

SUMMER RECREATION 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 a few minutes 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 9am- 1pm beginning Monday, June 19th and concluding on Friday, July 28th. You must be a **Whitehall** resident between the ages of 6-15 to participate. Park locations are Overlook Acres, Frank, Union and Snyder. If you are registering your child for more than one park location 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 whole 4 hours per day. We ask parents to take into consideration that the counselor to child ratio may be quite large at some parks. Please use your own discretion when deciding whether this level of supervision is appropriate for your younger children. If you have restrictions regarding your children's transportation you must inform the counselors on site. Counselors will not be responsible for kids who leave the park site on their own.

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

WEATHER: Please refer to the Whitehall Borough Recreation Facebook page for information on closures due to weather. It is the most efficient way to inform everyone. In the event of rain, the parks will close. The shelters at each site do not provide adequate protection from rain & storms. With that in mind, if rain/storms develop after the park opens 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.

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 other children at the park. Inappropriate language, bullying, abuse of park equipment and any type of physical altercations are unacceptable. Please enforce these rules with your children and be advised of the following disciplinary actions:

1st Offense – verbal warning **2nd Offense** – phone call **3rd Offense** – removal from park

FOOD & DRINK POLICY: We encourage each child to bring a water bottle daily. You may also pack a snack or lunch, however for the safety of others we ask that you **DO NOT PACK ANY PEANUT PRODUCTS** due to some severe allergies. Please label all items with your child's name. We will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS ON THE CALENDAR

SWIM DAYS: Swim days are held at Whitehall Borough Pool. Children should meet at their parks and they will be transported by bus to the pool. Pool tags are not necessary, admission is free and no flotation devices are permitted in the pool.

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

INTER-PARK PLAY: On these days children will be transported by bus to another park to compete in games and sporting events. The parks listed first on the calendar will go from 10-11 am and those listed second will go from 10:30-11:30.

PIZZA DAYS: We will have a VOLUNTARY pizza day every Wednesday. The cost is \$3 per person and includes 2 slices of pizza, a drink, paper products, and delivery. Counselors must call in the pizza order by 10 am so please be sure to have your child at the park by then if they plan to participate.

KONA ICE DAYS: The Kona Ice Truck will visit each park every Monday between 10am-12pm and the last day of camp. If children want to purchase a shaved ice treat they should bring money in an envelope with their name on it. FYI - prices range from \$2-\$5. This is a voluntary activity and a portion of their sales for the summer is donated to the family of our former Assistant Recreation Director, George McCormack, who lost his courageous battle with cancer. In honor of George's memory, this money is donated to his son's scholarship fund.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS: Each park will hold a sporting event competition in which the kids will compete in a variety of challenges. The top winners in each event will compete for their park in the finals on the last week of camp. 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 (please 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 permission slips after that time – NO EXCEPTIONS! Payment must be made in cash – credit cards and checks cannot be accepted – and all field trip money is non-refundable.

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

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and safe summer with your children! Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns. Thank you!

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