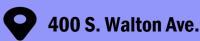


Parent Handbook







Welcome Parents,

We are beyond excited to have your child joining us for our summer camp! This Parent Handbook will provide you with our basic camp procedures, philosophies and areas of responsibility.

Our objectives are to provide your child with a safe, enjoyable and positive summer camp experience. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to our Program Coordinator, Tashyra Feazell, or myself.

We look forward to seeing your child grow throughout the program and leave with new friends and lifelong memories!

Best Regards,

Jamie Taylor

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Recreation Superintendent

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Summer Camp Dates

June 6 - August 5

excluding Monday, July 4th

Summer Camp Days/ Hours of Operation Monday - Friday 7:30AM to 5:30PM

Before/After Care

optional

7-7:30am & 5:30-6pm

Summer Camp Fees

\$675 for nine weeks with Rec Card
\$800 for nine weeks without Rec Card
\$80 per week with Rec Card
\$100 per week without Rec Card
\$10 per week for Before/After Care (you get both for the \$10)
* Field Trips NOT Included

Summer Camp Groups



K - 2nd grade



3rd - 5th grade



6th - 8th grade

Summer Camp Goals

- Encourage each camper to develop new skills
- Help each camper gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of their own skills and abilities
- Encourage the development of leadership skills in campers
- Be caring in thoughts and words
- Provide a safe and enjoyable summer camp experience
- HAVE FUN!



Camp Registration

The following is the registration process that needs to be completed for your camper to attend our camp. If you have any questions about the process, please contact us at the office. Campers will be considered "registered" when we have received all required paperwork as well as the minimum payment due. Registration fees must be paid in full by Friday before the week your child is attending. Your child will not be allowed to attend camp if you are delinquent on payments.

Step 1: Complete application in its entirety, selecting the weeks your child will be attending.

Step 2: Pay the minimum amount due.

A limited number of scholarships are available for students. To apply, please request an application from Recreation Staff

Week Number	Payment Due
Week 1 (June 6 - June 10)	June 3
Week 2 (June 13 - June 17)	June 10
Week 3 (June 20 - June 24)	June 17
Week 4 (June 27 - July 1)	June 24
Week 5 (July 5 - July 8)	July 1
Week 6 (July 11 - July 15)	July 8
Week 7 (July 18 - July 22)	July 15
Week 8 (July 25 - July 29)	July 22
Week 9 (August 1 - August 5)	July 29

Daily Drop Off

All campers must be signed in each day upon drop-off on the designated sign in/sign out sheet by a parent/guardian or an authorized contact listed on the camper's drop-off/pickup form.



Daily Release of Campers

A parent/guardian or an authorized contact listed on the camper's drop-off/pick up form must sign the camper out of the program each day . Photo identification must be presented before the child may be released into their custody.

If you have an emergency, please contact Recreation Staff and they will assist as needed.

What to Bring to Camp

Closed-toe shoes

Water bottles

Sunscreen (preferably lotion)

Swimsuit (water days)

Healthy lunch, snacks & drinks

Old clothes that can get dirty

Camp t-shirt on field trip days

What NOT to Bring to Camp

Weapons

Electronics

Candy

Soda/Coffee/Energy drinks

Pets

Sports Equipment

Pokemon/Trading cards



Summer Camp House Rules

These rules are for everyone at camp including campers, staff, parents and volunteers. Please review these house rules and the corresponding disciplinary policy in this handbook. For safety and fairness to all campers and staff, we expect appropriate behavior at camp. Disciplinary measures will be taken when necessary. In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for all children, the following rules have been established:

- Do not bring any toys, electronics or other expensive personal property. We are not responsible for lost/stolen items or any vandalism.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself, no rough-housing.
- Weapons of any kind are not permitted.
- Stealing will not be tolerated.
- Disrespect to Jr. Leaders and Counselors will not be tolerated.
- Swearing, name calling and inappropriate language of racial, religious, cultural or sexual nature will not be tolerated.
- No put-downs or bullying will be tolerated.

Disciplinary Policy/Actions

Rules listed in the house rules section are enforced to ensure a safe, professional and organized program. The following disciplinary procedures are put in place for the program participants. These disciplinary procedures are designed to help each participant learn and grow as a responsible person in a fair and consistent manner.

