

Channahon Park District's

Camp Heritage and Teen Camp 2008

Welcome to Channahon Park District's
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****Mandatory Parent Meeting**

Arrowhead Community Center

24856 W Eames St.

May 22 at 6:30 PM

OR

May 31 at 9 am

All parents having a child attending camp are required to attend this
informative meeting on one of the dates listed above

Camp Heritage will consist of three, three-week sessions, Monday-Friday:

Sessions consist of the following dates:

Session 1 June 9-June 27

Session 2 June 30-July 18*

Session 3 July 21-August 8

***No Camp July 4**

Teen Camp will consist of three sessions, each session being 12 days long, Monday-Thursday.

Sessions consist of the following dates:

Session 1 June 9-June 26

Session 2 June30-July 17

Session 3 July 21-August 8

Camp Heritage and **Teen Camp** will meet on their scheduled days, 7:30am to 5:30pm at the Central Park, Pine Pavilion (the pavilion closest to Galloway School). We will however take advantage of the entire park/community/park district facilities during the days' activities.

You are required to fill out all required forms completely and return them prior to or on the first day of camp. This is to ensure the safety of your child.

- Child Information sheets
- Pick up authorization sheets
- Permission to dispense medication forms (if needed)

If your child will not attend camp for any reason, we require you to call the Park District office at 815-467-7275 to notify our camp staff. These policies are for the protection of your child(ren). If you have any questions, you can contact the supervisor.

Each day your child will need to bring the following items to camp:

- A lunch brought in a cooler and beverage. We recommend that your child bring water or juice for their beverage. Pop or soda may cause dehydration due to the summer heat. There is no refrigeration.
- A small water jug, filled, that the child can easily carry. A half-gallon thermos is recommended. Glass-lined jugs are not allowed. They break easily.
- A tote bag or back-pack with a sweat shirt, a pair of long pants for hikes
- A swimsuit and towel on swim days (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- Spray on sun block (counselors will only apply spray-on sun block)
- Bug spray (if needed)

Campers are required to wear gym shoes and socks everyday.

Sandals may only be worn at the pool while on deck.

Camp Heritage and Teen Camp will swim on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, weather permitting, at the Tomahawk Aquatic Center at Central Park. Swimsuits and towels should be sent with your child on these days.

Counselors are only allowed to assist your child with spray on Sun Block.

If you send rub in sun block your child will need to apply it themselves.

Participating in Park District Programs While at Camp

Our camp staff will transport your child to/from other park district programs (swim lessons, soccer camp, chess lessons, etc.) that are held during camp hours if we have the proper form filled out to communicate that need to our staff. This form is with the camper information packet or may be requested from your child's counselor.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Drop off and pick up for Camp Heritage and Teen Camp will be at the Central Park, Pine Pavilion (the pavilion closest to Galloway School).

Each child must be signed in by an adult upon arrival everyday.

We do not sign Children in before 7:30 am, as the counselors meet before camp for planning and discussion of the day's activities.

We are not responsible for children until they are signed in.

For your convenience, a counselor will be stationed in the parking lot with the sign-in/sign-out clipboard. Anyone bringing your child to camp may sign him/her in.

Upon dismissal, we require that you sign your child out for the day. We will again have a counselor in the parking lot. If someone other than the parent or legal guardian will be picking up your child at the end of the day, we must have written permission from you. Children will not be released to anyone other than those people authorized on the appropriate form. Until our staff becomes familiar with the parents, everyone will need to show a photo ID at pickup.

We ask that you are prompt in picking up your child at 5:30pm. We understand that emergencies occur; however, late pick-ups make it necessary for a counselor to remain at the site with your children. For this reason, there will be a charge of \$1.00 per child for every 5 minutes you are late picking up your child. This fee will be added to your account and should be paid within one week. Failure to pay will result in an outstanding debt to the Park District.

Rainy Day Locations

Drop Off: Arrowhead Community Center

Pick Up: Check the sign at the Pine Pavilion, either ACC (Arrowhead Community Center) or HCFH (Heritage Crossing Field House). We apologize for not having a consistent location, but for the children's safety, they will go to the building closest to them if inclement weather arises.

CAMPER EXPECTATIONS

In order to have camp run smoothly, we have implemented discipline procedures.

- If or when your child misbehaves we will document what happened and discuss the incident with you.
- The second time we have to document the same child, the parents will be contacted and a meeting between the Camp Director and the parents will be arranged.
- If the child misbehaves a third time, the parents will be called to meet with the Camp Director, the Program Supervisor, and asked to pick up their child. They will not be able to come back to camp until the next day. **No refund will be given!**
- Once a fourth violation has occurred the parents will be called and asked to pick up their child and that child **may not** return to camp the rest of the summer. A prorated refund will be arranged for any days previously paid for.

These procedures may be accelerated depending on the severity of the incident.

Below you will find a list of violations that will be documented and discussed with parents. If we find other instances that we feel are violations, we will add them to the list.

1. Talking back to counselors
2. Not listening to counselors
3. Swearing, hand gestures and name calling
4. Fighting
5. Spitting
6. Kicking or inappropriate contact
7. Throwing objects at other people
8. Harmful act against campers
9. Unruly behavior

We have included a Camper Behavior Contract. Please have your child/children sign this contract and bring to camp on the first day of attendance.

Camp Heritage TRIPS

Trips are every Friday. All campers at camp this day will go on the trip. The fees for the trips have been built into the camp fee. No additional money is needed to send your child/children on the field trip

Teen Camp TRIPS

Optional teen trips are held every Friday during the summer. All campers will receive a 10% discount off the brochure price on the teen trips that take place during their camp session.

The teens will help to plan and go on one trip that is included in the camp session. Bike trips are also likely, depending on the groups' interests.

Parents will be notified at least two days prior if a special trip will be taking place. Any trips that take place as a part of camp are included in the camp fees.

CONCESSION STAND

Campers will have the opportunity to purchase lunch on Monday & Wednesday from our ball field concession stand. Campers will be responsible for handling their own money. To avoid excessive candy being bought, please write out what you would like your child to order from the concession stand. You will receive a menu the first day of camp.

Teen camp participants will have the opportunity to gain "on the job experience" working in the concession stand on Mondays and Wednesdays serving the other campers. We will work with Teen Camp participants so that they may volunteer to fill a rotating schedule for the summer. Through volunteering, they will gain valuable experience and earn a predetermined amount of items from the concession stand.

Wednesday Specials

To make camp even more fun for our participants, we have added Wednesday specials. Every Wednesday we will have a special activity planned for all camp participants to enjoy. These activities could be as one large group or divided out by age. Parents will be notified if children need to bring anything special for these special events.

REFUNDS

If your child decides that day camp is not for them a refund must be requested prior to the third day that day camp meets for that session. Refund requests due to medical reasons will require a doctor's note, but will be honored. All refunds will be prorated.

If you registered through the weekly payment plan, you are committed to paying for a total of 8 weeks of day camp (9 weeks minus the 1 week allowed vacation). You may also request a refund prior to the third day that camp meets for the summer.

Teen Camp Specifics

The Teen Camp program will focus on responsibility, empowerment through education, experiences, personal and group achievement, caring, acceptance and having fun. The

youth involved will enhance their teamwork skills, leadership skills, citizenship, and decision making skills, all while having fun in a day camp setting. The youth will participate in planning some of the activities that take place during their camp session to learn about having responsibilities and choices. Our teens will make new friends, try new things, and have a summer they will never forget.