



## Chico Creek Nature Center

# Learn - Splash - Laugh

**Description:** The Chico Creek Nature Center presents nature education day camps for children ages 5 to 11. The program is designed to provide outdoor recreation and to foster awareness of nature in a fun, safe, and caring setting. Campers enjoy hands-on natural science labs, up close animal visits, outdoor games, arts and crafts, and swimming in Big Chico Creek.

**Dates:** June 8th, to August 18th, Monday- Friday, All Summer  
*\*No Camp July 3rd and 4th (in celebration of Independence Day)\**

Week	Date	Theme
Week 1	6/8-6/9	Wiggling Worms
Week 2	6/12-6/16	Wet 'n Wild
Week 3	6/19-6/23	Reptile Adventure
Week 4	6/26-7/7	Creek Explorers
Week 5	7/5-7/7	Slithering Snakes
Week 6	7/10-7/14	Splash Zone
Week 7	7/17-7/21	Turtle Power
Week 8	7/24-7/28	Water Adventures
Week 9	7/31-8/4	Raging Raptors
Week 10	8/7-8/11	Creepy Crawlers
Week 11	8/14-8/18	Egg Laying Critters

**Location:** Chico Creek Nature Center

1968 E. 8th Street Chico, Ca 95928 (530) 891-4671

**Times:** Full Day= 9am to 4pm, Half Day= 9am to 1pm  
 Extended Care Available 7:45am to 9am and/or 4 to 5:30pm (at no additional cost)

**Cost:** **Flexible Scheduling with Daily Drop-Ins!**  
 Week of Full Days= \$210, Week of Half Days= \$135  
 Single Full Day=\$45, Single Half Day=\$29

**Registration:** Convenient, **Online Registration.** <http://www.chicorec.com>  
 You may, also, call (530-895-4711 or 530-891-4671) or stop by to register at the CARD Office

**Camp Shirts:** Campers are required to **wear their camp shirt every day** of camp. Shirts are a part of their required registration packet purchase. Shirts will be distributed to campers on their first day for \$10 cash, check, and visa. Size is determined at that time.

**Camp Lunch:** **Camp is NO Longer serving lunch this summer!** Although we have in the past, we recently received the news that we are no longer an eligible site for the lunch program. We apologize for any inconvenience this may bring. However, we will provide lunch to campers who qualify for the free lunch program with a valid qualification. If your family qualifies for the free lunch program, please keep an eye out for our weekly email that will have a specific survey link. This link will act as registration for our free lunch program.

**Swimming/Sunscreen:** We swim every day of camp. Please make sure campers always have the necessary supplies. Counselors will remind campers to reapply sunscreen as needed. Counselor will oversee the application and, if needed a fellow camper may help with the application. Counselors will **NOT** assist with the application of sunscreen.

**Hydration:** Hydration starts at home! Please ensure your camper drinks enough water at home before, after and in between camp. Once hydrated it can be difficult to replenish a child's body with enough water. Campers should bring water bottles and are prompted to refill and drink often. Counselors, also carry water to give campers throughout the day.

**Our Staff:** At Camp Chico Creek, we pride ourselves on hiring on the best of the best. Counselors go through an intensive screening and training process ensuring that they will offer your camper(s) a safe, fun, engaging, educational summer. All of our staff are CPR and First Aid certified and water safety trained.

**Health and Emergency procedures:** Families will be notified if their child is ill, hurt or otherwise needs parental care. We ask parents to respond quickly and pick up within 60 minutes. We have a no lice/nit policy. We require that families notify us, in writing any changes to authorized pick up.

**Evacuation from Camp:** Step 1 is to take campers to Bear's Lair (where we do opening circle), Step 2 is to walk them across 8<sup>th</sup> Street to the housing area and Step 3 is to follow the directions given to us by 9-1-1 and the Red Cross. We will make every effort to contact and connect families.

