

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM PARENT INFORMATION

The Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Staff would like to welcome you and your children to the summer program, under the direction of Kelly Joyce and Josh Ficorilli. The following information provides you with details of our program. Please take the time to read it carefully and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

The parks will be open and staffed by our counselors Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. beginning Monday, June 13th and concluding on Friday, July 22nd. You must be a Whitehall Borough resident between the ages of 6 and 15 years old to attend. Park locations are Frank, Snyder, Union, and Overlook Acres. If your child plans to attend more than one park, you must fill out a separate registration form for each park.

Please be advised that program attendance is voluntary. Children are not required to come every day, nor are they required to stay for the full four hours every day. If you have restrictions concerning your child's transportation to and from the park, you must inform the counselors on site. The counselors will not be responsible for children who have left the park site on their own. We also ask parents to take into consideration that the counselor to child ratio can be large, depending on the park. Please use your own discretion when deciding whether this type of supervision is sufficient for your younger children.

On a daily basis, the children will participate in a variety of games, crafts, and sports. The calendar will highlight the main feature of the day; special events, fieldtrips, etc. The remainder of the day will be filled with miscellaneous activities.

**WEATHER:** In the event of rain, the parks will be closed. The shelters at each site are not large enough for everyone to have adequate protection from rain or a thunderstorm. Likewise, if rain or a storm starts after the parks open, please make arrangements for your child to be picked up as soon as possible. The counselors will remain on site until all children are picked up. Please refer to the Whitehall Borough Recreation facebook page for information on closures due to weather. It is the easiest and quickest way for everyone to be informed.

**APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR:** The goal of this program is to provide a fun, safe environment for the children. We fully expect all to respect their counselors and the others attending the camp. Inappropriate language, abuse of park equipment and any type of physical altercations are unacceptable. Please enforce these rules with your child and be advised that if these expectations are not met, the following disciplinary actions will be taken: **1st Offense** - verbal warning, **2nd** - phone call to parents, **3rd** - removal from park

**FOOD & DRINK POLICY:** We encourage each child to bring a water bottle daily. You may also pack your child a snack, however for the safety of others we ask you not to pack any peanut products, due to some severe allergies. Please label your child's water bottle and/or lunch bag with their name to avoid any confusion. We will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

**SAFETY/ALLERGIES:** We recommend applying sunscreen on your child every morning, as they will be playing in the sun all day and there is limited shaded areas under the pavilions. If your child has a severe allergy to bee stings or food that requires them to carry an epi pen, please make sure you send one with them every day and inform the counselors on site.

**SWIM DAYS:** Swim days are held at Whitehall Borough Pool. Children should meet at their park in the morning and will be transported there by bus. No flotation devices are permitted in the pool. Pool tags are not necessary and admission is free.

\*\*\* All children attending on swimming days **MUST** be able to swim independently\*\*\*

**INTER-PARK PLAY:** On these days, all children will be transported by bus to other parks to compete in games and sporting events. Those parks listed first on the calendar will go from 10 – 11 am and the ones listed second will go from 10:30 - 11:30 am.

**PIZZA DAYS:** We will have a pizza day every Wednesday. The cost is \$3 per person and includes 2 pieces of pizza, a drink, paper plates, napkins, and delivery. This group lunch is voluntary. Counselors must call in the pizza order by 10 am so please make sure you arrive at the park and pay prior to that time if your child is participating in pizza days.

**KONA ICE DAYS:** The Kona Ice Truck will visit each park every Monday and the last day of camp between 10 am - 12 pm. If children want to purchase a shaved ice treat, they should bring money in an envelope with their name on it. Prices range from \$2 - \$5. For product and nutritional information, please visit their website at [www.kona-ice.com](http://www.kona-ice.com).

- Kona Ice will donate a portion of their sales for the summer to the family of our former Assistant Director, George McCormack, who lost his courageous battle with cancer. In honor of George's memory, this money will be donated to a college fund for his son, Brock McCormack.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** Each park will hold a sporting event competition in which they will compete in a variety of activities. The top winners in each event will compete for their park in the finals at Snyder on the last week of the program. Ribbons will be given to all participants and medals will be awarded to the winners in the finals.

**FIELD TRIPS:** We will be taking two field trips this year (refer to calendar for dates). It is very important for us to plan in advance for the number of children attending. Therefore, permission slips and money need to be turned in by the end of the first week of camp. Please note, we will **not** be able to accept registrations after that - **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Payment must be made in cash (checks and credit cards will not be accepted) and all field trip money is non-refundable.

**FUN DAY AT SNYDER:** Everyone will travel to Snyder Park for a day of games, inflatables, and fun! It's a great way for the children to come together and celebrate the end of camp!

We are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable summer with your child!

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