

# Information and fact sheet for The Child Unique family camping trip

***In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous. – Aristotle***

## **Bort Meadows...**

...is a beautiful group campsite located in the Anthony Chabot Regional Park, only 20 miles from Alameda.

Some of the features of the group camp site:

- Room for over 200 people.
- Large fire pit and three large open grills with picnic tables
- Parking for cars less than a ¼ mile away
- A circular drop off for cars
- Surrounded by trees, hills, and hiking trails
- 8 portable toilets

## **Things to know:**

- Bort meadow is a primitive campsite. This means there are no showers or electricity. Water access is limited. (*Remember, it is only one night and you are only 20 miles from home.*)
- **You need to bring your own water for drinking and cooking.** Solar showers recommended for the kids, if you have one.
- As a result of Sudden Oak Death fungus, you may not bring unprocessed natural firewood. You may bring commercial firewood that has been certified to be uncontaminated, or you may purchase firewood at the park. (You may also bring construction lumber or processed fire logs.)
- Park gates close at 10 pm. You will be locked out or in after 10 pm.

The Child Unique has graciously paid for two nights at the campsite. **There is no camping fee for families.** You and your family can contribute in the following manner:

## **Saturday, June 7th Potluck Picnic**

If you are attending the picnic, please look for the potluck sign up sheets at each campus. Please bring food to share.

Or bring campfire food for the evening. S'mores!!

## **Camp Crews**

You can sign-up for the crews on the following page.

- *Bonfire Crew* – a few parents are needed to coordinate the bringing of wood and/or purchase of wood at the campsite. This crew will also build and monitor the bonfire Saturday night.
- *Music/Games/Crafts Crew* - parents, bring your creative self, favorite games and musical instruments. It would be wonderful to have afternoon kid games/crafts and live music around the bonfire.
- *Cook Crew* - parents who love to grill and cook outdoors are needed to help with Saturday afternoon/evening grilling for the group.

## **Weekend Schedule**

### ***Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>***

- Arrival between 2 and 9:30 pm.
- This evening will be casual and organic, with no planned activities. You are on your own for dinner.

### ***Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>***

- Arrival anytime after 9 am.
- **Potluck Picnic** will begin around noon and go until the food runs out. There will be grills going for food that needs cooking. Any extra charcoal will be greatly appreciated!
- Bonfire will begin around 7 pm.
- The gates close at 10 pm. You need to be at your campsite or on your way home by this time.

### ***Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>***

- Clean up and breakfast. (You are on your own for breakfast.)
- Clean up your space. There will be garbage cans.
- Everyone must be packed up and out by 12 noon.

This schedule is loose and flexible. If you have something you would like to bring to the group, let us know.