



*Safari West Wildlife Foundation  
Camp Nyika Summer Camp Application*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eve Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eve Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions we should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_

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***Please let us know what session you would like your child to participate in:***

June 29 – July 3      \_\_\_\_\_  
July 6 – July 10      \_\_\_\_\_  
July 13 – July 17      \_\_\_\_\_  
July 20 – July 24      \_\_\_\_\_  
July 27 – July 31      \_\_\_\_\_  
Aug 3 – Aug 7      \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that registration for the camp is on a first come, first serve basis. If the camp week you have chosen is full, someone from our team will reach out to reschedule your child for a different week.

## **Camp Nyika Summer Camp**

Get the kids out of the house and into the wild! At Camp Nyika kids become skilled naturalists with a week's exploration of the back country of Safari West. Campers hike the outer trails in search of birds, bugs, and reptiles under the warm summer sun. Along the way they enjoy activities and games designed to keep their mind engaged with the wild world around them. Each day campers will dive into the biology of Safari West and learn to guide their own adventures under the mentorship of our dedicated counselor-naturalist staff. Conditions are expected to be warm and dusty, and most of the plants will be in bloom, meaning pollen and allergens will linger in the air.

New for summer 2020 is photography! Campers are encouraged to bring a camera to photograph the wilds of Safari West. The counselor-naturalist staff will assist in learning to capture the moment, and photos will be featured in a virtual online art gallery.

At Sonoma County's wildest science discovery day camp, your child steps into the safari guide role to experience the Sonoma Serengeti! Each weekly session provides five full days of wildlife learning and adventure exploring the Safari West Wildlife Preserve. This camp is a surefire way to awaken the inner naturalist in your child as they discover wild creatures both native and exotic and get to know the great outdoors. Alongside a week's worth of activities, each camper also receives a backpack, daily journal, and hand sanitizer bottle.

**All camp sessions take place from 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday of the session week.**

### **General Information and Camp Policy**

**Parents: Please make certain your camper understands the information that follows, it will be critical for their success.**

To All Parents and Campers: Contained in this application are items and policies for you to consider in your preparation for camp. Please read the contents of this application carefully and reinforce all pertinent rules and regulations with your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us.

Safari West Wildlife Foundation Camp Nyika has several main objectives in its summer camp program. We hope every camper finds the opportunity to connect with wildlife and learn new skills to facilitate the appreciation of outdoor life. We also hope that this program will assist campers in interpersonal relationships through working together. We also sincerely hope that each camper has a fun-filled and memorable experience. The main purpose of Camp Nyika is to provide children with the tools and confidence to explore the wild world around them and learn through self-discovery. The entire staff remains committed to this end.

By enrolling my child in the SWWF Camp Nyika Summer Program, I am consenting to my child's voluntary participation in all appropriate activities. If there is a particular activity that I do not wish my child to participate in, I will express that in a written note or email to the camp director.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Camp Nyika is operating under the guidance of:**  
**Sonoma County Health Order Amendment 3 Section 5 Subsection C**

**DUE TO COVID-19 CAMP STAFF WILL GREET PARENTS AND CAMPERS AT THEIR VEHICLES TO FACILITATE CHECK-IN/OUT. PARENTS MAY NOT APPROACH THE CAMP SITE.**

**Please be prepared to have your child's temperature taken and noted by camp staff every morning. Before arriving ask your child:**

In the last twenty-four hours:

- Have you had a persistent cough?
- Have you had shortness of breath?
- Have you had any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell

***Participant Acceptance:***

I have read, or have had explained to me, the above policies and I agree to comply with them.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Safari West Wildlife Foundation

3115 Porter Creek Road

Santa Rosa, CA95404

707 579-2551

## Liability Release Form

**Each camper or camper parent/guardian must complete and sign this form**

I acknowledge and **release** Safari West Wildlife Foundation from any and all **liability** or responsibility due to any injury or loss that either may incur as the result of, or arising in any way from, my participation at Safari West or any activity associated with Safari West Wildlife Foundation.

Furthermore, I understand that from time to time, photos will be taken of Safari West Wildlife Foundation campers and I do hereby give permission to Safari West Wildlife Foundation to publish and use for public relations purposes any photo taken of me, provided that any such photos are used for Safari West Wildlife Foundation promotional purposes only.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Volunteers under 18 must have a release of liability signed by his or her Parent or Guardian.**

I am a parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is currently under the age of 18. I acknowledge and **release** Safari West Wildlife Foundation from any and all **liability** or responsibility due to any injury or loss that either may incur as the result of, or arising in any way from, my child's participation at Safari West Wildlife Foundation.

