

**Announcing the 28th Annual
“Summer Fun in the Sun” Forest Lake Area Safety Camp – 2023**

A unique camp designed with children’s safety in mind

When: Tuesday, June 13

Camp goes from 8:00am-4:30pm

Check in starts at 7:30am

Where: Forest Lake City Center

1408 Lake Street South, Forest Lake, MN 55025



Who: Children entering 3rd through 5th grades in the Forest Lake Area Communities

This camp will enhance your child’s knowledge of safety, while they have fun! Many area businesses, community agencies, and service clubs have joined with the Forest Lake Police Department to be a part of this exciting program.

At camp, children will have the opportunity to experience and learn about a variety of safety issues, such as first aid from trained Emergency Medical Services personnel, bike maintenance, trail safety and laws relating to bike riding, fire safety, and electrical safety. Other issues relating to safe streets and personal safety will also be addressed. Children will have a chance to view safety equipment and vehicles. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

The program cost includes a free bike helmet (*if needed*), t-shirt and certificate at graduation, leadership, supplies, and meals. The actual cost per child is well over \$100. Due to the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to offer this camp to you for **\$20 per child**. Scholarships will be available to children based on the free lunch program.

To register, visit www.ForestLakeSafetyCamp.org and click the registration tab. **New this year:** We have moved to online registration and payments!

Camp is first-come-first-serve and will be limited to the **first 45 children** registered and paid. After reviewing the attached information sheet, if you have further questions, please visit our website at www.forestlakesafetycamp.org.

Thank you,

The Forest Lake Safety Camp Committee

Forest Lake Police Department: Chief Rick Peterson, Julie Griffin, Michelle Smith, & Officer Tom Coulter

Lakes Center for Youth and Families: Jenna Jones

Hickory Health Clinic: Dr. Richard & Leann Ottomeyer

SF Insurance Group: Denise Gauper

Bell Bank: Diane Dietsch

Forest Lake Lions Club: Paul Girard & Rich Jabas

SAFETY CAMP INFORMATION

- **Pre-registration is required.** Due to the limited number of spaces, we may be unable to accept walk-ins the morning of camp. **Parents/guardians will be invited to join the Safety Camp “Remind” text message list once your registration form has been processed and your child has been accepted to Safety Camp.** Please accept this notification as this how we will communicate reminders/announcements. Your number is private and Remind does not act as a “group message”.
- **Check in Process**
 - An adult must check in your child and stay with them until they are with their group.
 - Check in begins at **7:30am for children with last names starting with A-J.** Check in begins at **7:45 for children with last names starting K-Z.**
 - There are 4 steps to check in. The adult must remain with the youth through this whole process.
 - Table 1: Check In; Children will receive their nametag and ID number
 - Table 2: Group Assignment
 - Children will be placed in their small groups and receive their colored wristband
 - If your child would like to be placed in the same group as a friend, you must make arrangements to arrive at the same time to sign up together. Spots will not be saved.
 - Table 3: Bike Drop Off
 - WALK your bike to the back garage where you will receive a colored wristband to put your child’s name on and attach to the handlebar of their bike.
 - Table 4: Helmet check
 - M Health will check your child’s helmet to ensure safety and/or provide them with a new one. Bring your new or safety checked helmet to attach to your bike. Adults will bring the child’s old helmet back with them.
 - Then head to the group space to bring your child to their small group and meet with their Junior Counselors.
- **Pick up policy**
 - Whoever picks up your child at the end of the day **MUST** know the **ID number** (they do not need the paper slip, only the #) received at check in **AND** be on your **approved pick-up list** (on registration). Please list ANY adult that you approve (additional parent, stepparent, aunt, grandparent, etc).
 - **Pick up is at 4:30 pm.** If you are running late, please send a message to the Remind phone number.
- **Bring your child’s bike and helmet.** Safety first! In order to participate in the bike ride, children must wear a helmet. No exceptions. Helmets will be provided in the morning at check-in if needed.
- The Forest Lake Lions Club generously donates lunch for the campers. Lunch is typically hamburgers or hot dogs with a side. We also provide snacks throughout the day. If your child has a food sensitivity and you would prefer to send a different meal, please clearly mark your child’s lunch in a bag to be refrigerated. Leave lunch bags at the registration table each day. Let their assigned group leader know about their packed lunch.

- Many of our activities are located outside. Historically, camp is hot and sunny. Please send a water bottle for your child with their name clearly marked. We will provide a hydration station for the children to fill their water bottles and remind them to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before camp. Additionally, please do not send them in flip-flops or open-toe shoes. You may wish to send a hat or sunglasses. Again, clearly mark their items and check the lost-and-found at the end of the day if an item is missing. After camp, contact Julie Griffin at 651-209-9951.
- We invite parents to join the children for the Camper Graduation. Camper Graduation is a very special time for each child to be recognized and acknowledged at the end of camp. During graduation, they receive a goody bag and certificate of graduation. Graduation will begin around 4:00. Please plan to attend graduation AND STAY for the entire program.
- **CHECK OUT. It is required to check out your child with their counselor AFTER graduation.** After graduation, children will go back with their colored group and be at their table. Once your child has been checked out, they will get their swag bag full of goodies. If you need to pick up your child early, please contact Jenna at 651-464-3685 x 108 in advance.
- **Cancellation policy**
 - Refunds are disbursed only when a cancellation has been requested 2 full weeks before camp and by the discretion of the Forest Lake Safety Camp Committee. Refunds will not be provided to cancellations within the 2 weeks or for no-shows.
- **Financial Assistance**
 - Financial assistance is available for families in need/those who qualify. At the registration website, select the financial assistance ticket option. By selecting this option, you are granting Forest Lake Safety Camp permission to contact your child's school district to confirm eligibility. If you have a special circumstance and need for financial assistance, please contact Jenna at 651-464-3685 x 108.