

Philosophy

The City of Lathrop Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to provide a quality Summer Camp program that meets the needs of families in Lathrop. Camp Lathrop is a recreational program for children who will be enrolled in grades K-6 in fall 2026. The program is committed to encourage social development and promote health and wellness through group activities such as camp songs, arts, crafts, sports, indoor/outdoor games, science experiments, on-site field trips, food projects, and more.

We C.A.R.E (*Creating Active Recreation Experiences*) about creating a safe and fun environment for your child. We will continue to follow guidelines set by the California Department of Public Health and the Center of Disease Control.

- Camp strives to maintain a **ratio of 1 staff to every 12 children**. However, we are **not** a licensed childcare program.

Hours of Operation

- Camp Lathrop will operate for 8 weeks:

June 8 - June 12	July 13 - July 17
June 15 - June 19	July 20 - July 24
June 22 - June 26	July 27 - July 31
July 6 - July 10	August 3 – August 7

*No camp the week of July 1

- Drop off as early as 7:00am
- Pick up by 6:00pm
- Structured camp activities will take place from 9:00am-4:00pm. Activities from 7:00am-9:00am & 4:00pm-6:00pm will include: free choice games, puzzles, coloring, small group games and activities.

Minimum Abilities Required to Participate

To maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children attending Camp Lathrop, participants must maintain the following minimum standards:

- Understand and follow basic directions and rules for the program.
- Maintain basic self-control to ensure the safety of themselves and others in the program.
- Handle personal hygiene/toileting needs.
- Cell phone use is to be used in case of an emergency. Recording or picture taking of camp participants is prohibited. If you need to get a hold of your child during camp hours, please call the Camp Lathrop phone.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Camp Lathrop has adopted the following rules and regulations to ensure a safe and productive environment. By signing the agreement, you are stating that you understand and will abide by these Rules and Regulations.

- A registration form is required to be filled out for summer 2026 even if your child has attended previous camps or programs.

A. Payment

- The \$185 camp fee for the week is due prior to your child's attendance and includes: supervision from 7:00am-6:00pm, games, crafts, activities & necessary materials and a weekly on-site field trip.
- *Payment Options*
 - Pay in Full: Pay all camp fees in full at time of registration.
 - Auto-Pay: If your child will be attending multiple weeks of summer camp, in order to guarantee your child's spot a \$35 non-refundable deposit is required per week at the time of registration.

The City of Lathrop will debit your VISA/ Master card/ American Express/ Discover account on the balance due dates listed below:

<u>Camp Dates</u>	<u>Balance Due Date</u>
June 8 – June 12	Balance Due 5/29/2026
June 15 - June 19	Balance Due 6/5/2026
June 22 - June 26	Balance Due 6/12/2026
July 6 - July 10	Balance Due 6/26/2026
July 13 – July 17	Balance Due 7/3/2026
July 20 - July 24	Balance Due 7/10/2026
July 27 - July 31	Balance Due 7/17/2026
August 3 - August 7	Balance Due 7/24/2026

- Fees are based on enrollment, not attendance; there are **no prorates for missed days**.
- Payments may be made by cash, check or charge. All checks are to be made payable to the *City of Lathrop*. When paying in cash, please have the exact amount.
- Payment can be made in person at the Generations Center or Community Center, Monday-Thursday 9am-6pm and Friday 8am-5pm.
- Returned checks will be assessed a \$25 processing charge. All returned checks must be paid within 5 days of notification or the child cannot return to the program. All fees from that point forward **must be paid in cash, by cashier's check, credit/debit card, or money order.**
- A late fee of \$5 will be assessed against any parent and/or guardian who arrives after 6:01 pm and an additional \$1 will be charged for each minute after 6:05 pm.
- If a parent or guardian is more than 30 minutes late in picking up a child, Camp Lathrop Staff are required to contact the Lathrop Police Department.

B. Single, Multi-Parent, and Blended Families:

It is our goal to promote a positive environment for children and their families. We are aware that many families may experience issues with divorce and separation. It is important that we maintain good relationships with all adults present in each participant's life. Very clear instructions in regards to custody arrangements (which parent to contact first, who is and isn't allowed to pick up a child, who is responsible for payment) are required. A copy of a court order is required if children are to be released to specific parents or guardians on specific days.

C. Drop-off and Pick-up

- Parents will need to remain at the front check-in table at drop off and pick up. No parents or guardians will be able to enter the facility or classrooms.
- Preferred drop off time is between 7:00am-9:00am. Preferred pick up time is between 4:00pm-6:00pm. If you are dropping off or picking up outside of the time frame above. You may need to call the camp phone for assistance.
- Sign-in/sign-out sheets are located at the front entry to the Community Center. An adult (18 years of age or older) must sign your child in and/or out each day from the program. Please be prepared to provide valid picture ID upon sign out.
- Children will only be released to adults indicated on the child's registration form. Updates to the form may be made when necessary.
- If you need to add an authorized adult to your pick up list please inform Camp Lathrop Staff.
- Camp Lathrop Staff will not release a child to any person who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Another parent/guardian or someone listed on the emergency contact list will be called to pick up the child from the program. In such event, the Lathrop Police Department will be contacted.

