

Camp Explore Welcome Letter

WELCOME TO CAMP EXPLORE!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer. Since our goal is to provide an active camp experience, we ask that you dress your child accordingly. We will be spending quite a bit of time outdoors and doing arts and crafts. The children will be provided with a wide range of activities in which to participate.

Session 1: June 10-July 5 | Session 2: July 8-August 2 | No camp July 4

FORMS: New for 2019 Camp, all emergency information will be completed online from an outside company. You will receive an email from a company called ePact after March 11th. This email will prompt you to create a profile to fill out all emergency contact information, medical information, sign any waiver and upload a current picture. Your child cannot start camp until their emergency information is completed. Additional waiver that must be signed online for Camp Explore are sunscreen, swim lesson, gymnastics, and ice skating waivers. We appreciate your diligence getting these forms submitted online.

STAFF: Our Camp Explore counselors are Mrs. C and Mrs. K, our Pre-K teachers. Occasionally other experienced staff assist as well.

CAMP MEET AND GREET: Thursday, June 6 th 6:15-7:15 pm Meet & Greet gives campers the chance to get to know one another and meet the camp counselors. This is a great opportunity to help lessen the anxiety of the first day of camp. This is a drop-in opportunity.

ARRIVAL TIME: Each day, the doors will be opened at 9:00 am in Preschool Room #1.

DAILY PICK UP: Pickup is between 3:45 pm and 4 pm At the end of each day of camp, a parent or adult, who has been approved on the transportation release portion of the ePact form, must enter the room, pick up the child, and sign them out. We WILL NOT release a child to anyone that has not been approved, in writing, by the parents. Please make sure your child's counselor has the necessary approval forms. Anyone picking up a camper needs to be ready to show a photo ID. Campers who are not enrolled in late stay must be picked up promptly by 4 pm. Late fees will apply if necessary.

SUNSCREEN: We will be spending a great deal of time outdoors during camp. Please apply sunscreen before coming to camp, and also send it with your child. You may send spray-on sunscreen. Camp instructors are permitted to apply sunscreen to camp participants if you have given permission on the sunscreen waiver.

SNACKS: Each day, the children will have a snack and water. Each child should sign up to bring a snack to be shared with their camp group. Check the snack calendar in your child's room for available dates. Please keep nutritious snacks in mind. The snack must be prepackaged from the grocery store. Due to many children having allergies to peanuts and nuts, we will not serve any item with a label indicating even traces of nuts. Please read packages carefully when choosing a snack to send to camp.

LIBRARY: Each week, we will be walking to the library for a visit and to check out books. These books will remain at camp.

FIELD TRIPS AND PARK VISITS: Each week, we will be visiting a park in an adjacent community or we will go on a field trip using our Park District minibus. Your calendar lists those events. Campers must wear their camp shirts on those days as we could be in areas with other groups and we want our camp easily identified. Please send an ice pack and a water bottle in your child's lunch every day in case we are outside.

SWIM DAYS: Children will be swimming daily at camp. Please send your child to camp wearing their bathing suit under their street clothes every day, **REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER.**

SWIM LESSONS: Camp swim lessons are included in your fee. We will have swim lessons on Monday through Thursday for 40 minutes in the morning before lunch. Note: There are no swim lessons the week of July 4th but they should still wear their suits for water play.

GYMNASTICS: Each week, campers will participate in a gymnastics class at the Nelson Sports Complex.

If you have any questions about our camp activities, please feel free to email me at kmiletic@rmparks.org or call me at 847-818-3200 x237. We're looking forward to a safe and enjoyable summer camp experience.

Sincerely,
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Early Childhood Programs