Furthermore, I understand that from time to time, photos will be taken of Safari West Wildlife Foundation campers and I do hereby give permission to Safari West Wildlife Foundation to publish and use for public relations purposes any photo taken of my child, provided that any such photos are used for Safari West Wildlife Foundation promotional purposes only.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## **CAMP INSTRUCTIONS**

**Daily Drop Off:** 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**\*Please do not arrive prior to 8:30 am**

**Daily Pick Up:** 3:00 pm

\*Please be on time. We **do not** provide early and late childcare. If you require any exceptions to these times, please notify the camp director as soon as possible. Due to the nature of our program and camper's location at Safari West, it can be difficult to get your camper down to the office in a timely manner without prior notification.

**\*DAY CAMPERS ARE NOT TO BE LEFT ALONE AT THE ENTRANCE OF CAMP NYIKA. THEY ARE TO BE CHECKED IN WITH CAMP STAFF AT THE APPROVED TIMES. NO EXCEPTIONS!! THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CAMPERS.**

## **ENROLLMENT**

A **non-refundable deposit of 25% of the cost of the camp program** is required each session for each child to hold a reservation. The balance and paperwork are due two weeks prior to your child's arrival.

In case of cancellation, no refunds are provided for any reason. Once a camper has arrived at camp, **refunds will not be credited for any reason** should he/she leave camp early.

## **Dietary Needs**

To best accommodate individual dietary needs, campers will need to bring their own snacks and lunch. The on-site deli—Delilah's—is available for the purchase of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks if needed. Bottled water will be provided daily to all campers. If your child has specific dietary needs, you are responsible for providing alternatives such as gluten free bread, peanut butter alternatives, etc.

## **Behavioral Expectations**

Our program is not geared towards behavioral issues that require one-on-one supervision. For the safety and success of our program we require that campers are able to be successful in a group environment with our provided ratio. Bullying and other disruptive behavior is not acceptable and is grounds for dismissal from the program.

## **Summer Goals**

Day Campers will have an opportunity during their stay to be exposed to many activities. In program planning it is important to understand that during a five-day session, time can limit participation in some popular activities.

## Equipment

Camp Nyika will provide the necessary supplies and equipment to complete daily activities except for a camera. If your child brings his/her camera or any other personal gear, please mark these items carefully with name, address and telephone number. The camp **CANNOT** take responsibility for their safekeeping. Daily recommended gear includes:

- **Earth Toned Clothing-** Camp Nyika is a learning camp where campers learn to become a safari guide. While on foot in the bush, earth toned clothing ensures that wildlife is not disturbed, and discourages bugs from landing on/biting you. Campers will be outside all day, so plan for clothes that you don't mind getting some trail dirt on! Even in the summer months, Sonoma County mornings can be chilly. Consider layering.
- **Sturdy Walking Shoes** - Close-toed shoes are required as Safari West features dirt and gravel pathways. As a safety precaution, campers without closed-toed shoes campers will not be allowed to participate until such shoes are obtained.
- **Face Mask** - While it is not required that campers wear face masks at all times, it may become necessary to wear them where social distancing procedures cannot be maintained. This is in accordance with Sonoma County Health Order Amendment 3 Section 5 Sub-Section 3.
- **Backpack or Field Bag** - A small backpack (optional to the provided bag) to hold gear is a great idea as campers will often be out in the wilds of Safari West.
- **Water Bottle - To comply with SoCo Amendment 3, we will provide several single use water bottles to each camper each day.** You may choose to bring a reusable water bottle; however, we will not provide common refilling stations.
- **Sunscreen and Insect Repellent** - Campers can expect to be outside all day. Sunscreen is a great idea to repel the rays of the sun and keep skin healthy! Camp Nyika will be operating at a point in the year when insects (such as mosquitos) won't be prevalent, however, insect repellent may be a good idea.
- **Trail Snacks** - To best accommodate individual dietary needs, campers will need to bring their own snacks and lunch. The on-site deli is available to purchase sandwiches. Bottled water will be provided to all campers.

## Dismissal

Camp Nyika forbids any camper from smoking, using, or possessing any tobacco or other smokable product; from using or possessing any form of alcoholic beverage product; from possessing any form of marijuana or other illegal drug product; and from using or possessing any legal drug products unless otherwise noted in advance with the camp staff. **Only the camp director can receive medication from parents.** Medication must be in its original container and have the dispensation orders attached. **Fireworks, firearms, and knives are not allowed at camp.**

**Any camper who violates this policy will have to be picked up by a parent/guardian from the camp immediately.** The director will call the camper's parents or guardian and will have them make arrangements to pick up their camper from the premises. This camp policy is strictly enforced; we believe it is absolutely

necessary to ensure the healthy and positive environment of Camp Nyika Please discuss this matter with your child.

