

Around the World In 5 Days



At Camp Sylvester

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Stanislaus County 4-H Camp
June 8 - 12 & June 12 - 17, 2018
Pinecrest, California

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Welcome to 4-H Summer Camp!

Camp Sylvester is located just one-half mile from Pinecrest Lake (el. 5,600 ft.) on the Dodge Ridge Road in Tuolumne County. The camp has modern cabins, kitchen and dining facilities, showers and flush toilets, a crafts and recreation hall, a campfire stage, and areas for organized play.

When you pay your camp fee, you will have purchased your way into Regular camp for a 5-night stay (Senior camp 4 nights), quality meals, a camp picture, t-shirt, crafts, and a health and accident policy. It's a special occasion to share with other 4-H members the fun of camping.

Each evening you can look forward to a campfire, with singing, skits and other fun activities that are traditional favorites. Each cabin presents a skit or talent program sometime during camp. (Plan skits at home if possible.)

As campers, you can swim, hike, and join in team and individual sports. Early morning and afternoon fishing is available--but be sure to bring your own pole, hooks and bait! You may want to bring a camera to take pictures of your friends, your cabin, or other memorable moments in camp!

NOTICE TO PARENTS

NEW ARRIVAL TIME AT CAMP for Senior Camp is 4 PM. Regular Camp is between 2:00 and 3:30 pm on the first day of camp. Please park only in designated areas. Check in at the stage/campfire area. You will have to furnish your own transportation or make arrangements with other campers from your club. For Regular Session, counselors arrive at 1 p.m. (Campers not accepted at this time.)

Senior Campers returning as **Counselors** for Regular Camp may stay between sessions.

NEW DEPARTURE TIME AT CAMP is 10 am for Senior session and 10:30 am for Regular session! No lunch will be served. **Campers are not to leave camp until they have been cleared to do so by the Camp Director.** Notify camp immediately if you have arranged for someone other than yourselves to pick up your child. Parents are a welcome audience at the closing ceremony.

ACTIVITIES...

Arts and Crafts, Campfire, Camping skills, Canoeing (age limits may apply), Fishing, Games, Hiking (Day & Night), Nature Study, Archery, Skits, Sports, Swimming, Overnight Hike (age limits TBA), and Team Building.

CRAFTS...

Camp crafts are an enjoyable way for each camper to express creativity. Crafts include theme related items, bead work, lanyards, friendship bracelets, tie dying, bleach art and more.

MEALS...

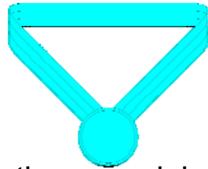
The menu is planned to insure well-balanced, enjoyable eating. There is plenty of variety, and enough to feed a hungry bear. (Vegetarian options are available--be sure to note this on your camp registration.) **For those youth with a special dietary need, please contact the 4-H office prior to camp.**

Snacks...

Snacks will be available in the dining hall for those that are hungry between meals.

CLUB NAME BADGES...

Appoint a name badge committee to design a good club name tag.



Guidelines:

- The name badges must match within the club.
- Each camper must make his/her own name badge.
- The name badge needs to incorporate the camp theme.
- They may be made from anything durable.
- They are to be worn throughout camp--especially at meals!
- Be sure that your name is easy to read.

THEME DAYS...

"Theme Days" are used to incorporate fun and excitement into camp. So come prepared with ideas as to how you can dress up and make camp more fun than ever! There will also be a talent show at camp, so come prepared.

Asia

Europe

Africa and Australia

The Americas

Last day is Pajama Day

REMINDER...

Campers are encouraged to bring costumes and appropriate props for use in skits and other recreation activities, remember the theme.

WHAT TO BRING???

- * Bed and mattress are provided, so bring a sleeping bag, or a bed roll and a pillow.
- * Bring a good supply of camp-type clothes:
 - ...Jeans
 - ...Shirts
 - ...T-Shirts
 - ...Socks & Underwear (change daily!)
 - ...Tennis shoes, hiking boots (comfortable)
(If shoes are new be sure to break them in prior to camp)
 - ...Sandals--for shower & beach **ONLY!**
 - ...Sweat Shirts or Sweaters
 - ...**Warm Jacket** (for evening & campfire)
 - ...Swim Suit
 - ...Towels for shower & swimming, washcloth
 - ...Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, hair brush)
 - ...Flashlight
 - ..Fishing pole & gear for "fishers"

...Camera
 ...Clothes for the dance (one notch better than daily camp clothes)
 ...Theme Day items
 ...Chapstick
 ...Bug Repellant
 ... **Washed** white t-shirt to tie dye or a plain, solid color for bleach art.

All clothing and personal items should be labeled with your name (easily returned if lost).

Siblings should pack separate suitcases. They may not be assigned to the same cabin.

WHAT TO TAKE HOME???

See above list! Each year a remarkable array of items--many of considerable value--are left at camp. Make a detailed list for checking at both ends of camp.

Important message from the Camp Staff...

Our campers have problems with headaches at camp due to the elevation, dry air, dust allergies and lack of caffeine. We are asking for your help with the following:

- Wean your camper off cola, coffee drinks and foods containing caffeine for the 2 weeks prior to camp.
- Start having them drink extra water and continue to drink plenty of water at camp.

