

Koala course

The Koala course is an activity for Pre-k, KG, 1st and 2nd grade campers. It is a closed circuit low ropes course that uses a smart belay system. Campers will transfer from life line to life line without leaving the system. They will work together and help each other climb through the different obstacles.

To Run the Koala course at Camp Playland Facilitator must be 20 years or older and have training directly from an authoritative source in all of the challenge activities offered.

Two specialists will lead the Koala course. The specialist must greet the group at the benches and explain to the campers how the smart belay system works. They will show the campers how to put on the harness, smart belay system and how to climb through the course.

All campers must wear:

Helmet
Harness
RPE D Clips.

Once the specialist leads the group through harnesses, helmets and D Clips they will bring them over to the stairs that lead to the deck.

Prior to clipping in:

Check Shoes
Check Harness
Check RPE Clips
Check Helmet

After the “prior to clip in check” the specialist will send campers one at a time onto the Koala course insuring everyone clips in correctly. The second specialist will be positioned on the platform as the big eyes helping campers navigate the obstacles. Counselors will be stationed around the Koala course to help campers through the different obstacles.

Class Management:

- When a group enters the area they will be accompanied by two to four group counselors. Campers and counselors should be directed to sit together in a designated area.
- The specialist will welcome the group and quickly present an overview as to what the class will cover for the period.

- When campers are on the koala course one specialist must be on the platform acting as the big eyes. They will aid in helping campers through the course
- At the end of the period the specialist brings the group together to review the activities and have closure. The specialist must keep note of which activities were utilized to maintain a progression throughout the summer.

If a camper gets stuck

1. Talk camper through how-to pass-through obstacle
2. Pull them along with the pole
3. Clip yourself into system and help them

Utilization of Staff:

Group counselors are assigned to work with the group and help campers put helmet and harnesses. They will also help monitor the Kola course during the period.

Equipment Maintenance and Inspection:

- During the course of the summer equipment must be inspected daily. All climbing equipment must be visually inspected to make sure it is in working condition and the integrity of the device is up to standards. All other equipment such as harnesses, helmets and other hardware must be inspected to make sure they are working and up to standard.
- At the end of each day all equipment must be stored in designated area, the shed, and locked up.
- If something is broken or not working correctly it must be communicated with the director and replaced as soon as possible.

Communication / EAP:

- If the camper is not able to walk to the nurse, have a counselor go get the nurse or contact the nearest head counselor or director to walkie talkie the nurse.
- Inform a head counselor.
- Tell the camper that everything will be ok
- When everything is over meet with your koala team and address any safety issues or concerns that lead up to the incident with a head councilor or the director

Other tasks

You must arrive by 8:50 each day. You will be given a morning and afternoon assignment.

