

April 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we begin the new camp season, myself and Assistant Recreation Director, Mara McGrady would like to welcome all our new summer families and would also like to extend a great welcome back to each of our alumni families! As our camp population continues to grow, we are excited to meet the interests of all campers with newly improved programming. Our qualified staff will do their best to introduce your campers to athletics, performing arts, fitness, adventure and more. The dedicated staff at our camp sites are looking forward to having another great summer!

Carefully review all the information in this packet and feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website at: www.whitehallboro.org. Please make sure you fill out all your forms and return them before camp begins. Your child **can not** attend camp unless you have completed your enrollment and emergency contact forms.

We thank you in advance for giving us the opportunity to service your summer camp needs where our goal is to have fun, have more fun, and create great everlasting memories!

Sincerely,

Hannah Bower

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Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program Registration Form

Please Circle: **Whitehall Resident** **Baldwin Borough Resident** **Baldwin Township Resident**

Participant Information

Participant's Last Name _____ Participants First Name _____

Male/Female _____ Age _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Park Location: (Please Circle One) Union Snyder Frank

I hereby give my permission for above named participant to attend the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program.

Signature (of Guardian if participant is under 18) _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Summer Camp Information and Policies

At Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Camp we are committed to providing every camper the best and safest possible camp experience. We strive to build holistically healthy kids through engagement with understanding, caring and professional counselors laying the foundation for a fun, exciting summer.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, campers shall also be required to comply with COVID-19 health and safety requirements. Whitehall Borough Summer Camp will follow the guidelines of the CDC, which are subject to change from time-to-time.

Summer Camp Policies/Releases:

- COVID-19 Guidelines
- Medical and Behavioral Information Form
- Code of Conduct
- Photo Release Form
- Release Agreement and Waiver

Symptoms

If your camper(s) are displaying any of the following COVID symptoms, as set forth by the CDC, please keep them at home:

- Fever or Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

A Healthy Camp Begins and Ends at Home!

- If your camper is showing signs of any illness and exhibits symptoms which may include, but are not limited to, running a temperature (100.4 or above), vomiting, diarrhea, nasal drainage and/or coughing/sneezing, please keep the camper home. This greatly reduces the spread of illness at camp but also supports your child's recovery.
- Teach your camper to sneeze/cough in his/her sleeve and to wash his/her hands often while at camp, especially before eating and after restroom breaks. If you really want to achieve impact, teach your camper to accompany hand washing with another behavior: Keeping their hands away from their face.
- Parents are responsible to let the Recreation Director know immediately if their child has symptoms or has been diagnosed with any Communicable Disease.

MEDICAL/BEHAVIORAL HISTORY FORM

Please complete the following questions:

Check All that apply:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Anxiety or General Anxiety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional & Behavior Disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopedic Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Impairment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech-Language Impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Autism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attention Deficit Disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

ALLERGIES (specific): _____

Does your child have an EpiPen? ____ Yes ____ No

Dietary Restrictions: _____

SEIZURES:

How are Seizures controlled? _____

Date of last seizure: _____

Type of seizure: _____

BEHAVIORS:

Any triggers? _____

What are they? _____

Ways to deescalate _____

Any health or behavioral history or information included on this form should be accurate to the best of your knowledge. Additionally, please be advised that the staff of the Whitehall Borough Recreation Summer Camp are not medical professionals nor is there a medical professional on-staff during camp. However, in the event of an emergency, the staff of Whitehall Borough Recreation Summer Camp may need to initiate any required medical or first aid procedure, obtain emergency medical treatment, and/or transportation of the injured child in the event of an emergency.

GENERAL SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

AGE RANGE:

Camp is designed for ages 5-13.

CAMP DATES:

The Summer Camp program is a 6-week program. Camp will begin June 17 and end on July 26. Please note camp will be closed July 4 and 5 in observance of the holiday.

