

SUMMER

CAMP

WELCOME TO SUMMER CAMP!

We are excited to welcome campers to our action-packed, fun-filled summer program! We have some changes coming up this summer, including our universal swim lessons and themed camps. Our underlying goal is creating a safe, fun, exciting summer program that centers on supporting kids and exploring the beautiful area in and around Waterbury!

When arriving on your first day of camp, please be sure to check-in with a staff member face-to-face to receive your child's camp T-shirt, as well as schedules and other important information. You will be required to follow similar check-in procedures every day as outlined in this email, but it is imperative that you receive these items on the first day of camp from a staff member.

While no refunds will be provided due to daily absences, we do ask that you inform us if your child will be absent from camp. Having knowledge of absences in advance helps us better adjust staffing numbers and provides a more enjoyable camp experience for all. If you have registered for the full 8-week session of camp, but know you will miss certain weeks, we would appreciate you sharing those dates with us ahead of time. There will be no camp on July 4th.

FAMILY HANDBOOK: Please make sure you have read through the handbook before your first day of camp. This includes important information about our camp policies and procedures and is available on the Summer Camp website.

IMPORTANT FORMS: Before camp starts, please review the following documents to ensure a smooth start to the summer.

- Emergency Contacts – please check your MyRec account to confirm the information provided is complete and accurate; these will be our go-to points of contact in case of an emergency!
- Authorized Pickup Persons – on your MyRec account, please confirm this is up to date! If no names are listed, we will assume that only listed Emergency Contacts are authorized to pick up your child. Children may not leave the program with anyone NOT on this list, unless they are registered with permission to “sign themselves out”.
- Allergies, medications, and behavioral plans – please double check your registration form to make sure this information is complete and accurate.
- Free lunch program partnership - If you are in need of free lunches or breakfasts, this information should have been communicated on your registration form. If you have not let us know yet and DO need breakfasts/lunches, please contact us ASAP. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a breakfast/lunch to anyone who is not registered in advance for this program.

HOME BASE LOCATIONS: Please note that while our locations will be the same as last year, our camps are separated into different locations so read carefully!

ANDERSON RECREATION BUILDING

27 Butler St. - please come check in with staff after you park!

Camp: K-camp

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

56 S. Main St. - please drop off children in the parking lot and stop by the tent to check in with staff!

Camps: Creative Kids Camp & Nature Camp

ST. LEO'S HALL

109 S. Main St. - please park behind the building in the State Complex parking lot, as the church parking lot has very limited space; staff will be checking in kids on the sidewalk leading up to the building. Please accompany your child to check-in!

Camps: Young Innovators Camp, Adventure Camp, & Action & Energy Camp

DROP OFF/PICK UP: Please make sure you check in with a staff member during both drop off and pick up!

- Drop off – 8-9am
- Pick up – 4-5pm
- We CANNOT accommodate early drop-offs!
- Late pick-ups will result in a fee of \$2 per minute added to your account balance.

WHAT TO BRING: Please label all items with your child's first and last name!

- Children should bring lunch EVERY DAY unless they have preregistered for our free lunch program partnership.
- Plenty of snacks – it's a long day!
- A water bottle – we will have refill locations but they MUST bring a bottle!
- Any personal medications with storage instructions (please communicate this with staff; we will have cooler bags at each location for medications)
- Sunscreen – we are not permitted to provide sunscreen to children but can assist them in applying their own.
- Bug spray
- Sturdy shoes for walking/hiking
- Swimsuit, towel, and swim goggles – DAILY: our weekly schedules change and we will have lots of time at the pool throughout the summer!
- Change of clothes – things happen!
- Raincoat
- OPTIONAL: Additional empty daypack or small bag (for carrying a water bottle and snack on a hike for example)

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Please leave all electronics, toys, and other personal items not listed above at home. If they arrive at camp, campers will be asked to leave them in their backpack for the day. If campers are unable to follow guidelines after reminders, staff will hold onto camper's items until a caregiver retrieves them at pick up. Waterbury Recreation is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

DAILY SCHEDULE: Our daily activity schedule will change week to week and camp to camp, with adjustments for mini field trips, visiting educators and performers, and swim lessons, but here is a general overview of a typical camp day. Please note that while each themed camp will have different programming, we recognize the importance of getting to hang out with your friends at camp and will make sure that different camps have activities scheduled together, along with weekly all-camp events (field day, Camp Olympics, visiting performers, etc.). Each camp will have rotating days for swim lessons and pool time, which will vary week to week. Lesson groups will be divided by swim level.

- 8-9am - Drop off and free choice time @ home base location (see page 2)
- 9-11:30 - Swim lessons OR Activity Block 1
- 11:30 - Lunch (11 for K-camp!)
- 12:00 – Quiet activity/Story time
- 12:30 – Activity Block 2
- 1:30 – Pool time OR Activity Block 3
- 3:30 – Wrap up afternoon activities, head back to base location
- 4-5pm – Pick up @ home base location

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