

SUMMER CAMP PARENT HANDBOOK 2016

Branford
Recreation
SUMMER CAMP



"The Benefits are Endless"

July 5th – August 12th

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY WITH YOUR CHILD!

WELCOME: Welcome to the summer camp program. Please review the handbook and read the rules with your children so that everyone will have a **SAFE** and a **FUN** summer camp experience. This program is **NOT** designed to be a babysitting service. Please, please, please, if your child has any special needs or takes any medication, fill out the information sheet appropriately. The more we know about your child helps our staff deal with any situation that may arise during camp hours.

CAMP ATTIRE: All campers **MUST** wear their playground t-shirt **EVERY DAY**. This includes all field trips as well as regular camp days. We ask that all campers wear sneakers or shoes. **NO FLIP FLOPS** due to safety reasons.

SIGNING IN AND OUT: All children must be signed in and out upon their arrival to and departure from the playground. Each child/parent must notify the playground counselors of their arrival to and departure from camp. All children must be signed out by an authorized adult. Children that are given permission to sign themselves in and out from camp **MUST** do so every time they arrive to camp and leave camp. This is only granted with parental permission. Any child/parent that does not abide by this policy will face suspension from the playground camp.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents or guardians. Buses will be provided for field trips and leave from the individual camp locations unless otherwise noted. Please check the bulletin boards daily at the camp locations. All school rules will be in effect for school bus transportation on field trips. **No exceptions.**

LATE FEES: A \$10.00 late fee will be applied for every 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes that you are late picking up your child/children. This also includes those children that are registered for the before & extended care programs. Abuse of this policy will result in suspension of your child from attending the camp.

NO EXCEPTIONS!! PLEASE BE PROMPT.

BEHAVIOR POLICY: Our summer camp program is designed to provide a supervised recreational program. Each child is expected to behave in a fashion suitable to the program. Cursing, fighting, stealing, bringing a weapon to camp, disrespecting the staff, abuse of equipment or facilities and disruptive behaviors will **NOT** be tolerated at the camps or on any field trips. **NO SMOKING** will be allowed. Any problems of this nature will result in suspension or expulsion from the camp with no refunds. All camp equipment is the property of the Branford Recreation Department. Malicious mishandling or abuse of equipment, etc. will require the parent/guardian to replace or repair any damages. This also applies to any buildings or facilities. Any child found to be non-compliant to these rules will be suspended and parents will be notified. No scooters, roller blades or skateboards are allowed at camp. Bikes **MUST** be put in designated areas. The skate park will **NOT** be available for campers who attend Hammer Field Playground Camp during the camp day.

RULES & REGULATIONS CONTINUED

LUNCHES: Campers must bring a lunch and a snack with them to camp every day. No glass bottles please. Pack extra drinks each day and especially on hot days. Water will be available to the campers.

RAIN SITE: ****All camps are to report to the Community House for a rain site.****
Rain sites are used if it is raining before camp starts. Please call 488-8304 and check to see if we are going to our regular camp sites or using our rain sites. There will be a message left on our machine. If it starts raining during the day, we cannot transport children to any rain sites. They will remain at their regular sites.

SUNSCREEN: Please apply sunscreen on your child/children daily. Sunscreen should be brought to camp each day. Counselors will remind children to reapply their sunscreen throughout the day.

FIELD TRIPS: Summer camp includes a number of field trips. Children are expected to behave appropriately and respectfully on all field trips. Camp t-shirts must be worn. No exceptions. All campers can attend a field trip without pre-registration except Lake Compounce.

**YOU CANNOT REGISTER FOR LAKE COMPOUNCE ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP.
NO EXCEPTIONS. SPACES ARE LIMITED.**

Pre-registration is required in the office and spaces are limited. Please check weekly for field trip information with your counselors. Dates and times may be different for each individual camp. Some trips include lunch. Spending money may also be brought on certain trips. It is the campers responsibility to hold on to their own money. Please encourage your child/children not to ask other campers for any money. Each camper will receive a calendar of events for their specific playground. Check departure location. A brief description of each field trip will be stated further in the handbook.

INFORMATION FORM CHANGES: Any changes made to your information forms must be done in the office. Our office staff will then let the appropriate camp counselors know the individual changes. This is extremely important for any changes made to the pick up list. No exceptions.

CAMP HOURS: Regular camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Before care for those registered is from 8:00-9:00 a.m. After care for those registered is from 3-5:00 p.m.