## **Insurance**

The parents or guardians of the camper named on the application must provide Camp Nyika with the policy number and name of the medical insurance carrier that covers their child. **Medical Authorization:** Parents or guardians shall enter into an understanding concerning the risk and possibility of injury due to the campers increased exposure to higher levels of physical activity and participation encountered in the camp's typical day. Camp Nyika is not responsible for any injuries or illnesses incurred by the camper while enrolled in camp, beyond the assurance that the affected camper will receive prompt and professional care. Camp Nyika requires written authorization in order to secure such medical attention as is deemed necessary. **Camp Nyika does not accept children at camp without medical insurance.**

## **Safari West Gift Shop**

Campers will be provided time on Friday to briefly visit the Safari West Gift Shop during their lunch break. Camp staff will facilitate the visit in small groups. Please note, while in the gift shop your camper will be required to wear a facial mask or covering for their safety and for the safety of the other guests.

## **Prompt Pick Up**

Due to our close group living environment we ask that you make yourself or an alternative contact available for immediate pick up due to inappropriate behavior or signs of communicable diseases such as fever, diarrhea, or vomiting. Please be on time. We **do not** provide early and late childcare. If you require any exceptions to these times, please notify the camp director as soon as possible. Due to the nature of our program and camper's location at Safari West, it can be difficult to get your camper down to the office in a timely manner without prior notification.

**While staff make every effort to make your child comfortable; please encourage your child to communicate with their counselor if they forgot an item or are in need of additional items (e.g. towels, water bottles, sunscreen, etc.)**

## **Pick Up and Drop Off**

The counselors and camp supervisor will be lined up at the front entrance to camp to sign your child in and out. Counselors will assist in helping children to and from vehicles during pick up and drop off. Morning drop-off is between 8:30am and 9:00am. Afternoon pick up is at 3:00pm.

## **Age Restrictions**

The Camp Nyika is open to children ages **9-12**. The 2020 camp curriculum is based on CA State and Federal NGSS standards, the Field Guides of Southern Africa (FGASA) curriculum, and the African Field Guides Association (AFGA).

## **Is This an Overnight Camp?**

No, Camp Nyika is a day camp. Camp hours are from 9am to 3pm.

## **Will My Child Get to Touch the Animals or Be on Foot with Animals?**

No. Camp Nyika is built around appreciating wildlife and approaching nature as a safari guide naturalist would. For their safety and for the Safari West **animal collection safety, campers will not handle or come into "free contact" with any animal.**

## **What is the Cost?**

Camp Nyika is priced at \$380 per camper per week. Please note that each weekly slot features the same agenda of activities.

Reservations require a check be made out to Safari West Wildlife Foundation and mailed to Safari West Wildlife Foundation, 3115 Porter Creek Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

Safari West Wildlife Foundation Direct Line: 707-566-3606

**All camp sessions take place from 9 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday of the session week.**

## **Inclusions**

Each registration includes a reservation to one session of the Camp Nyika Summer Camp. Also included are a backpack, keepsake mask, daily journal, and hand sanitizer bottle, and any crafts made during the week.

Each weekly session provides five full days of wildlife learning and adventure as campers explore the wilds of Safari West Wildlife Preserve. This camp is a surefire way to awaken the inner naturalist in your child as their warm summer days are spent tracking wildlife, hiking back trails, identifying flora and fauna, and learning to become in-tune with the wild world around them.

## **Exclusions**

Does not include lunch. Please pack a lunch for your camper. Delilah's Deli onsite is available to purchase sandwiches if this is more convenient.

## **Completing the Registration Process**

Please send in your application electronically to: [tgoff@safariwest.com](mailto:tgoff@safariwest.com). A check will also need to be mailed to Safari West Wildlife Foundation.

On the first day of camp, the camp director and supervisor will meet you at your vehicle to greet you and ensure all paperwork and payment are collected and will ask you Sonoma County Public Health protocol questions. You will need to provide:

- Application Questionnaire Form
- Release form
- Emergency Contacts

- Your approved list (names and number) of authorized adults who can pick up/drop off your child
- Any ongoing medical issues and allergies
- Photo Release

You can expect to hear from us in the days leading up to the first day of camp. In the meantime, feel free to contact Tori Goff at (707) 566-3606 or 1 (800) 616-2695 ext. 106 or at [tgoff@safariwest.com](mailto:tgoff@safariwest.com) with any questions.

See you this summer at Safari West!

### APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

**Please sign and Return to the Camp Director on the first day of camp.**

My son / daughter and I have read and will comply with all of the policies stated in the "How to go to Day Camp" Booklet.

1. What classes does your child enjoy most in school (home, in classroom, in shelter-in-place/online)?
2. Does your child enjoy going to school when in session (pre COVID and SIP)? How often are they in school?
3. Does your child like nature, hiking, adventure?
4. How would you describe your child's interest in wildlife?
5. Is there anything in specific you are hoping your child will get and/or learn at Camp Nyika?

I HAVE READ & UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS:

Parents Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_