Maplewood Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs
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Kid's Kamp
General Information: 2013

Session I: July 1st to July 19th
Session II: July 22nd to August 9th

Philosophy:

Kid's Kamp is a summer recreational program which provides township children the opportunity to develop social skills through a prescribed program of creative play, team building, and good sportsmanship in a safe and caring environment.

Registration:

Children must be 5 years old by **October 1st, 2013**. If the number of registrations exceeds 80 children for the K-2nd grade program and 40 for the 3rd-6th grade program, then the names will be put on a waiting list. Registrations can be made for both sessions. Please note that registration will close on **June 1st, 2013, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Due to the many activities and plans for each day, half-day sessions are recommended for children who have not yet entered Kindergarten.

Drop-off/ Pick-up

Morning Drop-off: 8:30am-8:45am (no earlier please)
At Seth Boyden Elementary School (Boyden Ave)
Please park in the far parking lot and walk your child to the playground area behind the school.

Afternoon Pick-up:

Half Day Pick-up
12:45pm-1:00pm (no later please)
At Seth Boyden Elementary School, unless otherwise stated.
Please park in the far parking lot and pick up your child in the playground area behind the school.

Full Day Pick-up
3:15pm-3:30pm (no later please)
At Seth Boyden Elementary School, unless otherwise stated.
Please park in the far parking lot and pick up your child in the playground area behind the school.

- **In the event of rain, drop-off and pick-up will be held in the cafeteria.**
- **Parents need to sign their child out daily with their child's counselor.**

Absences:

It is not necessary to call the Recreation Department if your child is going to be absent.

First Day:
Letters will be mailed in June to each child identifying their group and counselor. Staff persons will all have name badges. Parents will be directed to their child's counselor. Please bring your child to the counselor and introduce them. When you are certain your child feels comfortable, feel free to leave.

Promptness/ Tardiness:
Please be prompt with picking up your child at the conclusion of camp. Staff is employed until 3:30pm only. Should a situation arise which does not allow you to pick-up your child on time, call the Recreation Department at (973) 763-4202 to advise them. Two staff members will wait with your child at the site until 4pm. After this, your child will be driven or walked to the Police Department where they may wait for you to pick them up. Kid's Kamp staff will be unable to wait with them at the Police Department.

Late Pick-ups:
Pick-up time is 15 minutes prior to the end of camp (i.e. 1:00pm end means pick-up is between 12:45pm and 1:00pm). Anyone picked up after the ending time is subjected to a late fee:

Up to 15 minutes late- $10.00
15 to 29 minutes late- $25.00
Over 30 minutes late- $40.00

These fees must be paid within 48 hours of the occurrence.

Swimming:
Children will swim at the Maplewood Community Pool. Please have children wear their swimsuit to camp on swim days and bring a change of clothes to wear after swimming. We advise sending along a plastic bag to place the wet suit and towel in after swimming. Children **must** be able to dress themselves. Please be advised that we swim on scheduled pool days, RAIN or SHINE. In the event of thunder and lightning, swimming will be cancelled.

Lunch:
We eat lunch from 11:00am-12:00pm daily. Pack lunch in a well-labeled disposable bag: either double or with a plastic bag on the outside. Juice boxes are suggested. Remember that it is very hot outside and many foods spoil in three hours, so please pack accordingly. Should you choose to send a lunch box or container, advise your child that it is his or her responsibility to care for it throughout the day. There are no provisions for children without lunch. **To ensure the safety of all of our campers, if your child brings peanut butter or peanut products to camp, he or she will be sitting in a designated area.**

Trips:
Local walking trips are a part of our schedule. We will balk back and forth to the pool and occasionally to the Maplewood Community Center. We will also take off-site trips. This summer, we are going bowling, to the zoo, to FunPlex, to a baseball game, and to FunTime America.

Clothing:
Camp T-shirts will be distributed within the first few days of camp. Any time we leave the site, campers must wear their T-shirts. **If a camper arrives on a trip day without a T-shirt, he or she will not be allowed to go on the trip.** Instead, he or she will remain at the site with a counselor and site director.

The only shoes permitted in camp are SNEAKERS. (No jellies, sandals, Crocs, or boat shoes please). **If your child wears inappropriate shoes to camp, he or she will have to sit out during most of the day's activities.** Little ankles twist and break too easily during strenuous camp days.

Please clearly label all swimsuits, towels, clothes, sneakers, socks, backpacks, water bottles, and lunches

with your child's name.

Refund Policy:

Because of the increased popularity of our Kid's Kamp Program and the limited number of registrations we can accept, the following refund policy has been established:

Withdrawal from camp before June 1st will result in a 50% refund. There will be no refunds after June 1st.

Best TIPS for campers and their parents:

- Get a good night's rest.
- Eat a hearty breakfast.
- Wear sneakers with good support.
- Use a backpack, one that is proportionate to the child's size.
- Pack lunch with an ice pack.
- Bring a water bottle for drinking throughout the day.
- Furnish reliable emergency information (including all allergies to food, drugs, and environments).
- Sun block is strongly advised.
- Leave valuables at home.
- Remind children not to go anywhere without a counselor.

A weekly schedule announcing the following week's activities will be distributed. Always feel free to discuss any matter of concern with us. Our goal is for your child to have a stimulating and fun-filled camping experience this summer.

Site Directors: Ms. Cynthia Roth and Ms. Barbara Rozembajger

IMPORTANT: All campers must have both sides of the registration form completed by **June 1st, 2013.** Failure to do so will result in the return of your payment and forfeiture of the space reserved for your child.