HEAT POLICY: If the weather is hot and/or humid, and the conditions are not safe for the children to be outside in the heat, we may choose to close at Noon, close for the day or hold camp indoors. This will only be for extreme weather conditions. Please call 203-488-8304 for a message about any changes to the daily schedule.

ELECTRONICS: We recommend that all electronics including cell phones should remain at home. We are promoting socializing the "Old Fashion" way using verbal and social skills. If you and your child choose to bring electronics to camp they will be kept in the lunch bags or back packs and we **ARE NOT** responsible of lost, stolen or damaged items.

Please contact the office with any questions or concerns @ 488-8304.

GOING TO THE MOVIES...

“Movie Choice TBA”

Each camp will be traveling to Regal Cinema in Branford
to see a movie.

We will be traveling by bus from each individual camp.
Check the schedule below for the day your camper will see
the movie.

July 12th - Stony Creek & Veteran’s

July 19th - Hammer & Foote

Movie Time TBA

DO NOT bring any money.

We will not be using the concessions..





POOL DAYS....Walsh Intermediate School

Friday, July 8th – Hammer & Foote – Walsh

Friday, July 15th – Veteran's & Stony – Walsh

Friday, July 22nd – Hammer & Foote – Walsh

Friday, July 29th – Veteran's & Stony – Walsh

Friday, August 5th – Hammer & Foote – Walsh

Please drop off and pick up your child at the Walsh Intermediate School Pool. Walsh Pool is at 185 Damascus Road. Camp will be held at WIS for the day. Pack a lunch, bathing suit, towel, sunscreen and money for the ice cream man.

POOL DAYS....Hospice Pool

Wednesday, July 6th – Stony – Hospice

Wednesday, July 13th – Hammer – Hospice

Wednesday, July 20th – Veteran's – Hospice

Wednesday, July 27th – Foote – Hospice

Wednesday, August 3rd – Stony – Hospice

Wednesday, August 10th – Veteran's – Hospice

We will bus the campers to and from Hospice.

Please pack a bathing suit, towel and sunscreen.



Nomad's

Join us for a magical day filled with endless activities:

Mini-Golf
Tea Cups
Duckpin Bowl
Arcade
Laser Tag
Moon Bounce
Rock Wall

Please pack a lunch. Each child will receive 20 tokens for the arcade so spending money is optional. Buses will leave promptly from each site at 9:15. a.m.

August 1st - Foote & Hammer
August 2nd - Stony & Veteran's

BOWLING...

At Circle Lanes East Haven

All campers that are going bowling MUST wear or bring socks with them to camp. There will be no exceptions!!! Campers need to bring a lunch with them to camp. You may bring money for games and concessions. Buses will leave from each park 1/2 hour before scheduled bowling time.

Hammer Field	August 8th	10:00
Foote Park	August 8th	12:30
Stony Creek	August 9th	10:00
Veteran's Park	August 9th	12:30



LAKE COMPOUNCE

Tuesday, July 26th

Camp is closed for the day.

Only those pre-registered can attend. Space is limited.

PLEASE MEET AT HAMMER FIELD

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING AND GO OVER THESE RULES WITH YOUR CHILD.

1. THERE ARE NO FLOTATION DEVICES OF ANY KIND ALLOWED IN THE PARK.
2. CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR THEIR BATHING SUITS IF THEY PLAN ON SWIMMING.
3. CHILDREN WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO SWIM IN THE POOL WATER PARK. NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO SWIM IN THE LAKE OR USE THE PADDLE BOATS.
4. ALL CHILDREN MUST WEAR SNEAKERS AND SOCKS. SANDALS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ALL.
5. ALL CHILDREN MUST HAVE THEIR CAMP TEE-SHIRT ON AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING WHEN THEY ARE IN THE WATER PARK. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOUR CHILD BRING THEIR EXTRA TEE-SHIRT WITH THEM SO THAT THEY CAN PUT ON A DRY SHIRT AFTER SWIMMING IN THE WATER PARK.
6. CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING ANYTHING OF VALUE WITH THEM, INCLUDING CAMERAS, GAME-BOYS, JEWELRY, CD PLAYERS AND WALKMANS, ETC.
7. THERE IS NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE PARK. THE CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH LUNCH, DRINKS, ICE-CREAM, ETC. DRINKS ARE FREE THROUGHOUT THE PARK.
8. CHILDREN CAN BRING SPENDING MONEY FOR GAMES, CANDY, GIFT STORE & FOOD.
9. CHILDREN MUST STAY WITH THEIR ASSIGNED COUNSELOR AT ALL TIMES.
10. PLEASE DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT BY 9:00 A.M. OR 8:00 A.M. IF YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR BEFORE CARE. PICK UP IS AT 5:30 P.M.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE THEIR PLAYGROUND T-SHIRT ON AND SNEAKERS ON, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO ON THIS TRIP. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

