

OUR PROGRAM

Our program encourages each camper to pursue particular interests in a secure and comfortable environment while providing exposure to a wide range of sports, arts, water, and science activities. The camp day is a fun-filled extension of the educational process, emphasizing the acquisition of skills for physical, personal and social development.

FOR THE 2011 SEASON, CAMP BEGINS TUESDAY, June 28th AND ENDS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th. (WEEKS #1 and 2 WILL BE FOUR DAYS, WEEKS # 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 WILL BE FIVE DAYS, WEEK #8 WILL BE THREE DAYS). THE LAST DAY OF CAMP IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th.

THERE IS NO CAMP ON THE LEGAL OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY (MONDAY, JULY 4th)

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1. CAMP FORMS (MAILED TO YOU MID MARCH)

- Personality Sheet: Please mail back by **MAY 1**. It will guide us in grouping your child with a friend and will help your child's counselors to know more about him/her.
- Medical form: **A CAMPER MAY NOT BE ADMITTED TO CAMP WITHOUT A CURRENT MEDICAL ON FILE, SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND DOCTOR.** This form is invaluable should a medical emergency arise.
- Equipment Sheet: Please be sure to label all belongings in indelible ink, with first and last name. Please select inexpensive clothing and equipment. Should articles be misplaced, every effort is made to return them. It would be wise to ask campers to be responsible for their belongings. Responsibility is part of learning.

2. TRANSPORTATION

- Professional drivers, employees of the Bus Company, drive Big Buses and 16 – 20 passenger vans. Counselor drivers are adults with good driving records, checked with the DMV. All drivers have been thoroughly briefed in safe and courteous driving procedures, and drive a camp route planned and tested by our transportation experts.
- The '**TRIAL RUN**' takes place several days before camp begins. You will be notified by your driver or monitor by phone or mail so that the driver will have an opportunity to meet you and your child prior to the start of camp. If you will not be at home at the designated time, a **Breezmont** bag and card giving an estimated time of pick up and drop off will be left in your mailbox, near your door, or with a neighbor. If you are not contacted by your driver or monitor at least 48 hours prior to the first day, please phone the office. (Some of our staff may be delayed by late teaching schedules or travel commitments.)
- Campers are instructed about their responsibilities to maintain safety in their vehicles. **We urge you to cooperate in reinforcing our rules for good behavior.** Campers who persist in jeopardizing their own safety and that of others may be denied transportation services. The ride to and from camp should be safe and pleasant for everyone.
- On the **FIRST DAY OF CAMP**, please have campers ready and waiting a little bit earlier than usual, leaving time for first day jitters. Please do not detain the vehicle as drivers are trying to keep to a time schedule and will not speed up to regain lost time. **In the morning, the vehicle will sound its horn, wait 2 minutes, and then leave.** After the first few days, when campers board on time and the trip becomes routine, the ride to and from camp should be part of the fun.
- The trip home begins at 4:30 PM. If there is a delay, we will call you as soon as we are aware of it. **CAMP NEVER DISMISSES EARLY.** We expect that an adult will be at home when your camper arrives. The driver would appreciate some signal when discharging a camper – a wave or some similar sign. Please try to be at home at least ten minutes before the scheduled drop-off time since there may be campers absent, which may shorten the ride.

LATE ARRIVAL

- All campers arriving late must be brought to the Camp office for late check in. Campers will be escorted to their group.
- All campers must be signed in and signed out if they do not use the camp transportation.

EARLY PICK UP

- Please notify us by note or phone, in advance if you plan to pick up your camper early. **ALL CAMPERS BEING PICKED UP MUST BE SIGNED OUT.** We will have your camper waiting for you. Campers can be scheduled for an early pick up **IN BETWEEN PERIODS.** It is disruptive for a counselor and camper to leave an activity in the middle of a period. Campers may also be picked up **DURING SNACK TIME (3:00 PM).** **CAMPERS MAY NOT BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 3:00 AND 4:30 PM due to limited parking for parents and to avoid a dangerous traffic condition on Cox Avenue.**
- You may pick up your camper after all the camp vehicles have left (**AFTER 4:30 PM**)

ANYONE PICKING UP A CAMPER WILL BE EXPECTED TO SHOW PROPER IDENTIFICATION.

3. GROUPING

- Most campers are grouped by age and grade completed.
- At the discretion of the Camp Director, some groups are combined grades. As camp is not an academic situation, coordination and size may be factors. Generally, we try to group campers by their intellectual level.

4. HEALTH AND SAFETY

- The entire staff is directly responsible for the health and safety of its campers. The excellent ratio of campers to counselors makes it possible to give campers superior care. Mealtime, participation in activities, and proper socialization are all the responsibility of our counselors.
- As a Day Camp, infirmary services are minimal. We stock first aide medical supplies. A completed medical form is imperative **AND** mandatory for each camper. If a camper arrives at camp sick, we will assume the illness began at home, and will call you for an explanation. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND A SICK CHILD TO CAMP.** This is inconsiderate and can spread an illness throughout the camp.
- The nurse has no facilities for keeping a sick camper in the infirmary all day. We will expect you to take the child home as soon as possible. A sick camper should

go home in a parent's car. It is not advisable for the sick camper to travel too long or to expose other campers in the close confines of a camp vehicle.

- Campers who arrive with dressings are encouraged to have them changed during the day. Please inform the Nurse if the dressing is **NOT** to be changed. Any special medication should be clearly labeled and sent in a proper container with specific instructions: the Doctor's standing orders, proper dosage and time for administration by the Nurse. You may phone the Nurse directly at **273-8265 (ONLY DURING THE CAMP SEASON)**, as the office is unable to transfer calls to the infirmary.

