

Welcome!



Orchard Park Recreation

Parent Orientation

2017

Summer Camps

"There's No Better Value"

Meet Our Leadership Team

Adventure Camp Plus

Jenn

Adventure Camp

Rebecca

Aquatics

Alexis, Mason, Morgan

Day Camp

Heidi

Courtney

Performing Arts

Leah

Afternoon Escapades

Claire

Sports Camps

Madison

Art Explorers

Doug

Mini Camp

Sarah

Preschool

Rachael

Claire

Ashley

Culinary Creations

Michelle

Safe Environment

- *Staff Certifications (CPR/AED, First Aid, RTE, LG, WSI)
- *Police Background Checks for every Staff member
- *NYS Health Department Camper to Staff Ratios
- *Staff Evaluations conducted twice during the summer
- *Extensive two day staff training
- *In-service training throughout the summer
- *Additional staff sent on field trips with water components
- *Use the buddy system at camp
- *No camper is ever 1:1 with a staff member
- *Assistant Recreation Director out in the field
- *Emergency Response Training
- *Every camper receives a T- Shirt
- *Directors are issued cell phones

Security

- Campers will only be released to the individuals listed on their permission to pick up from

- Staff will check ID's at pick up
- Buddy checks will be done frequently throughout the day
- Counselors will be counting heads constantly
- 360 checks are done before campers enter any situation (bathroom, playground, locker room) to make sure it is safe
- Campers are in eye sight of counselors at all times

Health Forms

- Includes medications, permission to walk, and field trip acknowledgement
- Medications- Including non prescription items
 - Requires Physician signature and note
 - Staff can ASSIST but cannot GIVE medication to the camper
- Due: Prior to the first day of camp
- Available on our website & in the office & at the Health Form table in the cafeteria

The Basics of Signing In/Out

Signing In:

- Parents **MUST** accompany camper into and out of the building
- For all camps located at the Middle School Please use the 20A U-shaped entrance of the school by the swimming pool
 - Staff will direct you to appropriate classroom
- For all Green Lake/ Yates Park Camps use the double glass doors of the Recreation Building at Green Lake

Signing Out:

- **MUST HAVE PHOTO I.D.**
 - Staff will not release any camper to anyone without proper ID (Safety First!)
- Only people listed on Pick Up Form (attached to the health form) will be allowed to pick up campers

***Children need to be signed in and out every day**

Late Arrivals

- Sign-in your child at the designated drop off location and please escort he or she to the posted location.
- NOTE: We **WILL NOT** hold field trip busses for late arrivals

Early Pick Ups

- If you know in advance your child will be getting picked up early please inform the counselors during drop off at the sign in table
- If you need to pick your child up early & you did not notify counselors at drop off call the Recreation Office and we will contact your child's camp
- Field Trip days campers can be picked up as soon as the buses return (around 3:30pm)
- Non-Field Trip days campers can be picked up at any point

What if my child cannot attend camp on a certain day?

- If your child can not attend camp on a particular day please call the Recreation Department at 662-6450 that morning.
- We will then notify your child's camp director

Bullying

All of our staff go through a one day intensive training on the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention

that is used by the school district in how to prevent bullying, promote respect and understanding

Additionally we have a Character Counts Counselor who runs weekly character activities with each camp group to encourage kindness and caring.

What should campers wear/ bring to camp?



- Clothes to run around in
- Sneakers
- Weather appropriate clothing (rain jacket, sweatshirt)

Each day campers should bring:

Backpack

Sneakers (no flip flops, crocs or hee-lies)

Lunch and snack

Water bottle

Swimsuit and towel (for pool and/ or water games)

Spray Sunscreen- apply before arriving at camp and leave a spray bottle at camp to use during the day

Please do not bring:

Electronics (cell phones, I Pods, etc)

Valuables

Money \$\$

Swimming at Camp

○ Orchard Park High School Pool

- Counselors swim with the participants
- Participants are evaluated by our certified instructors via a swim test and restricted to swimming in a depth based on their swim test
- Minimum of 3 lifeguards are on duty during camp swim
- Camp Swim has between 25 to 30 campers in the pool at once

○ Swimming at Beaches

- Certified Lifeguards accompany camp on all off site swim field trips
- Camp Staff creates a designated swim and beach area to ensure your child's safety.

○ Buddy System

- Accounts for all swimmers
- Done every 5-10 minutes



Will campers be able to use Quaker Splash?

- Yes, campers who are deep end swimmers will be able to use Quaker Splash this summer!!
- Campers will have scheduled dates and times they will be able to use Quaker Splash that does not conflict with scheduled field trips, sports, swimming, arts & crafts, tennis and themed activities

Field Trips

- Days, times and locations are found in the weekly newsletter- make sure we are in your contacts to avoid things getting lost in spam!
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- **DO NOT SEND MONEY**



- All campers will wear camp t-shirt and name bracelets
- All campers must be signed in by 9am on field trip days, we will not hold buses
- Buses return to camp between 3pm and 4:30pm

How do we keep all of our campers together on Field Trips?

- Before we leave camp all campers are wearing the camp T-shirt & everyone receives a field trip wrist band
- Buddy Checks are conducted upon departure and upon arrival and each time the group transitions into a new area and before they move onto the next
- For Day Camp even though the color groups attend trips together at the field trip itself the color groups travel/ participate as their own group. Teal group is with Teal, Blue with Blue etc.
- For Field trips that have a swimming component we send lifeguards in addition to the counselors.

Parent Communication

- Newsletters will be emailed weekly
- Parents will be contacted immediately by the office for any injury that requires more than a band aid, including any head injuries.
- Behavior issues & minor scrapes will be brought to the parents attention at pick up
- Stop by and Sign up for Text Alerts!

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Can't wait to see you at camp!

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