THINGS TO INCLUDE IN A BACK PACK:

EXTRA CAMP TEE-SHIRT, SUN BLOCK, CHANGE OF CLOTHES, HAT, TOWEL

**YOU CANNOT REGISTER THE DAY OF THIS TRIP.
SPACES ARE LIMITED FOR SAFETY REASONS.
DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF THE MORNING OF THE TRIP IF THEY ARE
NOT REGISTERED.
THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE BUSES.**



ROLLERSKATING... At Roller Magic of Waterbury



Roller-skating at Roller Magic is located in Waterbury, Ct. Buses will leave from each individual camp location. Children can bring spending money for concessions or the arcade. You may bring your own rollerblades or rent them for an extra fee. Roller skates are provided for each camper. All campers **MUST** bring or wear socks to camp or they will not be able to skate. There will be no exceptions!

July 11th - Hammer & Foote

July 18th - Veteran's & Stony Creek

Buses will leave for each park at 9:15 A.M. **SHARP!!!**

BRING A LUNCH, SNACKS & PLENTY TO DRINK.

Skyzone...Trampoline Park



All campers must have a completed waiver form to participate.

Waivers are available in the office.

Bring a lunch.

You may bring money for the snack bar.

Buses will leave promptly from your park at 9:15 a.m. **SHARP!!**

July 14th - Foote Park

July 21st - Stony Creek

July 28th - Hammer Field

August 4th - Veteran's Park

FREE SUMMER MEALS

FOOTE

Wed. July 6th
Wed. July 13th
Fri. July 15th
Mon. July 18th
Thur. July 21st
Thur. July 28th
Fri. July 29th
Tues. Aug. 2nd
Thur. Aug. 4th
Tues. Aug. 9th
Wed. Aug. 10th

STONY

Thur. July 7th
Fri. July 8th
Mon. July 11th
Thur. July 14th
Wed. July 20th
Fri. July 22nd
Wed. July 27th
Mon. Aug. 1st
Fri. Aug. 5th
Mon. Aug. 8th
Thur. Aug. 11th

HAMMER

Wed. July 6th
Thur. July 14th
Fri. July 15th
Mon. July 18th
Wed. July 20th
Wed. July 27th
Fri. July 29th
Tues. Aug. 2nd
Thur. Aug. 4th
Tues. Aug. 9th
Wed. Aug. 10th

VETERAN'S

Thur. July 7th
Fri. July 8th
Mon. July 11th
Wed. July 13th
Thur. July 21st
Fri. July 22nd
Thur. July 28th
Mon. Aug. 1st
Fri. Aug. 5th
Mon. Aug. 8th
Thur. Aug. 11th

We will be once again given the opportunity to bring the campers to BHS for a free lunch. The campers will be bused to and from lunch. A menu will be given out at the first day of camp. Please still send your child/ren with plenty of drinks and snacks. Also pack a full lunch if they do not like the meal choice on that day. Dates are subject to change. We are waiting confirmation.

TIE-DYE DAYS.....



**Each camp will be having a tie-dye day.
Please have your child bring a plain white t-shirt or boxers to camp
on their assigned day.**

Please put your child's name on the inside tag of their shirt.

July 7th - Foote Park

July 12th - Hammer Field

July 19th - Stony Creek

August 3rd - Veteran's Park



RAIN SITE..



**If it is raining in the morning, please call the Branford
Recreation Dept. @ 488-8304.**

**The rain site for all camps is Hammer Field.
(Branford Recreation Dept.)**

**If it begins to rain during a regular camp day, campers will remain at
their regular site. There is no transportation to rain sites.**

VETERAN'S PARK DAY.....
Monday - July 25th



DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT VETERAN'S PARK

D.J.

Moonbounce

Obstacle Course

Ice Cream Truck

BRING A LUNCH AND PLENTY TO DRINK WITH YOU.

ALL CAMPERS REPORT TO VETERAN'S PARK.

LAST DAY OF CAMP.....
Friday - August 12th

COME JOIN THE FUN AND SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER. ALL CAMPERS SHOULD REPORT TO HAMMER FIELD FOR THE DAY. BEFORE CARE WILL BE AT HAMMER FIELD FOR ALL CAMPS. **THERE IS NOT EXTENDED**

CARE TODAY. CAMP ENDS AT 3:00 P.M. SHARP.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

WE ALL HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A SUPER,
SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER.

