

(June 5 -16, 2023)

Dear Camp Treppie Parent:

Thank you for your support of Camp 'Treppie. As we get closer to the kickoff of Camp 'Treppie 2023, all of us on the team are excited about meeting the campers and facilitating a ten-day leadership experience for them that will be fun, educational and life-changing.

Below are 'camp housekeeping' details for your information. Please review them and let us know if you have questions.

- 1. **CAMP LOCATION**. Your camper is one of 25 campers enrolled in Camp 'Treppie 2023. The Camp will be held at Domi Station 914 Railroad Avenue. A map of the location is attached for your information.
- 2. **CAMP DROP OFF**. Camp doors OPEN daily at 8:30am; Camp BEGINS at 9:00am. Please try to drop your camper off between 8:30 am and 8:55 am each day. You may drop them off at the CAMP 'TREPPIE sign that will be positioned at Domi Station. A camp staffer will be standing there to greet the campers and direct them to the building entrance.
- 3. **CAMP PICK UP**. Camp ENDS at 3:30pm; camp doors CLOSE daily at 4:00pm. Please plan to pick up your camper between 3:00pm and 3:30pm each day. A camp staffer will be at the pickup point with your camper to ensure a safe transition.
- 4. **CAMP SIGN-IN AND SIGN-OUT**. ALL campers must sign their name upon entering the camp area and must sign their name when exiting the camp at the end of each camp day.
- 5. **DRESS CODE**. Please encourage your camper to dress comfortably. They may wear shorts, khakis, denim jeans or similar comfortable attire. We do ask that campers use sound judgment when wearing t-shirts with slogans, quotes, etc. (Clothing bearing offensive symbols or language, political persuasions, etc., are not appropriate at Camp 'Treppie.) Sneakers or sandals are acceptable footwear.
- 6. **MEALS**. Camp 'Treppie provides a light breakfast (cereal and milk, yogurt, protein bars, breakfast bars, fruit, etc.), two snack breaks (chips, cookies, snack crackers, dried fruit, etc.) and bottled water daily.
- 7. **LUNCH**. Lunch begins at 11:40 a.m. and concludes at 12:25pm. Lunch will be provided, if your campers require a special diet you will need to provide his or her meal. There is access to a refrigerator for campers who may need to keep their lunch cold. There is no microwave.

- 8. **USE OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS.** Camp 'Treppie is located in the main meeting hall in Domi Station facility. The restrooms for the campers are public and may be used by others in the building. For this reason, campers will not be permitted to use the public restrooms unless they are accompanied by a camp staffer. Campers must let camp staff know when they have need to go to the restroom.
- 9. **CAMP VISITORS**. Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit Camp 'Treppie at any time. Outsiders will not be allowed access to Camp 'Treppie. Campers will interact with the Camp Director, camp staff, other campers, and the daily Visiting Entrepreneurs ONLY.
- 10. ACCESS AREAS FOR CAMPERS. Campers may not leave the Domi Station campus during snack breaks or lunchtime. Campers should plan to remain in the Domi Station Building during camp each day. Campers may sit outside in the common area in front of the building during lunch and breaks if they want to. Campers who need to arrive late or leave early from camp must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 11. **CELL PHONE USAGE**. We understand most youth have their own personal cell phones today. We ask that parents and guardians please support Camp 'Treppie staffers in our policy that campers refrain from cell phone use during camp activities. Campers may call their parents and receive calls from parents as needed. Excessive use of the cell phone for texting, accessing social media, chatting with friends, etc., is strongly discouraged.
- 12. **USE OF COMPUTERS, TABLETS, etc.** Campers will not need to bring computers, tablets, or other electronic devices with them to Camp 'Treppie. We will have computers on hand for their use when they conduct their market research and research their product and business ideas.
- 13. **CAMP CONDUCT**. The professional staff at Camp 'Treppie is neither trained nor prepared to handle campers with behavioral issues that threaten the safety of the camp. Campers who are unable to follow the guidance and authority of the Camp Director will not be permitted to return to the camp.

Camp 'Treppie is an annual summer day camp hosted by the Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce.

The camp is directed by BBMC's Director of Development Laurise Thomas. Domi Station Staff and visiting Entrepreneurs will engage the campers. All individuals working with your camper have many years of combined experience working with young people, coaching young entrepreneurs, and consulting.

Laurise Thomas will serve as your PRIMARY CONTACT for Camp 'Treppie. On camp days, please feel free to call her or text her at 850-322-8056 for an immediate response. Her e-mail addresses are <u>CampDirector@mybbmc.org</u> and <u>laurise@mybbmc.org</u>.

There are 3 staffers who will be working at Camp 'Treppie this year. The camp staffers are college students who are majoring in business administration, entrepreneurship or a related discipline. They have been thoroughly vetted, interviewed, screened and cleared to work with minor children.

If you wish to speak with someone other than the camp director, you may contact Mr. Antonio Jefferson, BBMC President, at 850-577-0789 or <u>antonio@mybbmc.org</u>.