CAMP HOURS AND DAYS:

Camp starts at 9:00 AM and runs until 1:00 PM. Camp is Monday through Friday. Children are not required to come every day, nor stay for the whole four hours.

REGISTRATION DATES:

Registration for Whitehall Borough Residents will be held on April 9, 2024 and April 11, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Whitehall Borough Community Room.

Registration for Baldwin Borough and Baldwin Township Residents will be held on April 16, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Whitehall Borough Community Room.

VALUABLES:

We recommend all valuables be left at home. We will not be held responsible for any lost or stolen items.

FEES:

There is no charge for Whitehall Borough Residents to attend camp. Baldwin Borough and Baldwin Township registration fee is \$150.00 per child. All payments are due upon registration. No Exceptions. Cash, Check, and Credit Care are accepted. Checks are made payable to Whitehall Borough.

DRESS CODE/ ATTIRE

We strongly encourage campers to wear athletic shoes (no sandals) and comfortable clothing. Most of our activities and events include physical activity.

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY:

We encourage your child to bring a water bottle daily. You may also pack a snack or lunch, however for the safety of other we ask you do not pack any peanut products due to some severe allergies. Please label all items with your child's name.

WEATHER POLICY:

Please refer to the Whitehall Borough Recreation Facebook page for information on closures due to weather conditions. It is the most efficient way to inform everyone. In the event of continuous rain, the park will close. The shelters at each site do not provide adequate protection from rain and 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.

LEAVING PARK:

We ask parents/guardians 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 the level of supervision is appropriate for your child. Counselors will not be responsible for children who leave the park site on their own. Participants are permitted to leave the park to go visit Schneider's Dairy (Frank Park), Giant Eagle/Caste Village (Union), and the Library and Pool (Snyder).

TRANSPORTATION:

On inter-park play days, swim days, and field trip days, children will be either transported by bus or will walk to their respective destination. By allowing my child to attend camp on inter-park play days and/or pool days or by allowing my child to go on a field trip, I understand that camp employees will transport my child by foot or by bus to the respective destination.

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS ON THE CALENDAR

INTER-PARK PLAY:

On these days children will be transported by bus to another park to compete in games and sporting activities. The children will be visiting the park from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. All children in attendance at the park are **required** to attend.

POOL DAYS:

Swim days will be held at the Whitehall Borough Swimming Pool. Children should meet at their parks, and they will be transported by bus to the pool. Snyder Park will walk to the pool. Pool passes are not necessary, admission is free and Coast Guard approved flotation devices are permitted in the pool. **ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING SWIM DAYS MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM INDEPENDENTLY.** If a staff member determines that a child cannot swim independently, he/she will not be able to participate in pool day events or activities.

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 the pizza order in by 10:00 AM so please be sure to have your child at the park by then if they plan to participate.

ICE CREAM DAYS:

An ice cream truck will visit each park every Monday between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM and on the last day of camp. If children would like to purchase ice cream, they should bring money in an envelope with their name on it. Prices range from \$3-6.

FIELD TRIPS:

We will be taking two field trips this year (please refer to calendars for dates). It is very important for us to plan in advance for the number of children attending. Therefore, permission slips and money will need to be turned in by the end of the **FIRST** week of camp. Please note that payments can be made by Cash or Credit Card. **NO REFUNDS**

FUN DAY AT SNYDER:

All camps will be transported by bus to Snyder on the last day of camp to enjoy inflatables, games, ice cream, and fun. It is a great way for the children to come together and celebrate the end of camp.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The participants, parents, and legal guardian of participants shall be required to follow the Code of Conduct, set forth as follows:

I hereby pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Camp and shall conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of myself or any participant.
2. I will not encourage my child in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of themselves or any participant.
3. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
4. I will not encourage my child to engage in the use of profanity.
5. I will treat my counselors, and other participants with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
6. I will not encourage my child to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any counselor or participant.
7. I will not encourage my child to initiate a fight or scuffle with any counselor or participant.
8. I will abide by any decision rendered by Whitehall Borough Recreation Department.

