



CITY OF BROOKFIELD PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

DISCOVERY CAMP — INFORMATION SHEET

Camp Activities:

Discovery Camp is going to be a busy and fun experience. The camp staff has carefully planned many exciting activities. Camp activities will include nature programs, games, camp crafts, hiking, exploring, quiet activities and daily swim time.

Staff ratio is 1 counselor to every 10 campers.

Time and Location:

Discovery camp is located in picnic area #9 on the **EAST END OF THE PARKING LOT**. Drop off children starting at 9:15AM with a camp starting time of 9:30AM. No early arrivals please as the staff will be busy preparing for your child's day's activities. Pick up time is at 2:45PM at the same location. We ask that you please be prompt. Staff will not be responsible for your child after 3:00PM. If it becomes necessary for your child to leave camp early or arrive late (dental/medical appt.), please make sure the camp supervisor or your child's leader is notified personally via a written note.

Rainy Day Procedures:

Camp will be held unless there is severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Decisions regarding operations will be made 30 minutes prior to start time and will be recorded on the Recreation Newslines: 414-297-9565. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

Camp Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:30-11:45 Activity Rotations of Art, Nature, Games, Creative Arts
11:45-12:45 Lunch, Free Choice Games
1:00-2:00 Swimming
2:15-2:40 Rally Game (whole camp game)
2:40-2:45 Wrap up

Tuesday, Thursday

9:30-10:00 Rally Game
10:00-11:00 Swimming in Zero Depth Pool
11:30-12:30 Lunch
12:30-2:30 Activities Rotations of Art, Nature, Games, Creative Arts
2:30-2:45 Wrap up

Dress:

Campers should dress for the weather (sweatshirts, long pants, socks) Proper clothing is important because the children will be involved in a variety of activities from games to walks through fields and forests. We do suggest sending a pair of sweatpants to wear over shorts for the nature walks. Also, tennis shoes are the best for all camp activities. No flip flops.

Items to Bring:

(Put name on EVERYTHING). A backpack can be used to put all personal belongings in. Child will transport back and forth on a daily basis.

1. Daily snack. Please provide a small snack, packed separately from lunch, that will hold camper over until lunch time.
2. Swim Suit and towel.
3. Sunscreen. Leaders will remind campers to apply sunscreen but will only assist if requested.
4. Lunch is at 11:45. We ask that you put lunches in a BROWN PAPER LUNCH BAG, *not* an insulated bag, as our space is limited in keeping them cold. NO LUNCH BOXES/COOLERS and NO GLASS BOTTLES. Please put the child's name on the bag.
5. Insect repellent with name on can.
6. Plastic water bottle filled with water, especially on hot days.

Swimming:

-Leaders are actively supervising all camp swimmers.

-On Monday each camper will be given a swim test, if they pass they are permitted in the big pool in a designated area. If they fail they are required to stay in the Zero Depth Pool. Parents can request campers to use the Zero Depth Pool only or not allow their child to swim at all. Non swimmers sit on the pool deck with a counselor. No makeup swim tests; if a camper misses the swim test on Monday, he/she will be required to use the Zero Depth Pool all week.

-Emergency drills are administered regularly.

NOTE: If your child requires medication during camp time, a physician's signature is required on a medication request form on the first day of camp. The Camp Director or Supervisor must administer medication from a prescription bottle ONLY. If an inhaler or epi-pen needs to be brought to camp, please place in a front pocket of the camper's Backpack and not in the main compartment. A ribbon will be placed on the backpack for easy identification in the case of the inhaler or epi-pen should be needed.