

COVENTRY PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP 2010

-----Answers to the MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS-----

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Before you call or come into the office with questions please read all the forms that we hand out (both at registration and during the summer season). News bulletins will contain specifics for the week, changes or additions to the program. They, along with the permission slip will be e-mailed to those providing e-mail to us. Both forms will be available at sign out locations on a daily basis.
2. Understand that we are running numerous programs simultaneously seven days per week. It is of the utmost importance that we have your cooperation with all of the policies that we set forth.
3. We have 2 camp sites as outlined in our flyer. **Peewee & Junior** camps are located at Foster Park, Station St. **Discovery** camp is located at Paine Field, Rte 117.
4. We do not take requests for friends/siblings to be in the same groups. Let's all make new friends. During In Camp days over 90 degrees, we may visit Briar Point Beach to swim. Please have your child prepared with their bathing suit and towel. All children will be bused to the beach on these days. Restrooms are available for changing, no showers.
5. There is No Smoking in any public park. This includes parents waiting to pick up children. Staff are never permitted to smoke on duty (anywhere).

DROP OFF & PICK UP

1. The earliest you can drop your child off at any camp is 8:00am. Pick up is at 4:00pm for all camps. The late fee policy is applied 4:30pm daily.
2. If you drop your child off at camp later than 9:00am they run the risk of missing important information and/or missing the trip. Late arrivals also become a disruption to the entire program, including departure delays. Picking up and dropping off should be in designated areas only, assigned on the first day.
3. You can only drop your child off at a field trip site if you have already registered for the trip and **notified the office the previous day** that your child will be late. You must check in with the coordinator upon arrival at the field trip. If you are dropping your child off late to a field trip site then you may be expected to pay the admission again!
4. You may pick your child up early from a trip, however you must speak with the Coordinator the day before or before we leave that morning for that particular trip. Always sign out your child and be prepared to show I.D.
5. If it rains and a trip is scheduled, in most cases an indoor trip will be scheduled in it's place. If not, the children will be brought to the designated rain location, then returned to camp for normal dismissal at the end of the day.
6. Indicate on the registration form **all** those people that you are allowing to pick up your child (**INCLUDING YOUR SPOUSE**). For the safety of your child we will not release your child to anyone whom you did not write on your list, even if we know them.
7. Any adult picking up a child should be prepared to show photo I.D. every time. This is done for your child's safety. If a child is not in his/her pick/up location at the end of the day, chances are that a problem/issue has occurred and a coordinator/admin staff wants to speak with you upon pick/up regarding this matter. In some cases, especially if issues are re-occurring, your child may be immediately suspended from the program. It is the responsibility of the person that is authorized to pick/up the child to relay any message to the parent. If the pick/up person chooses not to speak with staff for whatever reason, the child will not be allowed to take part in camp activities until the parent/legal guardian contacts the Parks & Recreation Program Supervisor. NO Exceptions.

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF

1. Staff ratio is approximately 25 campers to 1 group roster. Average attendance is about 15-1. Parent chaperones are not required, we meet staff ratios for all destinations.
2. Staff permitting, we may have our own lifeguard accompany our group to beaches or pools.
3. At water locations, staff are assigned to be in and around the water scanning the children and the swim area. All children may swim to their armpits, but never beyond the furthest staff person.
4. Staff will not give or hold money for children. If your child brings spending money, it is their responsibility.
5. Staff will not hold or administer any form of medication, nor remind children when to take it.
6. Staff will not be responsible for applying sun block on campers. Kids should arrive with it on every day and bring extra. Every day is a hot day, be prepared to cover up from harmful UV rays. Wear hats.

MISSING CAMP

- 1 You do not have to call if your child is going to be absent for a day or even a week, but plan ahead for field trips upon your return. Don't be left out, get your slip to us in advance to ensure a spot upon your return.
- 2 In the event a child comes to camp with a contagious condition, i.e. pink eye, head lice, skin condition, etc. that child will be isolated, sent home and not allowed back until we have written confirmation from a doctor that he/she has been treated and is no longer contagious or in some cases cured.

T-SHIRTS DISTRIBUTION

1. Each child will receive 1 t-shirt at registration. Additional t-shirts are \$5 and can be purchased in the Parks & Recreation office beginning week 3. No alterations please.
2. Your child must wear their shirt on all field trip days. Kinder-purple, Peewee-red, Junior-green, Discovery-blue.

DRESS CODE

- 1 Please make sure that your child comes to camp in proper attire (sneakers for play, bathing suit and towel for water activities, sweatshirt on a cool day).
- 2 Your child is representing the Coventry Parks & Recreation Dept. Please make sure that **your** child is dressed appropriately as you would like them dressed when they are in public with you. If Coventry Parks & Recreation Administration deems your child's attire inappropriate, then you will be called to either bring your child alternate clothing or take your child with you. **(This includes swim attire)**
3. Heelies (shoes with roller skates built in to the bottom) are not allowed at any time.

RAINY DAY

ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT: COMMUNITY CENTER, FLAT RIVER GYM, BLACKROCK & HOPKINS HILL SCHOOLS

If it rains and an outdoor trip was scheduled, in most cases an alternate trip of comparable value will be scheduled for that morning. We can not possibly notify all families of this change. Please call us if you have concerns about our alternate plans. (Alternate trips usually include either: bowling, roller skating, Chuck E. Cheese or a movie). If we are unable to schedule an alternate activity the children will be brought to the designated rain location, then returned to camp for normal dismissal.

WHAT TO BRING/ WHAT NOT TO BRING

1. Don't forget this is summer camp, not school! We are outside, active and usually very hot. Children will need more than a sandwich, snack and one drink. For your child's sake, you should send him/her with a labeled lunch everyday, plenty of fluids (**A REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE IS SUGGESTED**) and snacks daily.
2. Label everything your child comes to camp with to avoid confusion, especially field trip envelopes.
3. No toys/equipment are allowed to be brought into camp (except skate park equipment). This includes CD player's, I-pods, hand held games etc. Discovery camp will be allowed to use the skate park on certain days (refer to your calendars) All proper equipment will be required for skate park use (see skate park rules in flyer).
4. Children can **not** bring goggles or any form of floatation devices including bathing suits with built in floatation.
5. Snacks are sold at the Discovery and Adventure sites only. Drinks are sold at all camp sites. Water is available at all camps. Complimentary resealable water bottles available beginning the first day.
6. Lost and Founds will be located at each camp. See your Special Event Supervisor for missing items.
7. **CELL PHONES use is frowned upon.** Children must ask permission before they use their cell phone. Constant use of cell phones will not be tolerated. Cell phones are expected to be turned off at any time that we are addressing the group for announcements or instructions. We prefer that you don't bring them. Any calls to and from parents should be made through the Parks & Recreation office (822-9107).