Our Camp Staff uses the positive techniques of guidance, including logical and natural consequences applied in problem situations, redirection of the children to a more acceptable behavior, anticipation of and elimination of potential problems and encouragement of appropriate behavior rather than comparison, competitive, or criticism. Consistent and clear rules are established. Disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to the following: 1st Offense – Verbal Warning; 2nd Offense – Phone call home to parent or guardian; and 3rd Offense - Removal from Park

Participant

Date

Parent or Guardian of Participant

Date

TRANSPORTATION RELEASE

I authorize Whitehall Borough and Baldwin Whitehall School District employees to transport said child on field trips, inter-park plays and swim days.

Parent or Guardian of Participant

Date

PHOTO CONSENT/RELEASE

I/We are the parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____. I/We are aware that Whitehall Borough from time to time takes photographs of program participants to use in its printed and online publications (including, but not limited to, social media posts, newsletters, website and annual reports.)

By my/our signature(s) below, I/we hereby consent and grant permission to Whitehall Borough to photograph/video the above-named participant and to use his/her name and likeness for promotion, publication, and advertising for the Borough's Summer Recreation Program.

I/we understand that we may withdraw our consent only if such withdrawal is made to Whitehall Borough in writing. I/we understand that withdrawal of consent does not affect any images published or disclosed prior to Whitehall Borough's receipt of such withdrawal or the use of images in any materials, promotions or programs that have been initiated or are ongoing at the time of withdrawal. I, in both an individual and representative capacity hereby release the Borough of Whitehall its elected officials; Recreation Board; employees; agents; representatives; any affiliated departments, organizations or groups; attorneys and insurers; and any third-party involved in creation or publication of printed or online publications from liability from any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of the minor child listed.

Executed to be effective as of the date set forth below.

Signature (of Guardian if participant is under 18) _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

RELEASE AGREEMENT AND WAIVER

Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program

For and in consideration of permitting my minor child or children to engage in the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program (described more fully in this packet) I, the undersigned, agree that I **FULLY RELEASE, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND FULLY DISCHARGE** the Borough of Whitehall, its elected officials; Recreation Board; employees; agents; representatives; any affiliated departments, organizations or groups; attorneys and insurers (hereinafter referred to as "the Borough") from any and all liabilities, damages and claims, or causes of action of any kind or description (including but not limited to claims arising from or related to the Borough's negligence and/or products liability, including strict products liability) to me, my spouse, personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any accident, injury, illness, death, loss, theft, damage to person or property, or other consequences suffered by me arising or resulting directly or indirectly from my minor child's or children's participation in the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program.

I further agree to conform to all rules and regulations adopted by the Borough relating to my minor child's or children's participation in the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program, including without limitation, all then-existing health and safety protocols administered by the Borough. In the event that my child or children are injured, I agree to assume any financial obligation, either through my health insurance, or through some other means, for any medical costs that I incur. The Borough assumes no responsibility for any medical expenses, injury, illness, or damage suffered by my child or children in connection with the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program. **IT IS MY INTENTION BY SIGNING BELOW TO EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE UPON MY CHILD OR CHILDREN, TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE BOROUGH, AND TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE THE BOROUGH FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH.**

