



Borough of Wharton Summer Recreation Packet

Admission

Wharton residents may be enrolled in the summer recreation program after the following criteria is met:

- 1.) They must be a resident of the Borough of Wharton. Those with a Wharton mailing address only are not Wharton residents and are not eligible to participate.
- 2.) They must be at least in kindergarten and no older than 8th grade.
- 3.) Registration must be completed.
- 4.) Proof of residency must be attached.

Attendance

There is no attendance requirement for the summer recreation program. Children program may attend as often as they like. It is not necessary to let the summer recreation staff know that your child will not be attending for one or several days. Children do need to be signed in and signed out of camp when they are attending. Children will not be permitted to walk home from camp unless their registration forms indicate permission from their parent or guardian to do so.

Authorized Individuals for Pick Up

Parents may give the summer recreation staff a list of authorized individuals who may pick up their child. The authorized individual must sign the camper out with the summer recreation staff and must also show identification so we may confirm they are indeed an authorized person. If you have checked off on the registration form that your child may walk to and from camp alone, the child will still need to sign in and sign out with the summer recreation staff.

Health and Safety Policies

We will be following the current health and safety guidelines from the State of New Jersey during the summer recreation program. In the best interest of your child and the other children at camp and staff, please do not send your child to camp when he/she is ill. If your child becomes ill while at camp, you will be notified to come and pick up your child. We do not have the facilities or the staff to supervise and care for sick children who have been sent to camp. Please be sure that there is an emergency contact person and phone number so that if you are unable to come to pick up your child, we can call another person on your list. Please be sure to tell the staff of any communicable diseases, updates on any allergies or any medication that your child is on that may cause side effects that the staff should be aware of. Please be sure that when you send your child to camp that they are wearing sun screen if they need to. The camp does not offer sun screen and we do not want any children to get sunburned while at camp. Each child should also bring water to drink so they stay hydrated. There is a water fountain on site to refill their drink bottles. Masks will be required when using any indoor facilities at camp. Hand washing/hand sanitizing will be encouraged throughout the day for campers. Daily temperature checks will be taken for each camper when they arrive at camp. Any camper who has a fever when checked will be asked to remain in a quarantined room with a staff member until they can be picked up by a parent or an assigned contact person. Bathrooms will be cleaned several times during the course of the camp

day. Staff will use a separate bathroom from campers. High touch crafts, toys and sports equipment will be sanitized each day. The camp staff will hold as many activities as possible outdoors. Any indoor activity will have doors and windows open to provide ventilation while campers are inside. Limited capacity will also be enforced for indoor activities. Staff will wear gloves when handling food for breakfast, lunch and food-based activities. The staff will do their best to keep age grouped children together through the course of the day, this will limit the amount of contact with other campers.

***If your child has a fever or is showing signs of any illness, they must not attend camp until they have recovered and be cleared.**

Calendar

The camp will offer a calendar of events for each day. Camp will be open each day from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. If you drop your child off earlier than 9:00 am, please be sure that there is a staff member there to check them in. Do not leave your child at camp without any supervision unless they are old enough to be in middle school. The middle school child must sign themselves in with a staff at 9:00 am. Please be sure that your child is wearing the appropriate clothing for the day's events. Some days will be scheduled water days, or days when clothing may warrant getting dirty from chalk, paint or other craft supplies.

Clothes and Other Belongings

The staff is not responsible for any of the children's belongings; therefore, you should send as little as possible with the children. Here are a few suggestions that may be helpful. Have children wear their bathing suits under their clothes on water days. Children should wear sneakers in order to play outdoors. Be sure to send your child in clothing that is appropriate with the weather forecast for that day. It is also not recommended that children bring any toys or other personal items that may get lost while at camp. Campers can bring a backpack with them so they may store a towel, sunscreen, and any drinks and snacks that they may bring. If they are bringing a bag, please be sure their backpack has their name on it.

Food

The camp will be participating in a free breakfast and lunch program through Community Food Bank. Each child may have breakfast and a take home lunch served to them daily for free. Breakfast is served only during the first hour of camp and lunch is served when they leave summer recreation for the day. Please be sure to fill out on the registration form stating any allergies that your child may have. There are times when food is served during cooking classes or during parties. If you do not want your child to eat food at those events, please make our staff aware of that.

Parent Involvement

We ask that parents do not stay on site during camp. For safety reasons, we try and limit any adults that may be on site to the staff only. If your child has any special needs that a you as a parent would need to give assistance to your child during camp, please let the staff know and we will make arrangements with you to do so. If you have a special hobby or talent that you would like to share with the campers, please speak to a staff member about setting up a date and time to do so.

Discipline

The staff of the summer camp will deal with the normal day to day minor behavioral problems.

Excessive and very disruptive behaviors include and may not be limited to the following:

- Physically or verbally hurting other children
- Property damage
- Stealing
- Use of foul or vulgar language

- Leaving camp grounds without permission

Excessive and very disruptive behaviors will be handled in the following manner:

- First time – The child will be separated from the other children for a short time period.
- Second time – The parent will be contacted.
- Third time – The child will not be allowed at camp for at least 2 days.
- Fourth time – The child will not be allowed to return to camp.

Lost & Found

Although the staff cannot be responsible for lost items, there will be a box in the snack shed of items that have been found. If your child has lost an item, please feel free during drop off or pick up to check the box for the item.

Trips

At this time, we are unsure of the availability for offsite trips this year. If we are able to have an offsite trips, we will send an update to the parents. We are hoping to at a minimum do some walking trips. If there are trips planned, there will be a permission slip for the trip that the parents will need to fill out and a cost for the camper to attend the trip. Please be sure that you give the staff the permission slip and the monies for the trips. We do not advise you send your child to camp with money. If the monies get lost, we are not responsible.

Transportation

If we are able to do any trips this summer, children that will be going on any of the offsite trips will be transported by Morris Hills buses. Children will be reminded of proper bus rules such as wearing a seat belt, staying seated and being part of a head count check before and after the loading of the buses. Parents must be present and on time to pick up their child when the bus returns back to camp after a trip unless the child has been granted permission in writing by the parent to walk home. Your child will wear a colored bracelet that matches the counselor in which they are assigned. The bracelet will contain the phone number of an adult staff member so that in case of an emergency, the child may call and locate the staff member.

Personal Information

Please let one of the adult staff members know if there have been any major changes in the child's life, such as the birth of a sibling, a death of a loved one or any significant changes in family life. We do not need explicit details, just the knowledge that there may be possible changes in your child's behavior and we will be able to help deal with this difficult time together with them.

If you have any questions or concerns about the rules and policies for summer camp, please call (973) 361-8444 X 2710 or email rghebre@whartonnj.com

Thank you for your cooperation.

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