



Dear Parent(s),

Thank you for choosing Camp Shaka. The information in this pamphlet is helpful to both you and your child. Please read thru everything and feel free to contact us should any of your questions remain unanswered. We look forward to a wonderful week!

~Camp Shaka Staff

Camp Shaka is an overnight surf experience for kids between the ages of 12 and 15 located in Santana Beach on the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua. Our program consist of 6 days / 5 nights and includes daily surf lessons for beginners, community service, teambuilding exercises, and awesome activities and excursions.

A Typical Day:

7:30 -- Rise & Shine!
8:00 -- Cabin Clean-up
8:30 -- Breakfast
9:00 -- Surf Instruction (land)
10:00 - Surf Instruction (water)
12:00 - Lunch
1:00 -- Rest Period
2:00 -- Recreational Swim
3:00 -- Activity (horseback, turtles, etc.)
4:30 -- Teambuilding Activity
6:00 -- Prep for Supper
6:30 -- Supper
7:30 -- Free Time
8:00 -- Bonfire/Movie
9:30 -- Bedtime Prep
10:00 - Lights Out

*The daily schedule will vary depending on the surf; however the morning will focus on surf instruction and lessons and the afternoon and evening will focus on other activities and teambuilding skills.

Refunds & Waivers:

Please refer to the second page of the Camp Shaka Registration Form for detailed information on our cancellation policy, refunds, waivers, and photo release.

Parent Visits:

Often parental visits can affect not only the camper being visited but his/her cabinmates. Our goal is top establish a tight bond among our campers during their stay at Camp Shaka. Because the campers have such a short time at Camp Shaka, we ask parents to refrain from visiting the facility.

Money at Camp:

Though we do not recommend it, we recognize that most children come to camp with money. Parents should be aware that food and beverages are provided throughout the day. The only place your child might be able to use cash is during an off-campus trip to purchase additional snacks or gifts. Children bringing money for these reasons will need at the most \$10 to \$15 in change. Even this is not essential since. Please be advised that camp cannot be responsible for loss, theft, or recovery of money brought to camp.

Personal Belongings:

Please do not send personal belongings to camp of great monetary or sentimental value. Our staff will do its best to assist campers in keeping up with their belongings. However, ultimately, personal belongings are the camper's responsibility. Camp Shaka will not be responsible for campers personal belongings.

Phone Calls:

Camper morale make phone calls to your child inadvisable. However, we know that many campers will bring cell phones with them to Camp Shaka. We ask that parents use their discretion in calling their children while at camp and try to limit phone calls to emergency situations. Camp staff are available by phone and can be reached around the clock. If a camper has a problem at camp; homesickness, trouble adjusting, illness, or other issue, be assured our counselors will contact parents immediately.

Laundry:

At this time, laundry is not available to campers, so please send your child to Camp Shaka with enough clothing for 1-week, keeping in mind that they may need more than one change of clothes per day depending on the daily activity.

Packing List:

Bathing Suit (a minimum of 2 suits is recommended)
T-shirts (minimum of 6)
Shorts (minimum of 5 pairs)
Jeans (1 pair recommended)
Sneakers
Flip Flops
Pajamas
Hat
Rain Jacket
Sunscreen
Sunglasses
Bug Spray
Flashlight and batteries
Toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, brush/comb, etc.)
Beach Towel
Bath Towel
Camera (optional)
Any necessary medications

What's Included:

Camp Shaka provides all meals (5B, 6L, 5D), surf equipment (board, rash guard), surf lessons, activities, lodging, transportation. Also available for campers are frisbees, soccer and volleyballs, board games and movies.

Homesickness:

If properly handled, homesickness normally disappears the first or second day of camp. If it does not, a member of the camp staff will contact the camper's parents. Most parents feel that homesickness is one of those hurdles children must clear in the process of growing up. We do recommend giving a child the chance to face the problem squarely. Please be assured that we empathize with you and your child's feelings.

Medications:

Please alert us to any regular medications that your child must take by filling out the attached health form. A counselor will manage all medications and will dispense to appropriate campers as needed.

Medical Bills:

Parents are responsible for any medical bills that are incurred by their child at camp. Our counselors will notify parents immediately in the case of any accident or injury requiring medical treatment.

Discipline:

Alcohol, drug, and weapons of any kind are grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. We have a zero-tolerance policy for this behavior. Other discipline matters will be dealt with appropriately (time outs, loss of privileges, etc.)

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