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Dear Parents:

Welcome Back, all parents and children, to the Bethel Park Recreation Camp Programs! After a chaotic 2020, we are looking forward to, once again, running our Day Camp Program this Summer. We hope to see many returning faces and of course, many NEW ones.

Please bear with us as we navigate our way through Summer 2021 and the ever-changing safety guidelines. **At present, masks will be required and temperatures will be taken upon entering Camp.** We do not have plans to travel for Field Trips, but rather, we will bring interactive entertainment/guests in to Camp. We may, from time to time, bring both Day Camp groups together which may require a temporary change in drop off/pick up locations.

This year, we still plan on utilizing the **CAFETERIA** area of Independence Middle School for the **Youth Summer Day Camp Program (ages 6-10)**. The **Summer Fun Camp Program (ages 11-14)** will continue to take place at the Bethel Park Community Center.

Registration for Day Camp 2021 is now open. Please keep in mind, your child will **ONLY** be registered for the weeks you have paid for in advance. Because we are giving everyone months to plan and prepare, we will not be holding spaces for unpaid weeks. You can continue to pay as you go, but spaces are not guaranteed.

NEW IN 2021 – You must register your child no later than **Wednesday** of the week prior to attending. Thus, you can no longer register LAST MINUTE. Keep in mind, also, that enrollment numbers may be very limited depending on current/developing PA Covid-19 guidelines & protocol.

Throughout the summer, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me or speak to the camp staff directly. We will be more than happy to help you. We are all here to do our best to make sure that your children have a fantastic summer!

This packet of information gives a full description of each camp as well as contact phone numbers for emergencies. Camp officially begins on Monday, June 14 and will continue through Friday, August 6.

We are very excited about the 2021 Summer Day Camps and look forward to providing your children with a memorable Day Camp experience.

Sincerely,

Michele Pilotta
Day Camp Coordinator

412-831-6800 x224

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Emergency Contact Phone Numbers:

Recreation Office: 412-831-1328 Community Center: 412-851-2910

Michele Pilotta (Program Coordinator): 412-831-6800 x224

**Please contact either office if you need a message relayed to your child's Counselors. **

FEE STRUCTURE:

Fees by session and week are listed on each registration form. Bethel Park Recreation Camps have a **"NO REFUND"** policy. When you enroll in camp, your child's spot is held, possibly causing other children to be turned away from camp. **Please be sure when you sign your child up for a camp that you do not have any prior commitments or vacations planned for the same time because you will not be refunded for cancellations.** *Exception: In case of severe illness or injury, a doctor's excuse will be required.* You are responsible to pay for all contracted days regardless of actual days and hours of attendance. Attendance cannot be "made up" during other sessions.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Youth Summer Day Camp (IMS)		Additional Fees (if applicable)
Early Drop-off:	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM →	\$20.00 per week fee charged
Morning Session only:	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
All Day:	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	
Afternoon Session only:	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	
Late Pick-up:	3:30 PM – 6:00 PM →	\$20.00 per week fee charged

Summer Fun (Community Center)		Additional Fees (if applicable)
Early Drop-off:	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM →	\$20.00 per week fee charged
All Day:	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	
Afternoon Session only:	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	
Late Pick-up:	3:30 PM – 6:00 PM →	\$20.00 per week fee charged

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:

The hours for each camp are listed above. **Children are NOT to be dropped off before or picked up after these times.** Only you or the persons authorized by you on the Emergency Form will be allowed to pick up your child. If you are not personally picking up your child, the person authorized to do so will need a note signed by you and current photo ID before your child will be released to them. Children may not enter or leave camp without an adult present to sign them in and out. ***Changes to the Emergency Form may only be made by the Parent/Guardian who has signed and completed the form initially.***

LATE POLICY (IMS and Community Center):

A late fee of \$20 will be assessed for any part of each 15 minute increment that you are late in picking up your child. Our policy is the same for both All Day & Half Day Campers. ***If you are scheduled to pick up your child at Noon and you arrive at 12:05, you will be assessed a Fee.*** All late fees MUST be paid prior to your child attending Camp the following day. Late fees must be paid at the Community Center front desk. ***Counselors are not permitted to take any money.*** Additionally, if you are late more than 3 times, your child may not be permitted to attend camp for the remainder of this summer. ***Refunds will not be given.***

Please be advised, if you have children attending BOTH Camps, you may need to pick one child up earlier. Having to stop at two locations is never an acceptable reason for being late. If this is a concern for you, you may want to consider registering for the LATE PICK-UP option for one or both of your children.

