



# SUMMER-IZED!

All the details for a successful summer in Ruby Bridges!

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## WEEKS AND HOURS

June 24 – July 19 (*Camp closed Thursday, July 4. Daily activities may vary the rest of this week*)

Monday – Friday, 12PM – 3PM.

Drop-off and Pick-up instructions are in the Parent Resources box on each location page on our website. Parents or authorized contacts are required to show an ID when picking up a child/children. Should there be any changes to our daily schedule, families will receive a text from the home office.

## WHO TO CALL OR WHERE TO GO

- Arriving Late or Absent: Call your Camp Director. Please note if you call during rally, the call may go to voicemail. If it does, leave a message and let us know if you need a call back.
- Lost & Found: Any items we find will be kept in a “Lost & Found Bin” until the last Friday of the last week of camp at your location.

## THE RUBY BRIDGES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ruby Bridges is a FREE summer camp program. This program is funded by the Alameda Unified School District. Campers attend a half-day, district-run summer school in the morning then transition to a Camp EDMO™ half-day STEAM & SEL-focused program in the afternoon.

## PROGRAM RULES

- Campers must attend ALL 6 weeks of camp.
- Parents must attend weekly workshops relating to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math (STEAM) and Social Emotional Learning (SEL). (6 workshops in total)
- Families must complete a Parent Survey on the Thursday of first week and last week of camp.

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

A key component of our Ruby Bridges program is the Parent Education workshop. Mandatory for families participating in the summer programs; these 1-hour sessions, facilitated by Camp EDMO's SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Coaches, provide parents with information and at-home activities/practices that encourage STEAM and SEL learning beyond the camp day. These sessions will be offered in the morning during drop-off. Weekly sessions include the following topics the EDMO Method™, Internet Safety, Social Media 101, Emotion Management, and Effective Communication.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Alameda Unified School District Nutrition Services. We strongly recommend packing an eco-friendly water bottle each day to make sure your camper stays hydrated. All of our facilities have water fountains. **If you bring any of your own food, please do not bring any products that contain nuts.**



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## KEEPING CAMPERS HEALTHY & SAFE

Campers are given a safety orientation at the start of their camp week at the Monday morning rally.

- **No Nuts Policy:** PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY NUT PRODUCTS (trailmix, peanut butter, granola bars, etc.). We apologize for any inconvenience, but our policy ensures the safety of all of our campers with life-threatening allergies. If your child brings nuts in their own lunch or snacks, we will need to take the lunch and/or snacks and call you to bring your child new ones.
- **Tips About Your Child:** If there is something you'd like our staff to know, we suggest calling or emailing your Camp Director directly at the address above.
- **Allergies:** All allergies should be indicated on the Medical Information Form. Please also inform your Camp Director of the allergy so they can be instructed on how to deal with any allergic reactions. Please also provide us with a photo of your child attached to instructions, medical documentation and medication for managing a reaction. Campers must also be aware of their allergy and instructed not to trade food and to tell a counselor if a reaction does start.
- **Illness or Injuries:** Should your child receive any minor injuries at camp such as cuts or bruises, we will provide basic first aid treatment and send home an "ouch" slip with your camper. If any injuries occur to the head or your child is ill, we will call you and provide treatment.
- **Items Not Allowed at Camp:** We do not allow animals, weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other banned substances at camp. We have strict safety guidelines and also do not allow any unattended scooters, bikes, or skateboards.
- **Behavior Issues:** We'll work with you to develop an Action Plan if your child is having a hard time adjusting to camp. Unfortunately, if he or she repeatedly detracts from the camp experience of kids and staff or compromises the safety of others, we may ask you to pick your child up from camp.
- **Specialized Programs:** At the start of any sessions using heat or potentially hazardous materials, campers are taught proper handling techniques and supervised to ensure safety.
- **Unexpected Emergencies:** Should a situation arise at camp where we need to get a hold of you, Camp EDMO™ will send you a text, i.e. should circumstances prevent pick up at the usual time and/or location, etc.



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## Required Forms:

- Health History & Alternate Contact Information. Log into your account via the “Parents” Portal to complete this information form. You can find "Alternate Contacts" and "Pick Up Authorization" on your main account page. To fill out your child’s health history, click on any camper in your main account, and then click "My Forms" to fill out our “Medical Information” form.
- Authorized Pick-Up List. Please either log into your account, let the staff member at check-in know or call your Camp Director to add names to your list. Your child will not be allowed to leave camp until we reach a parent or guardian for authorization, unless you indicated on your form that your child can sign themselves out.
- FAAP (Medications Only). If your child is bringing medication to camp, please download and print the FAAP form from the “Parents” Portal. You will also need to log into your account and put this in your online camper information. Completed forms must be brought to camp on the first day, along with the medication in the original bottle with your child’s name and the dosage clearly legible. All medication is secured in a locked box and placed in the Camp Office.
- Summer Aide. If your child requires an aide at school, please also have an aide with your child at camp. If you do not have access to an aide for your child, a Regional Center of California could be a good place to find the services your child requires. If your child does require an aide, please complete the form via the “Parents” Portal and notify the Camp Director at your location prior to the week your child is attending camp. If you are struggling to find accommodations, we are more than happy to assist you.