DISCIPLINE PROGRESSION

1st Occurrence - Verbal reprimand issued by Recreation Leader/Camp Specialist/Camp Director

2nd Occurrence - Parents will be notified and written documentation made/parents will be required to sign the form

3rd Occurrence - Minimum 1 day suspension, may include up to 5 day suspension

4th Occurrence - Dismissal from program and no refund issued

Each situation will be considered on an individual basis in order to determine the appropriate consequence for the offense.

In consideration of the nature of the offense, we reserve the right to implement any of the above steps as deemed necessary.

Medication

Camp staff will not administer any medications. If your child needs an inhaler/epi-pen on them a *Medication Form* MUST be completed prior to their first day of camp.

Illness and Injury

Campers run the chance of being outside for about half of the day. Some specific hazards that may occur during the course of a normal camp day may include: sunburns, minor scrapes or cuts, slipping, falling, splinters, bruises and insect bites. In the event any of the above conditions occur, City of Tarpon Springs staff will treat the ailments in accordance to the training we have been provided in CPR/First Aid. All reported injuries will be documented with an injury report

If illness or injury results in a more serious condition than listed above, City of Tarpon Springs staff will contact the parent/guardian immediately to make arrangements for care and/or contact 911. For your camper's safety, it is essential to provide the Recreation Division two additional emergency numbers in the event of such a situation. Campers do not always inform camp staff of scratches, rashes or insect bites. Please do a daily check with your child and inform us if anything has come up.





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is your camper to counselor ratio?

A: 1 counselor per 15 campers.

Q: Will lunch/snack be provided?

A: No, students will be required to bring their own.

Q: Are electronics allowed?

A: No, electronics are not allowed. If a child needs to make a call they will use the front desk phone.

Q: What is the check-in/check-out procedure?

A: Campers not enrolled in Before/After Care may be signed in after 7:30am, and signed out by 5:30pm. Campers enrolled in Before/After Care may be signed in after 7:00am, and signed out by 6:00pm.

Q: Who all can pick up my child?

A: Only the adults on the pick up authorization form are allowed to pick up a child.

Q: What days should they bring a change of clothes?

A: Parents will be advised ahead of time to days that students will need a change of clothes but mostly on Wednesdays when we go to the Splash Park.

Q: What is the COVID refund policy?

A: Refunds/credits will only be issued for a camp closure determined by Tarpon Springs staff.

Q: What field trips are we going on and are they an additional cost?

A: A calendar of events, field trips and weekly schedules are online and may also be picked up in person at the front desk. Field trips ARE an additional cost.



Lunch/Snack/Dietary Needs

Lunch will not be provided to the students, students are required to bring their own lunch and snack each day. Please be aware of foods which may spoil and pack accordingly. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND SODA, COFFEE, ENERGY DRINKS, CANDY OR SUGARY SNACKS**. Some of these items may cause dehydration.

Campers are also encouraged to bring healthy snacks to be eaten during breaks. Remember, your child will be more physically active than during a regular school day and will need to eat more and drink significantly more water.

It is imperative that parents/guardians mark down any food allergies to make sure we do not expose a child to a health hazard.

		Field Trips		
Week Number	Dates	DODGERS	SHOOTERS	SHARKS
1	6/6-6/10	Skating (7th)	Skating (7th)	Skating (7th) Sky Zone (9th)
2	6/13-6/17	Museum (13th)	PK's Playhouse (14th) Xtreme Fun Center (16th)	X
3	6/20-6/24	Aquarium (23rd)	Catapult (20th)	PK's Playhouse (21st)
4	6/27-7/1	Farm (30th)	Bowling (28th)	Xtreme Fun Center (27th)
5	7/5-7/8	Sky Zone (7th)	х	Bowling (5th)
6	7/11-7/15	Catapult (11th)	Celebration Station (14th)	Catapult (12th)
7	7/18-7/22	Get Air (19th)	Sky Zone (18th)	Celebration Station (21st)
8	7/25-7/29	Skating (26th)	Skating (26th)	Skating (26th)
9	8/1-8/5	X	Х	Х

LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST SUMMER EVER!!!!