pack your campers lunch in a small cooler with ice packs to help keep it cool. **Please note: DO NOT pack nuts as all Camp Elawa programs are nut-free!**



CAMP GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

FIRST DAY & PARENT ORIENTATION

On the first camp day, please park in the lot at Elawa Farm and plan to come in with your child for a brief 10-minute meeting to cover background information and address any questions. The meeting will be held in the Hay Barn which is located through the large white doors on the East side of the brick courtyard.

Regular drop off and pick up will take place in front of the Hay Barn. We will have a Camp Counselor there to greet you and your child. Please do not drop off your camper before 8:50 am. Pick-up will take place in front of the Hay Barn at 1:00 pm daily.

WHAT CAMPERS SHOULD WEAR

Have your child wear sunscreen, hat, closed toe shoes, and bug spray. Counselors are **ONLY** allowed to apply sunscreen spray.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Children should be kept home if they exhibit any contagious symptoms, such as fever, rash, diarrhea, vomiting, discharge of the nose, ears or eyes, and presence of lice or any contagious situation. Please notify Camp Leadership if your child will not be able to attend camp.

If a child becomes ill at camp, the parent/guardian or emergency contact person will be notified to pick up the sick child immediately. Please ensure that emergency contacts are in the area and are willing to perform as contacts for your child, prior to placing them on the **Child Pick-up Authorization Form**.

Ticks are prolific between May and August. While multiple staff do visibly check each camper for ticks after being exposed to grassy and woody areas, we encourage that you check your child thoroughly upon arriving home.

In case of a serious injury – All leadership staff are CPR, First Aid and AED certified, however if your child requires more than just basic first aid, the following steps will be taken:

- Call 911
- Make attempts to contact parent/guardian immediately
- If parent/guardian cannot be reached, we will call other contact persons on emergency form