## SUGGESTED ITEMS TO WEAR AND/OR BRING TO CAMP

- Sunscreen, Hat and Eco-Friendly Water Bottle. (with drinking water)
- Change of Clothes. (especially for younger ones – you know why)
- Closed-Toed Shoes. Children must wear tennis shoes or secure, closed-toed sandals to camp to reduce the risk of injury to toes. (Crocs or similarly styled shoes are okay as long as they are secure and easy to run in.)
- Layers. We strongly suggest dressing in layers. Morning can be cool and your child may be outdoors early in the day. Please be sure to clearly label any clothing with your child’s name.
- Backpack. For programs that include field trips, please bring a lightweight outdoor backpack.
- Maker Bank. Have any unwanted recycling around the house? Feel free to bring any cleaned plastic containers, empty ribbon spools, and more camp-safe items to camp to deposit in our “bank”!

Camper Projects. All digital camper projects will be available for campers to have at home. Campers will be able to access their projects via EDMO™ at Home under “Resources” at the top of our website.

To locate your child's project(s):

- Go to [camperprojects.campedmo.org](http://camperprojects.campedmo.org) which will take you into Dropbox.
- Once in Dropbox enter the password **camp2019** when prompted.

From there, click on the week your child attended camp; then your region, location and program. Work will be uploaded by the Monday following your week at camp.



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Please note: Campers enrolled in Roblox, Minecraft or YouTube themes will be issued a link and login information for their projects on the final day of class. Any physical projects created at camp during the week may be brought home on Fridays. For DIY Derby and Robotics, video footage of the end of weeks showcases for these two themes will be accessible via a Dropbox link shared after the final day of camp.

## EDMO™ EXTRAS

- Lunch & Snacks: Log into your account via the "Parents" Portal on our website or call the Home Office to add lunch to your enrollment. Lunch must be ordered by the Wednesday prior to the week your child is starting camp. If you did not order a lunch w/AM snack, you will need to pack both for your child. If your child is staying for our PM program, we recommend packing an additional snack. Please do not bring any products that contain nuts.
- The EDMO Vibe Game™: The EDMO Vibe Game™ promotes character traits like curiosity, courage and kindness that are even more indicative of a child's future success than their IQ. Check out our newly re-vamped game for Pro campers. Have a Pro camper who still wants to earn a Space Mo? Let us know.
- EDMO at Home: Discover a whole world of maker-infused science, tech and nature activities for your child to do at home at [home.campedmo.org](http://home.campedmo.org). Explore grade appropriate activities, fun facts, silly jokes, and fascinating trivia. Campers can also watch incredible hands-on videos come alive!

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If there's anything we can do to make your child's camp experience more enjoyable, please contact your Camp Director.

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## WHAT TO EXPECT AT CAMP EACH WEEK

	T-Shirt Monday	Spirit Tuesday	Wacky Wednesday	Theme Day Thursday	Fun Friday
<b>Campers</b>	Bring home your camp shirt	Wear your t-shirt to camp & do the T-shirt Challenge!	Participate in all-camp afternoon activities	Wear your costume  (Note: week of 7/1 Theme Day is Wed. 7/3)	Get ready to bring home all the vibe cards you earned
<b>Parents</b>	Talk with your camper's counselor	Help your camper complete the T-Shirt Challenge	Help your camper think of a question to STUMP the Camp Director	Check Lost & Found for any items left at camp	Learn ways you can extend your camper's learning beyond camp at EDMO at Home

Camp Week	Thursday Theme Days	T-Shirt Challenge (Photo of your camper in a camp shirt)
<b>June 3</b>	Under the Sea	...finding an ingenious way to repurpose or reuse something
<b>June 10</b>	Favorite Characters	...spelling EDMO™ with found objects
<b>June 17</b>	Pajamas	...wearing your camp t-shirt in a unique or silly way (or putting the t-shirt on something else silly!)
<b>June 24</b>	Summerween	...doing an activity you learned at camp or on EDMO™ at Home
<b>July 1</b> <i>(Due to holiday, Theme Day is Wednesday, July 3)</i>	Stars & Stripes	...celebrating the July 4th holiday (include one Independence Day fact)
<b>July 8</b>	Pirates & Merfolk	...with your favorite animal (in a book, stuffed or real!)
<b>July 15</b>	DIY Duct Tape	...doing something helpful or kind for a member of your family or community
<b>July 22</b>	Crazy Head & Feet (hair, hat, socks, etc!)	...working collaboratively together with someone (friend or family) to accomplish or create something
<b>July 29</b>	Rainbows	...demonstrating something that makes you unique
<b>August 5</b>	Backwards	...holding up a sign with the name of your favorite EDMO™ staff member (and tell us why they're your favorite!)
<b>August 12</b>	Animals	...in your indoor or outdoor happy place
<b>August 19</b>	Sports	...demonstrating for a friend something you did at Camp EDMO™
<b>August 26</b>	Color	... reading your favorite story to a friend: real or imaginary

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