5. PROGRAM

- The **BREEZEMONT** program offers: swimming, boating, canoeing, tennis, platform tennis, archery, film video, art, crafts, gaga, science, Indian lore, softball, wiffle ball, dance, gymnastics, basketball, soccer, kickball, volleyball, and more. The program and activities offered are dependent upon grade and age level.
- Our innovative selective period allows campers to select a favorite activity and have an additional **5** periods per week of that activity.
- The counselors and specialists work together to motivate campers to participate in all activities to their fullest capacity.
- The **aBREEZE**iated program is an optional program for 3 and 4 year olds (**NOT ENTERING KINDERGARTEN**). Daily instructional and recreational swims, as well as lunch, are provided. AM transportation is provided by the camp, PM transportation is provided by parent. **PICK UP AT 2:10 PM at the GAZEBO in front of OFFICE**

6. SWIMMING

- Waterfront staff counselors possess current Water Safety Instructor or Lifeguard Training certificates. Written records are kept on each child's progress. We follow the **AMERICAN RED CROSS** swim program and campers are grouped according to their individual swimming ability.
- When campers are consistently reluctant to participate in the swimming program and resist all reasonable efforts on the part of an instructor to involve them, parents will be notified.
- **RED CROSS** swim certificates earned from other facilities will be honored and utilized for instructional swim placement. Please send in a copy of swim cards earned from other facilities to ensure proper swim placement.

7. MENU

- The weekly menu is available on our website every Friday, with special announcements and reminders included.

- Our menu is planned by a nutritionist to include healthful, tasty and interesting varieties of kid-friendly food. A salad bar is available as is peanut butter and jelly and other alternatives. A hot lunch and cold lunch are offered daily.
- If your camper has a special dietary need, we will accommodate whenever possible.

8. STAFF

- **BREEZEMONT** has a high return rate of staff from year to year. New counselors are often recommended by former counselors, and are often friends or relatives of returning staff.
- All counselors have experience working with children; most Group Leaders are teachers.
- During our pre-camp orientation program for staff, counselors are thoroughly familiarized with the **BREEZEMONT** philosophy. Counselors understand that we are a relaxed, flexible, unpressured camp with realistic goals of achievement for each camper.

TIPPING

- While counselors do not expect a gratuity, it is very much appreciated.
- **DRIVERS AND MONITORS ARE WORKING BEFORE AND AFTER CAMP HOURS. THEY SHOULD BE TIPPED.**

9. VISITING

- Visiting is a special time for you and your camper. However, we must acknowledge that visiting can alter the behavior of your child or other campers in the group. Our visiting policy attempts to minimize any disruptions that our campers may experience. **(PLEASE SEE CAMP CALENDAR).**
- Visiting days coincide with your child's cookout schedule. We trust that our **BREEZEMONT** families will adhere to our visiting procedure. **YOUR CHILD'S** visiting day will be sent out prior to the first day of camp.

VISITING TIPS AND REMINDERS

- Familiarize yourself with your camper's visiting day. **(VISITING INFO WILL BE SENT OUT IN SPRING)**
- Contact the camp office one day in advance to schedule your visit
- Please park outside the camp grounds in front of camp on Cox Avenue or on our front lawn. Leave a note on your dashboard with your name, your camper's name and the group you are visiting.

- **ALWAYS** sign in at the Visitor’s Desk. Schedules will be available on line. An official visitor’s pass will be given to you. This is for the safety and welfare of all our campers.
- Sign out and return your visitor’s pass after your visit.
- **THERE IS NO SMOKING ON THE GROUNDS.**
- **DO NOT BRING PETS.**
- Please remember to notify the office if you will be taking your camper home with you after a visit
- **BREEZEMONT IS CELL PHONE FREE.**

10. MISCELLANEOUS

- It has been a tradition for transportation personnel to arrange an occasional “bus party.” It is policy that parents give written permission for a camper to participate.
- We urge you **NOT** to allow your camper to wear jewelry or bring valuable items to camp. (i.e., video games, radio, ipods, etc.)
- **EXTENSIONS** – Those campers signed for an initial 4, 6 or 7 week period will pay the difference in rate for each additional week should their stay be extended. All extensions are subject to room in the camper’s group and vehicle.
- **WATER BOTTLES** – The local health authorities have advised us to ban the use of water bottles for sanitary reasons. Please rest assured that adequate drinking fountains, water supplies and disposable cups will be placed strategically on our grounds.
- **CAMERAS** – to protect against the possibility of an invasion of privacy, we have a **NO CAMERA POLICY** for our campers.

COMMUNICATION

We acknowledge all of your comments and concerns. We make every effort to return your inquiries in a timely manner. However, the only way to resolve a concern is when we are made aware of one. We look forward to another successful camping season.

CAMP DATES – 2011 SEASON

Full season..... Tuesday, June 28 – Wednesday, August 17, 2011
 1st session.....Tuesday, June 28 – Friday, July 22, 2011
 2nd session.....Monday, July 25 – Wednesday, August 17, 2011
 6 or 7 week session..... ...Select any 6 or 7 weeks based on our schedule
 Weeks do not have to be consecutive.
 Except weeks #1 & 2, each week begins on a **MONDAY**
 Weeks #1 and 2 will be four days
 Weeks #3, 4, 5, 6, 7 will be five days.
 Week #8 will be three days.

