

Camp Explore Welcome Letter

WELCOME TO CAMP EXPLORE!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer! Our goal is to provide an active camp experience, and we ask that you dress your child accordingly. We will be spending quite a bit of time outdoors, along with other activities such as arts and crafts and games. The children will be provided with a wide range of activities in which to participate.

Session 1: June 5-June 23 | Session 2: June 26-July 14 | Session 3: July 17-August 4 | No camp July 4

FORMS: All emergency information will be completed online from an outside company. You have received an email from a company called ePact after you registered. This email will prompt you to create a profile to fill out all emergency contact information, medical information, sign waivers and upload a current picture. Your child cannot start camp until their emergency information is completed. We appreciate your diligence getting these forms submitted online.

STAFF: Our energetic counselors cannot wait to meet your campers. Our ratios are 1 counselor to 10 campers. Our energetic staff cannot wait to meet your campers!

CAMP MEET AND GREET: On Thursday, June 1st 6:15-7:15pm we will host a camp Meet & Greet. This gives campers the chance to get to know one another and see the room. This is a great opportunity to help lessen the anxiety of the first day of camp. This is a drop-in opportunity and is not mandatory. Camp Explore is in Room 6 of the Preschool Wing. You will be able to enter from the main entrance off Pheasant.

ARRIVAL TIME: Each day, the doors will be opened at 8:50am. Drop off is around the back of the building near the Senior circle drive entrance.

DAILY PICK UP: Pickup is between 3:45 pm and 4 pm at Door M. At the end of each day of camp, a parent/guardian/authorized adult, must pick up outside Door M on the sidewalk. We WILL NOT release a camper to anyone that has not been approved, in writing, by parents/guardians. Forms for alternative individuals who have been approved for transportation can be found on the release portion of the ePact. Please make sure your camper's staff has the necessary approval forms. Anyone picking up a camper needs to be ready to show a photo ID when requested. Campers who are not enrolled in late stay must be picked up promptly by 4 pm. Late fees will apply if necessary. For our late fee policy, please see the Camp Parent Handbook.

SUNSCREEN: We will be spending a great deal of time outdoors during camp. Please apply sunscreen before coming to camp, and also send it with your child. We request providing aerosol sunscreen for easier application. Staff are not able to physically assist campers in applying sunscreen. For faces, we also request providing sunscreen sticks.

SNACKS: Each day, the children will have 2 snack times. Please keep nutritious, nut-free snacks in mind. The snack must be prepackaged from the grocery store. Due to many children having allergies to peanuts and nuts, we will not serve any item with a label indicating even traces of nuts. Please read packages carefully when choosing a snack to send to camp. Please provide these snacks

FIELD TRIPS AND PARK VISITS: Each week, we will be visiting a park in an adjacent community or we will go on a field trip using our Park District minibus. Your calendar lists those events. Please send an ice pack and a water bottle in your child's lunch every day in case we are outside.

SWIM DAYS: Children will be swimming daily at camp. We swim during non-public swim in a designated shallower area. The lifeguards and counselors keep a close eye on your children. Please send your child to camp wearing their bathing suit under their street clothes every day, REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER.

SWIM LESSONS: Camp swim lessons are included in your fee. We will have swim lessons on Monday through Thursday for 40 minutes.

CAMP COMMUNICATION: Please Join our Seesaw App for daily pictures and camp reminders. You should receive an invite prior to camp start. In addition, we will send weekly newsletters with reminders on weekly happenings.

LABELLED PERSONAL ITEMS: Please make sure to label all of your camper's personal items with their first and last name. Items include: water bottle, snack, swimsuit, towel, backpack, sunscreen, clothes, and any other additional items that are sent to camp. We ask that a backpack/bag be provided to assist with keeping personal items together during the camp day.


SUNSCREEN: We ask that sunscreen is applied before camp. Camp staff will be sure to reapply when we go outside during the camp morning. We request that aerosol sunscreen is provided for easy application. For faces, we recommend providing a sunscreen stick. Please be sure to label all items.

EXTRA CLOTHES: Please provide an extra change of clothes for every day of camp. These clothes will be on hand in the event of an accident. Extra clothes can be brought to camp each day, or left at camp site. Please be sure to label all items.

If you have any questions about our camp activities, please feel free to email at mdowning@rmparks.org or call me at 847-818-3200 ext. 1237. We're looking forward to a safe and enjoyable summer camp experience!

Sincerely,

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Early Childhood Programs

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