

## **Welcome to Global Arts Camp!**

### **Your child is in for a summer of discovery!**

Elorie, Tai, Eshe, Marcus, Andre and I are looking forward to our ninth year of camp. This year we are visiting **Peru, Greece and Ethiopia**. We have added a Social Responsibility project for each session and more outdoor physical activities for your camper.

Throughout the summer, your child will be engaged in many different activities which will help create confidence, foster curiosity, develop social skills and instill our core values of Responsibility, Respect, Caring and Honesty while having a fun and exciting day!

#### **How can my child and I get ready for the first day of camp?**

- Visiting the campsite before camp begins will help to foster a smooth transition from home to camp. The first day of camp is very exciting for the children and knowing in advance where they are going when they get to camp can help with first day jitters.
  
- Have pleasant, positive conversations about what will happen at camp; going over the daily schedule/theme for the week and talking about friends they will see while at camp will help your child feel more comfortable.
  
- Leave plenty of time on the first day to get ready and to eat breakfast. Your child may become upset when you drop them off. We have found from experience that it is best for you to have a routine with your child for drop off. Knowing what to expect allows your child to have less anxiety about his/her camp day, and starts your day off right too!

#### **List of items that your child will need for camp:**

- **Lunch/Snack** (in a labeled lunchbox with an ice pack or frozen water/juicebox to keep it cold-they will not be refrigerated). There are two snack periods in addition to lunchtime. Also a refillable water bottle with their name clearly visible.
  
- **Sneakers!** Your child will be moving all day long; walking to the pool, playing sports, running, jumping and having fun all day long. For their safety, they need to have sneakers to be able to participate in all of these activities. Dressy shoes, sandals or flip flops will NOT be permitted.

**Peanut Safe Facility** Just a reminder, we are a PEANUT SAFE FACILITY. Please make sure your child comes to camp without any nuts, nut products or peanut butter items.

**Communication** During the summer we will be communicating with you through weekly emails. This will be our main source of communication with you so please let us know if there are any changes in your contact information. Our staff will be working very hard to make every child happy. Please understand that drop off time may not be a convenient time to have a lengthy discussion about your child, as the counselor has a lot going on during this time. If you feel that you need to have a longer conversation with the counselor- ask them to call you during the afternoon when they have a chance.

**Labels** Please label EVERYTHING with your child's name or initials. This helps your child's belongings find their way back to you!

Please don't hesitate to call us with any further questions or comments you may have now or in the future about camp. We are always open to your suggestions and ideas.

Yours in camping,

Adrienne, Elorie, Tai, Eshe, Andre and Marcus