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My name is Kyle Ochoa, I will be the site director for the University Hills YMCA Day camp. I have had the privilege of working with children for the past nine years. This will be my third summer working at the University Hill's location, and I am excited to once again be part of a team that creates unforgettable experiences for your children.

A few things about our camp location:

Safety

At University Hills, our top priority is ensuring that all our campers have a fun and more importantly safe experience. To achieve this, we sometimes need to set boundaries on activities that might otherwise be allowed in different contexts. With many children under our care, we follow a simple guideline: "If it's not safe for everyone, it's not safe for anyone."

For example, while we have talented gymnasts among our campers, we need to limit their gymnastics practice to basic moves like cartwheels and somersaults, so that other kids who don't have the same level of skills don't hurt themselves copying a more advanced movement. This ensures everyone's safety and allows us to maintain a secure environment for all.

Reading Time

Each day, following their afternoon snack, the children will spend 30 minutes dedicated to reading. This structured time will help create a calm and focused environment as we transition towards the end of the day.

We will provide a selection of books at camp, but we also encourage children to bring their favorite books from home. To ensure that personal books are not misplaced, please label any books your child brings with their name.

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During the second half of daily reading, we will engage the children in various literacy activities to make reading even more enjoyable and educational. These activities are designed to enhance their reading skills while keeping the fun factor high. We will have literacy activities that suit all reading levels and staff will be circulating to help the kids with their activities.

In the event of inclement weather or any other changes in our planned activities, we will adapt by showing a clip of "Reading Between the Lions" or a similar educational show. This will allow us time to smoothly transition to indoor activities feasible under the circumstances.

Dino Park

To keep the site from becoming overcrowded each group will be taking a weekly walk to dinosaur park (Robert H McWilliams park) and having a park day there for most of the day. As part of each weekly schedule, we will include what day each group will be going to dino park.

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