

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 13 -July 8 | Session 2: July 11-August 5 | No camp July 4

FORMS: All emergency information will be completed online from an outside company. You have received an email from a company called ePact after you registered. 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. We appreciate your diligence getting these forms submitted online.

STAFF: Ms. Mia (our Preschool teacher) is the Camp Explore Director she will work alongside 2 counselors. We also have a Preschool teacher, Ms. Kris who will drive our 20 passenger bus for our weekly trip. Our bus has seatbelts.

CAMP MEET AND GREET: Camp Explore is in Room 4 of the Preschool Wing. Thursday, June 2nd 6:15-7:15 pm Meet & Greet gives campers the chance to get to know one another and see the room. This is a great opportunity to help lessen the anxiety of the first day of camp. This is a drop-in opportunity and is not mandatory.

ARRIVAL TIME: Each day, the doors will be opened at 8:50 am. Drop off is at Preschool Door M, our preschool main entrance. We ask parents/ guardians to park and walk their child up near the door and Counselors will greet them and let them in. Please gather on the sidewalk or grass area.

DAILY PICK UP: Pickup is between 3:45 pm and 4 pm at Door M(Preschool Door). We will hand out pick up signs for you to hold. Parents/ Guardians please walk up and gather by Door M. 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.

SNACKS/LUNCK : Each day, the children should bring a nut-free snack and water bottle. The snack must be prepackaged from the grocery store. Please read packages carefully when choosing a snack to send to camp. Your child will need a lunch every day. **Please send an ice pack and a water bottle in your child's lunch every day in case we are outside.**

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 weekly email will list the trips.

SWIM DAYS: Children will be swimming or using the splash pad daily at camp. We swim during non-public swim in a designated shallower area. The lifeguards and counselors keep a close eye on your children. 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 on June 13th due to an event. Camp swim lessons begin June 14th.

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

CAMP COMMUNICATION: Please Join our Seesaw App for daily pictures and camp reminders. You should receive an invite soon. In addition, we will send weekly emails with reminders on weekly happenings. 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 x1237. We're looking forward to a safe and enjoyable summer camp experience.

Sincerely,
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Early Childhood Programs

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