

TARPON SPRINGS RECREATION

2024 SUMMER CAMP

Parent Handbook



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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 number one priority is 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 Fezell, 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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TSRD Summer Camp

Summer Camp Dates

June 10 - August 9

**Summer Camp Days/
Hours of Operation**

***Monday - Friday
8:00AM to 5:00PM***

Before/After Care is available (7:30-8am & 5-5:30pm) for \$10 per week

Summer Camp Fees

\$675 or \$100/week WITH Rec Card

\$800 or \$115/week WITHOUT Rec Card

**** Field Trips NOT Included***

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Summer Camp Groups



Entering K - 2nd Grade



Entering 3rd - 5th Grade

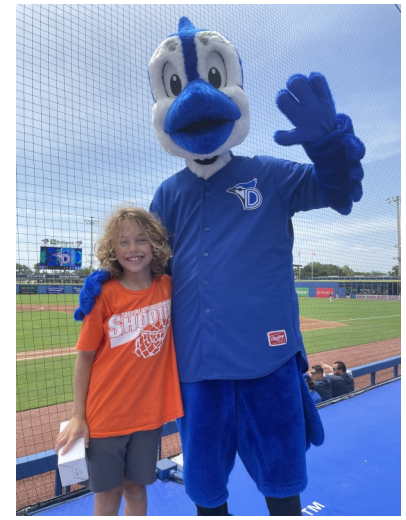


Entering 6th - 8th Grade

Summer Camp Goals

At the City of Tarpon Springs Summer Camp, we have goals for our camp and our campers that we would like to share with you the parent. We hope to attain these goals each week your camper is with us.

- 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 your thoughts and words
- HAVE FUN!



Camp Registration

The following is the registration process that needs to be completed in order 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 ALL steps are completed and we have received all required paperwork. A minimum payment of the camper’s first two weeks is due at registration. Remainder of fees are due the Friday before the start of the new week in order to attend.

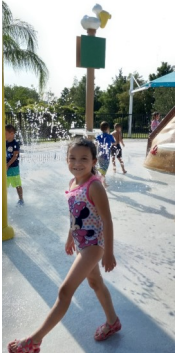
- STEP 1:** Complete application in its entirety, selecting weeks you are attending
- STEP 2:** Pay deposit (minimum first two weeks)

Scholarships are available for students, will have to request an application from Recreation Supervisor or Recreation Superintendent

Week Number	Payment Due
Week 1 (June 10 - June 14)	June 7
Week 2 (June 17 - June 21)	June 14
Week 3 (June 24 - June 28)	June 21
Week 4 (July 1 - July 5)	June 28
Week 5 (July 8 - July 12)	July 5
Week 6 (July 15 - July 19)	July 12
Week 7 (July 22 - July 26)	July 19
Week 8 (July 29 - August 2)	July 26
Week 9 (August 5 - August 9)	August 2

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 emergency contact listed on the campers authorized form.



Daily Release of Campers

The parent/guardian must personally sign their child in and out of the program each day by signing the daily attendance log available at the drop off/pick up location. Identification must be presented before the child may be released into their custody, person has to be on pick up authorization form filled out with registration packet.

If you have an emergency, please contact the Camp Director/ Recreation Supervisor/Recreation Superintendent and they will assist in decision making.

What to Bring to Camp

- Closed-toe shoes
- Water bottles
- Sunscreen (preferably lotion)
- Swimsuit (Splash Park days)
- Healthy lunch, snacks and drinks (No Soda)
- Old clothes that can get dirty



What NOT to Bring to Camp

- Weapons
- Electronics
- Candy
- 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 items or any vandalism
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself, no jumping or horse playing with anyone
- Weapons of any kind are not permitted
- Stealing from anyone will not be tolerated
- Swearing, name calling and inappropriate language of racial, religious, cultural or sexual nature will not be tolerated
- No put downs—bullying, of any kind, will not be tolerated
- Take responsibility for your actions

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 form

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

4th Occurrence - Dismissal from program and no refund issued

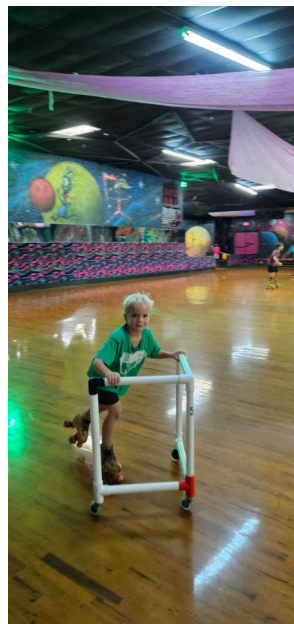
Each situation will be considered on an individual basis in order to determine the appropriate consequence for the offense.

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 medication, he or she will need to self-administer the medication in accordance with our medical policies located on the registration form.



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.

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 campers 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

Q: What is your camper to counselor ratio?

A: 1 counselor per 10 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: Camper can be dropped off after 7:30am, parent/guardian must sign them in. Camper must be picked up by 5:30pm and parent/guardian must sign them out

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: Yes, we do go on field trips calendar of events and weekly schedules are online and can also be picked up in person at the front desk



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. We encourage campers to bring lunches in coolers with ice, blue ice or frozen juice boxes. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND SODA, 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.

We will be making snacks throughout summer camp so 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	SPONGERS	STINGRAYS	SPARTANS
1	6/10-6/14	Catapult	Catapult	X
2	6/17-6/21	X	Get Air	X
3	6/24-6/28	Get Air	Tampa Bay Rays Game Ele8 Tampa	Tampa Bay Rays Game Ele8 Tampa
4	7/1-7/5	Old McMickey's Farm	X	X
5	7/8-7/12	Sky Zone	PK's Play Zone	Axe Throwing
6	7/15-7/19	X	Sky Zone	PK's Play Zone
7	7/22-7/26	Clearwater Aquarium	Clearwater Aquarium	Sky Zone
8	7/29-8/2	Astro Skate	Urban Air Astro Skate	Urban Air Astro Skate
9	8/5-8/9	X	X	X

MAKING MEMORIES



FOR A LIFETIME