

Frequently asked questions

Q: Am I required to pay for all days I have reserved in advance of the beginning of the camp?

A: Yes.

Q: Once I reserve my days and pay, can I switch my days for credit on other days?

A: No, we base our staffing in advance based on the registrants.

Q: Can I receive a refund if I register for days that I choose not to show up for?

A: No, there are staffing expenses and supply expenses that are expended in advance based on the numbers registered.

Q: If I am a drop in can I pay later?

A: No, all drop ins are required to pay at the time of drop off.

Q: Is the program held rain or shine?

A: Yes, we have access to the School during all hours of the Camp.

Q: Does my child need lunch or snacks?

A: Yes, parents will provide enough food for a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack

Q: Can I bring lunches that require refrigeration?

A: Yes, we have a small rollout refrigerator used for those types of lunches.

Q: Does my child have access to drinking water during the day:

A: Yes, even if the child's lunch and snack drinks have been consumed, all children will have access to school bubblers for the entire day.

Q: What items should my child bring each day?

A: Sunscreen, lunch, snacks, bathing suit and towel on sprinkler days as indicated on the schedule, **BOOKS TO READ (extremely important if children find some of the activities not to their liking)**

Q: Do I need to provide sunscreen?

A: Yes

Q: Should I or my designated pick up person be prepared to show identification?

A: Yes, this applies to all parents or guardians. Anyone who does not have identification will not be allowed to take any children under ANY circumstances.

Q: Does my child have to participate in the scheduled activities?

A: Yes, all children are required to participate in the scheduled activities as laid out in the schedule or by the staff. Any child, who chooses not to participate, will be offered the opportunity to read a book, of their own bringing, in the same space as the activity. Any children who refuse to participate in the scheduled activity or to read a book will be dismissed from the camp.

Q: Can my child bring video games?

A: No, There are more than enough scheduled activities for children to participate in. In addition, if these games were allowed, they would often be left unsupervised in the school building while the children are outside or on field trips, making them vulnerable to theft.

Q: Can my child bring their cell phone?

A: Yes cell phones will be allowed for communication purposes with parents. However, they will be stored in book bags and can be checked at either snack time and at lunch and then stowed away again. Please keep in mind that these phones will be left in the school as children participate in outside activities and there are other children's groups in the school as well. As such, the Recreation Commission will not be responsible for the care of these devices.

Q: Does my child have to attend field trips if they are scheduled to attend on that day?

A: Yes, on any field trip day, all children in attendance will be required to take the field trip as all staff will be present on the field trip and no staff will be left back at the school.

Q: Where will my children be on the property during the day?

A: We will utilize the cafeteria, gymnasium, black top, playground, and athletic field between Thomaston High School and Black Rock School.

Q: Is there an additional expense for field trips?

A: Yes, parents will be required to pay the cost of the event. The Recreation Commission will provided transportation via school bus at no cost to parents.

Q: What is the ratio of staff to children?

A: It will be 1 to 10 which is based on the exact ratio of State approved Child Care Centers in Connecticut caring for children over the age of 3.

Q: What will happen to my child if they are left at the school past closing time?

A: Because the school is closed and locked at 4:00 PM sharp, and there is no access to phones, bathrooms, or shelter the local Police will be notified at 4:30 of the situation and the child will be removed to the Police Department by an officer.

Q: Do I have to drop off my child when the program starts at 8:00 AM?

A: No, children may be dropped off at anytime that is convenient to the family.

Q: Do I have to pick up my child at 4:00 PM?

A: No, you can pick up your child at anytime of the day, but no later than 4:00 PM. The school closes at 4:00 and as such we need to leave the school and will be outside with no shelter.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____