**Items from Home:** Camper may bring items such as stuffed animals and Pokémon cards **at their own risk!** We offer a time at the end of each day where campers will have the opportunity to play with these items. We do not allow trading of any item here at Camp Chico Creek, so make sure your camper know that they cannot trade toys or cards with a buddy during camp. We do not take any responsibility for lost toys that were brought from home. In the case that your child brings a toy from home and loses it, please consult our Lost and Found Policy.

**Lost and Found:** The center retains all items for a period of one week. All unclaimed items will be given to a local charity.

The center is not responsible for any missing, lost or stolen items. We recommend keeping toys at home.

**Special Needs:** Camp Chico Creek is available to campers with special needs. We are not able to provide additional time for services. If your child is in need of additional services we will do everything we can to find or connect your family with any services in the community. See Camp Directors for more information or to discuss the details of how we can serve your child's special needs.

**Discipline Procedure:** Camper enjoyment is a high priority at Camp Chico Creek. Fellow campers that show a pattern of creating a disruption or danger to other campers may be asked to leave camp. That being said we do not ask very many campers to discontinue attending and find that even campers who have a difficult time in other school-like settings have a great time at this high energy exciting camp. Our disciplinary procedures allow us to communicate with you, the parent, so that we may work together to resolve any inappropriate camp behavior. The following is our procedures:

**Yellow Slips:** Campers will be sent home with a yellow slip if they continue to break camp rules. These yellow slips will act as a warning. Yellow Slips are our way of ensuring our communication with you, the parent.

**Red Slip/Behavior Contract:** An issuance of a red slip, or a behavior contract, occurs after three yellow slips are issued to a camper, **or when a camper exhibits extremely dangerous behavior** that is deemed unacceptable at Camp Chico Creek. The red slip/behavior contract is our last-resort disciplinary action, and will be handled by one of our camp directors. The camper who receives a red slip will be escorted to our director's office by their group leader, whom will communicate the issue to one of our directors. Campers who are put on a behavior contract and continue to exhibit inappropriate behavior **will be asked to leave our camp for the remainder of the summer!**

**Sign In/Out:** For the safety of your children we ask they you sign them in and out every day. Please be prepared to show a photo ID at pick up. Only named parents and authorized pick-ups will be allowed to pick up. If you need to have someone else pick up contact us or CARD.

**Late Pickup:** Please pick up at your scheduled time. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute is charged after the pick-up time. If your child is not picked up within 1 hour from the pick-up time and no contact has been made with persons on the emergency form, Child Protective Services will be called.

**CARDS Refund/Cancellation/Change Policy:** Requests for refunds and transfers must be received by 10:00am on the Thursday prior to the camp start date. Unfortunately, we are unable to make any exceptions unless valid emergency or medical documentation can be provided. For any additional questions or concerns please talk with one of our camp directors, or email our camp email: [camp@bidwell.org](mailto:camp@bidwell.org)

**What to Bring/Wear:** To ensure a GREAT experience campers should bring or wear the following.

Lots of food	A large lunch and several big snacks make for a happy camper!!
Closed Toe Shoes	No sandals, flip flops, etc.
Closed Toe Water Shoes	Campers will not be allowed in the water without these. They may be a second pair of sneakers but may not be flip flops or any type of sandal with exposed toes.
Layered Clothing	The temperature can change a lot throughout the day.
Sunscreen	Please send your child with sunscreen and apply sunscreen before they arrive at camp. Counselors will remind them to reapply as needed throughout the day. Counselors are <b>not</b> to apply sunscreen on campers.
Bug Repellent	Counselors will remind them to apply if needed.
Water Bottle	Extra Outfit at needed
Swim Suit	
Towel/Hat/Sunglasses	We recommend items come in a backpack for safe keeping. Campers will have use of cubbies to store their items. Please label all items brought to camp.
Extra Outfit at needed	

**Contact:** Chico Creek Nature Center Phone Number: 530-891-4671 ex.27

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