D. Emergency Contact

Please include the names and phone numbers (work number and home number) of at least 2 local people you wish us to contact in the event of an emergency, when you cannot be reached

E. Medical Assessment (*please read carefully*)

- Children with a temperature 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to attend program.
- Please do not bring your child to Camp if they are experiencing flu like symptoms, fever, cough, trouble breathing, a rash, or head lice.
- Please report any infectious disease or condition as soon as you become aware. Examples include lice, pink eye, hand foot and mouth disease, chicken pox, and flu symptoms.
- If for any reason your child has had a known exposure, to Covid -19 please notify the Camp staff.
- If a child becomes sick at camp, a staff member will contact a parent/guardian or someone listed on the Emergency Form. Children should be picked up within an hour and may only return to the program after 72 hours of last symptom or a clearance note from their doctor.
- Children with active head lice and nits will not be accepted into Camp until they have been treated and are lice and nit free.
- Camp Lathrop Staff are unable to administer medicine to your child. If your child has an inhaler, epi-pen, or other required medicine please inform Camp Lathrop Staff.
- If your child has a medical condition, allergy, or special need, which staff should be aware of please list this on the registration form.

F. Program Activities

- Camp Lathrop maintains a daily schedule which defines the typical sequence of events during a normal day. The time schedule listed at the Camp site will be approximate and allows for flexibility to follow the interest and choices of indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) themed activities such as crafts, group games, science, food projects, and more. Time is also provided for snack, clean-up, transition, personal needs, and hygiene.
- Camp participants will be separated into groups based on age.
- Camp participants will partake in on-site field trips. Please have your child wear their camp shirt on field trip days.
- Camp participants will partake in on-site water days. Please have your child wear their bathing suit or water clothes to camp on water days. Please bring a towel, water shoes, and a change of clothes.

G. Snacks / Lunch / Food Projects

- Please send your child to Camp with at least 2 snacks, a water bottle, and a lunch.
- Camp Lathrop does not have a microwave for participants to use during lunch time. Please ensure to bring your child their lunch in an insulated thermos or provide a cold lunch that does not require heating.
- The Lathrop Community Center does have a vending machine in the front lobby. Children will not be able to purchase items from the vending machine throughout the camp day. All participants will have to make vending machine purchases during drop off or pick up time with their guardian.
- Your child may participate in M.U.S.D Nutrition's Breakfast and Lunch program at no charge. The Summer Food Program service dates will be provided to parents before camp begins.
- Some camp activities include food projects. It is important that you advise staff of any allergies your child may have. Children are encouraged not to share food.

H. Behavioral Expectations

The City of Lathrop Parks and Recreation Department strives to create a safe and inviting environment for our participants and their families. We encourage participants and their families to respect themselves, each other, staff, and others' property at all times.

- Camp rules are as follows: please do not share food, follow staff's instructions the first time, always stay where a staff member can see you, keep all body parts to yourself, clean up after yourself, use kind indoor voices/ words, wear closed toed shoes, leave toys and electronics at home.
- If you have a concern about another participant in the program please address this with the Camp Lathrop Staff. Speaking to a child other than your own will not be tolerated. Immediate dismissal of an entire family may occur in the event of inappropriate behavior of parents/guardians.
- Behaviors such as running away, fighting, threatening a child or staff, biting, spitting, pushing, rough play, verbal or physical abuse, severe swearing/inappropriate language, misuse or destruction of property, disobedience or disrespect could result in suspension or dismissal from the program.

I. Weather Policy

- Camp activities will be held both indoors and outdoors. Outdoor activities will typically take place in the morning while the weather is still cool. Indoor activities will take place in the afternoon when the temperature is highest. Activities will take place inside if temperatures become too hot.
- Please provide your child a water bottle daily so they can stay hydrated.
- Please provide your child with SPRAY Sunscreen daily. Staff are unable to rub sunscreen on the children but can assist in spraying it on them. Sunscreen application will take place multiple times during the day. Camp Lathrop does not provide sunscreen. Sharing sunscreen is not encouraged due to allergies.

J. Dress Code

- Please have your child wear comfortable clothing to camp. Participants remain active throughout the day.
- Please keep in mind activities include materials such as paint, glitter, glue, water, oil, food dye, etc.
- Participants should wear clothing they do not mind getting messy.
- Participants must wear closed toed shoes to camp daily.

K. Withdrawal

You may withdraw before the program begins and receive a partial refund. A non-refundable \$35 processing fee will be kept. Refunds may take four to six weeks to process. No prorated withdrawals will be issued once the program begins.

L. Termination

Your child's participation in Camp may be terminated if:

- Fees are unpaid
- Continued tardiness in picking up your child
- Failure to comply with Camp policies
- Inappropriate participant or parent/guardian behavior

If you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or compliments in regards to the Camp Lathrop please do not hesitate to contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (209) 941-7372.

Youth Development – Camp Lathrop Staff