Week	Theme	FIELD TRIP VISITORS			
1					
2	2021 Themes & Field Trip Visitor information will be updated as it becomes available.				
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

*** There will be NO Day Camp on Monday, July 5.**

FIELD TRIPS:

It is most likely that we will NOT be travelling for Field Trips this summer. Our current plan is to bring in "Field Trip Visitors" (ie Presenters from local Museums, Science Center, Aviary just to name a few). Since field trips are generally taken on Fridays, we may bring in guests on Fridays as well. When you register your child, the **Permission Form** for the field trips is also required so that we have it on record ahead of time and can make appropriate reservations. Please keep in mind that we may, from time to time bring both groups together which may require a change in drop off/pick up locations. Due to social distancing, we are trying to NOT have to utilize buses this year.

Your child will still be receiving a Camp T-shirt, he/she is expected to wear it when we have our Field Trip visitors. **Each child will receive only ONE orange, Camp T-shirt for the entire summer.**

SWIMMING:

Children attending Youth Summer Day Camp (IMS) all day or in the afternoon only will swim at the High School Pool twice a week. *Children attending in the mornings only, will NOT be swimming.* ALL Children (ages 6-10) will swim on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** afternoon. Children will walk to the pool with the counselors, arriving back in the Cafeteria in time for 3:30 PM pick-up. Please send a swimsuit and towel on those days.

Summer Fun (Community Center) campers will swim on **Wednesdays** of each week. They will walk from the Community Center to the High School pool and back, in time for the 3:30 pick-up.

***If there are any changes to the swim days, we will do our best to notify you immediately.

STORMY DAY POLICY:

The Youth Summer Day Camp (IMS) and Summer Fun Camp (Community Center) both have indoor shelters and will generally not be affected by a stormy day. Appropriate activities will be available inside.

ILLNESS:

Most children will become ill from time to time. **Refunds will not be given for absences due to illness.** Parents are encouraged to have a contingency plan should your child become ill and unable to attend camp. In the event of long-term illness, special arrangements may be made with the Recreation Department. If your child will not be attending camp due to illness, please call the Recreation Department at 412-831-1328 so that we know not to expect him/her. **Please do not increase the risk of other children becoming sick by sending your child to camp when he/she is ill, especially in the cases of vomiting, diarrhea, fever higher than 100, rash, Covid-19 exposure, etc.** More so now than ever, we will not allow a sick child to stay at camp and you will be called at home/work to come and pick-up your child. If your child should become ill during camp, we will notify you or your emergency contact person and will expect the child to be taken home as soon as possible. We will dispense prescription medicine only in the original labeled container with physician's instructions. Please make note of any medications on the Emergency Form and give medication to counselors each day of camp so that they are aware that medication will need to be administered to your child. For the safety of your child, all medication must go home with your child each day and will not be kept at the Camp facility overnight.

PLEASE – if your child has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19, please keep your child at home and inform the Recreation Office immediately.

LUNCHES:

Children participating all day will need to bring a packed lunch. There are refrigerators available at each of our sites. Please *do not* pack any glass items as they are breakable and can cause a dangerous situation. Please do not pack any food that requires heating or being cooked. Lunches *must* have your child's name on them.

NEW IN 2021 – Snack time will be provided so please feel free to send your child with a snack each day.

DRESS CODE:

For safety reasons, your child **MUST wear athletic/tennis shoes and socks at all times while at camp.** NO sandals or flip-flops will be permitted as your child will be participating in field games and/or sports daily. **Please dress your child for the weather (jacket, sunscreen, etc.), as your child will be spending a great deal of time outdoors.** The Orange Day Camp T-shirt (which is provided) must be worn when we have field trip visitors.

PERSONAL ITEMS:

Personal items such as toys, games, electronics of all kinds, cell phones, etc. should not be brought to camp. We have more than enough games and activities to keep your child busy and happy and to promote interactive play. Personal items that are brought to camp stand the chance of being damaged, broken, stolen, or lost and tend to cause contention among the children. Anything your child brings such as a jacket or swimsuit and towel ***should be labeled*** with your child's name so that nothing gets lost or left behind. Bethel Park Recreation will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

ADDITIONAL MEASURES BEING TAKEN:

- We plan to implement a system for **cleaning & disinfecting** frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- We plan to keep the children **outside**, in the fresh air where they can more easily social distance themselves, as much as possible.
- We plan to keep open the lines of communication with all families regarding any situation that may arise during the week. In turn, we hope you will all do the same.

