

**PAINTER PARK DAY CAMP
PARENTS LETTER 2022**

Dear Parents,

The Recreation Department would like to welcome you and your child/children to our Day Camp. The Camp is held at Painter Park, 190 Kelsey Avenue from 9:00am-4:00pm. On rainy days, we will be using the MACKRILLE SCHOOL 806 JONES HILL RD. gymnasium at this time. The location may change due to work being done at the school. We will inform you of any changes.

If inclement weather is occurring or impending and your child is not bussed to camp, you may call 937-3651 after 8:00 am. or check your text messages or our website for more information on where your child should be dropped

If the weather improves we will return to Painter Park for pick-up unless it is still raining at that time. **We send out e-mail or text messages and post notices on our website www.whparkrec.com letting you know of any changes.**

Our Day Camp Director is Chuck Asarisi

Please be sure that your emergency contact person is available at anytime. Cell phone numbers are preferred for all emergency contacts.

EARLY DROPOFF-LATE PICKUP

Parents pay an extra fee for our early morning drop off at 8:00 am. **If you are not part of this program your child should not be dropped off before 8:45am** The staff uses this time to prepare for the day, early arrivals cannot be properly supervised. We use limited staff for our extended program.

Our late pickup is 5:00 pm we do understand that sometimes traffic coming home is bad or other things popup that may delay you picking up your child. But parents that are continually late picking up will be charge a \$10.00 late fee for every 15 minutes you are late. Please call the office if you are having a problem getting here on time.

BUS SERVICE

Any camper who is taking the bus will be notified of pick-up and drop-off times by mail a few days before each session they attend. The bus company sets bus routes and pick-up/drop-off sites and times for each session. These are subject to change from session to session and are not modified by our department in any way, shape, or form. The bus company makes a concerted effort to keep the routes as short as possible. The bus stops will be as close to your house as is feasible, usually at the nearest corner. Purchasing the bus service does not mean your child will be picked-up and dropped-off at your front door. **Also, parents of campers that are using our bus service please remind your child that taking the bus is a privilege and not a right. Any child causing problems on the bus will be removed. You will have to find alternate transportation and no refund will be issued.**

The Day Camp office is located in the Field House (side door next to tennis courts) beginning June 20. The Day Camp phone number is 937-3651 ex.5259. Before the first day you may call the Recreation Department at 937-3651 with any questions or concerns you may have regarding camp.

DROP OFF and PICKUP:

When dropping off your child in the morning please use the **Wooden Playground** entrance. Drop your child off at field house located on your right as you come up the hill. **Please do not obstruct the traffic flow.** If you wish to accompany your child or need to speak to someone please find a parking space. Please follow the same procedure when picking up your child.

For the safety of all the campers, we close all camp entrances during the day. Gates are closed at 9:30am reopened at 3:30p.m.

Please be patient while waiting for the gate to open.

You may use the main entrance which is located between the soccer and baseball fields between the hours of 9:30am and 3:00pm.

LUNCH

Each day your child must bring a lunch in a paper or nylon lunch bag or lunch box (**clearly marked with their names**) with a drink and a snack. Please pack a drink for your child and/or send a water bottle. Pack a snack separately they will be kept with the child rather than put in the cooler with the lunches.

The day is very long for the children and most children like a snack both in the morning and the afternoon. **Do not send glass containers to camp.**

We do our best to maintain a peanut free program we would appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

POOL TIME

Many campers should keep a sweatshirt in their backpacks for overcast, damp, or windy days, especially after swim periods.

The children have supervised swimming periods at the High School pool each day. We test each child on their ability to swim. Children that do not pass our test will be given a life jacket to wear. Please make sure your child brings a bathing suit and towel each day for these activities. (**Tip: Put your family name on towels tag.**) We will also utilize plenty of water activities to keep the campers cool during the hottest weather.

CAMPERS RESPONSIBILITY

Be sure your child wears **sneakers no sandals** and brings sunscreen. It is important that all belongings are **labeled with first and last names**. There is a lost and found table in the Day Camp Office. **We are not responsible for lost or misplaced belongings.** **Do not allow your child to bring valuables to camp.** We have a comprehensive camp program with activity filled days. Campers do not need and have no time to use any electronics. **Baseball and all other "Trading" cards including pokemon should also be left home.** Campers only need to bring **money** for special field trips or other activities that you will be notified of through permission slips.

WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST VALUABLES

The children are grouped by age with each group of 8-12 campers supervised by a college student counselor and a high school student counselor in training (CIT). It is recommended that you learn the names of your child's counselor, AM CIT, and PM CIT, as well as the child's group number. Campers having special needs are interacted into mainstream groups.

We also employ a Camp First Aid Person on the grounds at all times. Activities during the day include arts & crafts, sports, games, special events and trips to the beach. We have counselors working in their area of specialty as Arts & Crafts and Special Events Coordinators.

Whenever your child's group leaves the park you will be notified at least one-day prior through permission slips. If your child does not wish to participate in any off-grounds activities, he/she will be placed in another group for the day as long as it is not the whole camp that is participating.

If you need to pick up your child during the day please send them with a note or notify their counselor. Parents or visitors must report to the Day Camp Office

Our Day Camp program has about **150** campers each session. For your conveniences we offer a drive up pick up system. We ask that if possible the same person picks up your child each day. **If you need to have someone else pick them up or they are going home with another camper please send us a note or call and leave a message at the Day Camp office.** We also ask that you know your child's counselors name and group number. Each pick up person (2) will be given a name tag with your child's name. If someone without you're the name tag is picking up please let us know.

If there is someone that you don't want picking up your child please make us aware of this situation

We will be conducting a parent orientation night if you and your child would like to meet our staff and address any concerns you may have. The date will be Wednesday June 15 at 6:00pm in the lower pavilion at Painter Park.

We hope that your child's stay with us is an enjoyable one.
Any questions I can be reached at 203 937-3651

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