By signing this agreement, I waive my right (and my child's or children's right to the extent permitted by applicable law) to bring any legal action now or at any time in the future to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for any injury to my child or children or my property or for my child or children's death, however caused, arising out of my minor child or children's participation in the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program. I further agree that I, my spouse, personal representatives, legal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin will not make any claim against the Borough, sue the Borough or attach the property of the Borough for any loss or damage resulting from my minor child or children's participation in the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program. I am aware of the potential dangers incidental to my child's or children's involvement in the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program, that this is a release of liability, a waiver of my legal right to collect damages in the event of injury, illness, death or property damage, and a contract between the Borough, me, and my minor child or children, and I sign it of my own free will. I expressly agree that this release is

intended to be as broad and inclusive as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will allow and that if any portion is held invalid, I agree that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I WARRANT THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DOCUMENT, THE WHITEHALL BOROUGH SUMMER RECREATION INFORMATIONAL PACKET, AND KNOW ITS CONTENTS, AND THAT I HAVE EXECUTED THIS DOCUMENT VOLUNTARILY AND AS MY OWN FREE ACT. I EXECUTE THIS DOCUMENT FULLY INTENDING TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and am permitted to sign this form. I understand that this document constitutes a legally binding contract. I have completely read, understand, and voluntarily accept the terms of this agreement.

**If you are under 18 years of age, you are not legally permitted to complete this Release Agreement and Waiver, which must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. You do not have access to any Recreational Sports facilities and/or programs until the Release Agreement and Waiver is processed.*

Executed to be effective as of the date set forth below.

Signature (of Guardian if participant is under 18)_____

Printed Name_____

Date_____

FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP

PARK NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____

DESTINATION OF FIELD TRIP (check all that apply):

Sunset Golf (\$8) _____
(S on 6/27, F on 7/11, U on 7/19)

Carnegie Science Center (\$10) _____
(U on 7/2, F on 7/9, S on 7/16)

I hereby give permission for my child to attend the above-named trips with the Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Program. I understand the rules and policies of the program apply to these events. In addition, I release the Borough of Whitehall and all individual staff members from any claim of liability for any and all injury that may occur in the event of an accident.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

**THIS FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED
TOGETHER BY FRIDAY, JUNE 21st**

Sunset Golf –

3501 Brownsville Rd, South Park, PA 15129 ~ (412) 835-6465

Departure Time: 9:45 am Return Time: 1:00 pm Cost: \$8.00

Carnegie Science Center –

One Allegheny Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 ~ (412) 237-3400

Departure Time: 9:20 am Return Time: 1:00 pm Cost: \$10.00

*** Please note that payments can be made by Cash or Credit Card. **NO REFUNDS**

June 2024:

<u>17</u> First Day of Camp Registration Ice Cream (\$3-\$5)	<u>18</u> Registration	<u>19</u> Craft Day Pizza Day (\$3)	<u>20</u> Try something new Thursday!	<u>21</u> Pool Day
<u>24</u> Ice Cream (\$3-\$5)	<u>25</u> Inter-Park Play Union to Snyder	<u>26</u> Craft Day Pizza Day (\$3)	<u>27</u> Field Trip: (Snyder) Sunset Golf	<u>28</u> Pool Day

July 2024:

<u>1</u> Ice Cream (\$3-\$5)	<u>2</u> Field Trip: (Union) Carnegie Science Center	<u>3</u> Craft Day Pizza Day (\$3)	<u>4</u> No Camp Happy 4 th Of July!	<u>5</u> No Camp
<u>8</u> Inter-Park Play Frank to Union Ice Cream (\$3-\$5)	<u>9</u> Field Trip: (Frank) Carnegie Science Center	<u>10</u> Craft Day Pizza Day (\$3)	<u>11</u> Field Trip: (Frank) Sunset Golf	<u>12</u> Water Battle Day
<u>15</u> Inter-Park Play Snyder to Frank Ice Cream (\$3-\$5)	<u>16</u> Field Trip: (Snyder) Carnegie Science Center	<u>17</u> Craft Day Pizza Day (\$3)	<u>18</u> Anything Goes	<u>19</u> Field Trip: (Union) Sunset Golf
<u>22</u> Ice Cream (\$3-\$5)	<u>23</u> Cook Out Day	<u>24</u> Craft Day Pizza Day (\$3)	<u>25</u> Tie Dye Day (Bring one thing to dye)	<u>26</u> Last Day at Camp