DISCIPLINE:

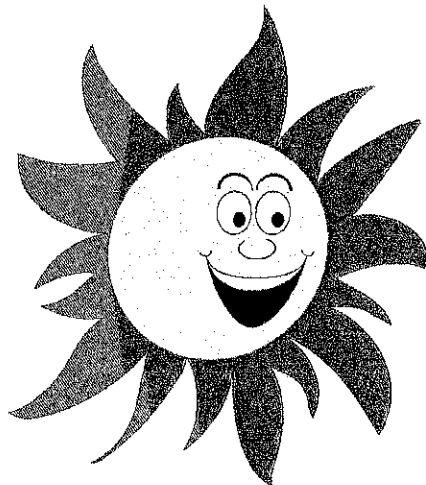
Procedures for uncooperative or destructive children will be conducted as follows:

- Simple request will be made to stop or change behavior.
- Staff will interact with child on his/her level using eye contact and state what the child must do to stop or change behavior in order to avoid time-out.
- Child will sit in time-out away from the other children.
- If child repeatedly ends up in time-out, a camp leader or supervisor will discuss the matter with the parent/guardian to determine a more productive solution.
- Serious offenses will result in the child being immediately removed from the other children and a parent/guardian will be called to pick-up the child from camp.
- **We reserve the right to cancel your child's attendance at camp as necessary or appropriate due to continued behavior problems. No refunds will be given.**

With any grouping of children, control must be maintained for safety and program continuity. Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure control and safety in the Camp.

Parental support is essential to achieve these goals.

We have a ZERO tolerance policy for bullying of any kind.



Please keep in mind each day, as you prepare your child for Camp, that Campers will be spending the majority of their day outdoors. Our staff does their very best to ensure that your child is kept hydrated. Sunscreen is at your discretion. **A water bottle, with your child's name on it, is a daily necessity.** Each day of sunshine, even "liquid sunshine", brings a smile to our faces!



2021 Camper Medical Information



Camper Name: _____ IMS Community Ctr

Camper Birthdate: ____/____/____ Age: _____

Parents/Guardians Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____ (Work): _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

➤ In an attempt for us to provide the best care possible, please complete the following info.

HEALTH INFORMATION: to be completed by parent or guardian

Does your Child have any restrictions from physical activity? Yes No

*If Yes, Specify _____

Does your Child have any Allergies? Yes No

*If Yes, Specify _____



While your child is in our care, will he/she require medication for allergies/ADD-ADHD/hypersensitivities or any other reason? Yes No

*If Yes, Specify _____

**All medication MUST come in the Original Prescription bottle (including the child's name).*

**Please use the back of the form, if needed to expand upon any of your answers.*

EMERGENCY TREATMENT RELEASE: In the event the parent(s) or guardian(s) of my child cannot be reached during a medical emergency, I (we) give permission for the Bethel Park Day Camp to direct the treatment given to my child. I (we) verify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate. I (we) also give my (our) consent for my (our) child to receive emergency medical care and/or be transported by Recreation staff or EMS personnel. By my signature, I agree to hold harmless and blameless the Municipality of Bethel Park, Bethel Park School District and any employee thereof as to and regarding any liability, claims, damages or any item whatsoever resulting from any accident or injury which I or those under my supervision or care might receive while participating in the Summer 2020 Recreation Day Camp.

 _____ Relationship _____ Date _____
 _____ Relationship _____ Date _____



2021 Emergency & Pickup Permission



Camper Name: _____ IMS Community Ctr

Parent Information

Parent 1: _____

Parent 2: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Bethel Park Day Camp will release camper(s) to either parent unless specific arrangements have been made with the Camp Director. Each Emergency Contact you list will be authorized to drive your child/children home and must be able to provide identification when picking up. We may also contact these individuals, in case your child needs to be picked up from camp due to illness or injury and we cannot reach a parent. Please be sure to sign the bottom of the page.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:		
Relationship to Child:		
Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:

Name:		
Relationship to Child:		
Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:

Name:		
Relationship to Child:		
Address:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Work Phone:

 Sign Here _____ Date _____



PERMISSION FORM



Camper Name: _____ IMS Community Ctr

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Our goal at the Bethel Park Recreation Day Camps is to provide your child with a summer of FUN experiences. In addition to a wide variety of activities each day at camp, we will provide weekly FIELD TRIP VISITORS. Please be assured that our priority is to keep your child SAFE while they are enjoying these NEW ADVENTURES!

Our safety precautions include:

- Proper Covid-19 protocols to encourage behaviors that mitigate the spread of disease
- Monitoring kids water consumption & sunscreen application when needed
- Requiring kids to wear their PROVIDED Day Camp Orange T-shirt

HAND SANITIZER PERMISSION: I give permission for my camper to use the available hand sanitizer, when hand washing is not available, while participating in Bethel Park Day Camp activities.

I have read and give my consent _____.

SUNSCREEN PERMISSION: I give my consent to have my camper use sunscreen that she/he has brought to camp (and labelled with name), which is FDA approved for over-the-counter use to avoid overexposure to the sun. My camper may be assisted by camp staff if she/he requests.

I have read and give my consent _____.

PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSION: I give permission for my camper to be photographed, videotaped, and/or filmed, while participating in Bethel Park Day Camp activities, and for the resulting images to be used by Bethel Park Recreation for promotional purposes only.

I have read and give my consent _____.



Relationship _____ Date _____