



Greetings SCLAers!

Our leadership retreat is right around the corner. Here is some important information.

Packing list: Please pack light! It is overnight- and there will be 5-6 of you in a room.

- A Great attitude! We will be doing silly camp songs, games and team building challenges. This is not the place to be too cool to participate.
- Change of clothes for Thursday
- Extra pair of socks and shoes in case you get a pair wet.
- Pajamas
- Hoodie / jacket for the evening
- Bathroom bag- toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant and any other personal items you need. (again, pack light- travel size!)
- Rain poncho (cheap plastic one ok- we may encounter some rain!)
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Hiking shoes (You don't have to wear hiking boots but have sturdy tennis shoes!)
- They have a small store- if you wish to bring money to purchase something you can- however it is not necessary. Lunch and dinner are provided the first day and breakfast and lunch are provided the 2nd day. We also have snacks available.
- You many want to bring a small day backpack to carry your water bottle, sunscreen, & hat.

What NOT to bring:

- Bedding-Sheets, blankets, pillows and towels are provided by the YMCA
- Obviously- anything illegal. Weapons, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, fireworks. Your parents will be called and you will be sent home AND you will be removed from the program.
- Expensive electronics- If you lose them or break them- we are not responsible.
- Excess money- If you lose it we are not responsible.

CHECK IN TIMES:

Wednesday, August 2 at SCHS in front of the school:

We will make sure all your paperwork is complete, collect payments if any is due, assign your bandana and room teams, and give you your camp T-shirt.

6:30am-6:45am- A-H

6:45am-7:00am- I-P

7:00am-7:15am Q-Z and late arrivals

PICK UP:

**Thursday, August 3rd
SCHS- Main Parking Lot
5:30pm**

Expectations:

You are part of the Silver Creek Leadership Academy and our expectations are high. We have a great reputation as one of the best large groups to visit the YMCA each year, and we want to keep that. We will have a lot of fun together but we need to work together and follow a few rules to ensure your safety.

BE RESPECTFUL!

- We are not the only campers at the YMCA. There will be other large groups but there are also families on vacation.
 - **In the dining hall-** use your inside voices, be polite, don't cut in line. Clean up after yourself and make sure table and floor area is clean.
 - **In the lodge-** Again, we are not the only campers. Don't slam doors, run in the hallways and be loud. Talk quietly in your rooms and keep the music quiet as well.
 - **On the bus-** say thank you to the bus driver and don't leave a mess.
 - **To each other-** We have a lot of kids coming from different schools who don't know anyone- or maybe one or two people. Step outside your comfort zone and meet new people. Bullying will not be tolerated. We are ALL RAPTORS now.

- **Phones-** We want you to engage with the people at the retreat so we ask that your phones are put away. Of course you are welcome to take pictures, but snapchatting, texting and disengaging during group time is discouraged.

Safety!

- **No one goes ANYWHERE Alone-** Stay in groups of three and make sure your ambassadors know where you are. You will have a small amount of free time after meals but we must know where you will be, and you must return to the meeting place on time.
- **Bandanas-** You will be assigned to a “bandana” group- Make sure you wear your bandana for the two days at camp. It helps us quickly gather our groups. No switching.
- **Weather-** Follow instructions in case of bad weather- lightning etc.
- **Uncomfortable-** If something makes you uncomfortable-tell your ambassadors or one of the adult staff members. We can't help you if we don't know.
- **Sickness-** If you get sick make sure you tell your ambassadors. We have Cindi our health clerk at the retreat with us who can assist.
- **Rooms-** You **MUST** stay in the room you are assigned overnight! It is true you might not know anyone, and your best friend might be in the room next door. This is a leadership camp. Stretch yourself and meet new people. It is **ONE NIGHT**. If you change rooms your parents will be called and you will be sent home.

We are excited to spend a couple of days with you and help you learn more about SCLA and begin your leadership journey with us! Our Ambassadors have worked very hard to prepare a camp that will be valuable for you and full of great experiences.