Please send 3-4 tubes of chapstick with your campers! Dry lips are common and tubes seem to be easily lost.

Water bottles have been purchased for the campers. Campers will be responsible for keeping track of their bottle.

There will be a charge for damage done by campers to facilities and fire extinguishers.

WHAT TO LEAVE HOME!!!

- * Knives, Toy guns, Squirt guns, & Air Soft guns
- * Snack foods
- * Magazines & books of questionable taste
- * Cell phones, Radios, I-Pods (4-H is not responsible for lost or stolen items)
- * Legally controlled substances (alcohol, cigarettes, drugs)

Parents are responsible to see that no unwanted items come to camp in their camper's luggage. Please assist us in this regard.

The camp dress code will be strictly enforced.

3 STRIKE RULE ENFORCEMENT NOTICE: Any 4-H campers or counselors who seriously violate the rules of camp or 4-H will be sent home. Parents will be notified to pick them up at camp immediately at their own expense.

CAMP SYLVESTER TELEPHONE -- (209) 965-3172

This is for EMERGENCIES ONLY

Campers call home only if there is an emergency.

You are welcome (and encouraged) to send **MAIL!**

Camp Sylvester

(Camper's Name)

P.O. Box 1479

Pinecrest, CA 95364

We all enjoy mail, so send a lot and send often! Mail takes 2-3 days to reach camp, so please plan accordingly.

PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO CAMP IF HE/SHE HAS A HEALTH PROBLEM. The camp nurse will check each member into camp. We will not allow members with contagious conditions (i.e. colds, flu) to stay.

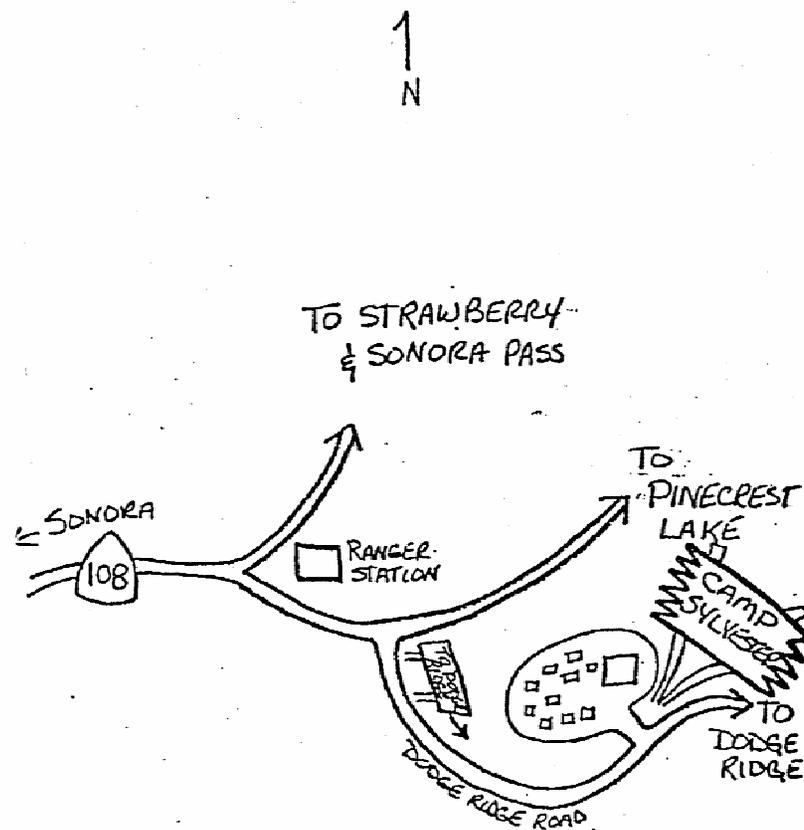
REFUNDS -- Will be paid only after all camp bills are paid and 4-H office is called. Refunds on cancellations prior to April 30th will be the camp fee less \$50 administrative fee. No refunds after that date.

CAMP STAFF

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Matthew Avila	Camp Director
Austin Larsson	Assistant Director
Samantha Sanchez	Assistant Director
Eric Schmidt	Co-Recreation Director
Sara Frost	Co-Recreation Director
Koryn Marquez	Co-Recreation Director
Hailey Langpaap	Co-Hike Director
Russell Magee	Co-Hike Director
Nicole Mendonca	Co-Hike Director
Dalton Breazeale	Co-Hike Director
Jacob Avila	Archery Director
Autumn Larsson	Co-Crafts Director
Aspen Silva	Co-Crafts Director
Natalie Thompson	Co-Waterfront Director
Kailey Stone	Co-Waterfront Director
Samuel Fletcher	Co-Waterfront Director
Kase Bryson	Dining Hall Assistant
Paris Bennett	Dishwasher
Lena Magee	Dishwasher
Jolene Thompson	Waterfront
Kathy Weststeyn	Camp Committee Chairman
JoAnn Ratto	4-H Program Representative

MAP TO CAMP SYLVESTER



Camp Sylvester is located approximately
30 miles east of Sonora.
28770 Dodge Ridge Road
(Mailing address: PO Box 1479)
Pinecrest, CA 95364
Travel time from the Ag Center
is about 2 hours.



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