

Camp Imagine Welcome Letter

WELCOME TO CAMP IMAGINE!

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer! Our goal is to provide an active camp experience, and we ask that you dress your camper accordingly. We will be spending quite a bit of time outdoors, along with other activities such as art and crafts, and games. The campers will be provided with a wide range of activities to participate in.

For art projects, if a camper chooses not to participate, they will not have an art project to bring home from camp. Out groups for Camp Imagine will be divided into multi-age groups. Each group will have a home base in our Preschool Wing. Your camper will meet in the same room to start every day. **All campers must be completely toilet trained and able to attend to all toileting needs.**

Session 1: June 13 -July 7 | Session 2: July 10-August 4 | No camp July 4

FORMS: All emergency information will be completed online from an outside company. You should have received an email from a company called ePact after you registered. This email will prompt you to create a profile to complete all emergency contact information, medical information, sign waivers, and upload a current picture. Your camper cannot start camp until this information is completed. We appreciate your diligence getting this information submitted.

STAFF: Our energetic camp staff cannot wait to meet your campers! Our ratios are 1 camp staff to 10 campers.

MEET & GREET: We will be providing an opportunity for campers and parents/guardians to meet their camp staff and visit their camp room. This is a great opportunity to help lessen the anxiety of the first day of camp. The Meet & Greet will be on Friday, June 10 from 9:30-10:30am. This is a drop-off opportunity and not mandatory.

FIRST DAY: Campers will meet their camp staff outside in the grassy area by their entrance door. It will be Door M or the main park district entrance. Campers will be given a sign with their name to be used for Drop-off/Pick-ups. Please make sure to bring this with you.

DROP OFF: Each day the doors will be opened at 9:30am. Parents/Guardians must drop off their campers at their assigned camp door.

PICK UP: At the end of the camp day, a parent/guardian/authorized adult must pick up their camper at their drop-off/pick-up location. Authorized adults can be added through ePact on the Transportation Release section. We will NOT release a camper to anyone that has not been approved by the parents/guardians. Anyone picking up a camper must be prepared to show a picture ID if requested by the Camp Staff. Pick up is promptly at 12:00pm.

ILLNESS/ABSENCES: Please be sure your camper is symptom free for camp. If your camper is going to be absent, please call them out at 847/818-3200 ext. 1257. You may also use an Absence Form. This

can be found on our website at rmparks.org/camps. The Recreation Supervisor will do follow up calls if needed. Please remember that your camper must be 24-hour symptom free before returning to camp.

SNACKS: Each day, campers should bring a snack and water bottle. Please keep nutritious snacks in mind. Due to the increase in peanut/tree nut allergies, we cannot have any items with a label indicating traces of nuts. Please read packages carefully when choosing a snack to send to camp. See additional attachment for snack options.

WATER PLAY DAYS: On Thursdays and Fridays, camp will have water play days. We will be using the sprinkler outside or walking to the Park District Splash Pad. Campers should wear their swimsuits under their clothes to camp on water play days. If you do NOT want your child to go into the water, please send camp staff a note and do not have them wear a swimsuit. Please send your camper with a bag and towel.

LABELLED PERSONAL ITEMS: Please make sure to label all of your camper's personal items with their first and last name. Items include: water bottle, snack, swimsuit, towel, backpack, sunscreen, clothes, and any other additional items that are sent to camp. We ask that a backpack/bag be provided to assist with keeping personal items together during the camp day.

SUNSCREEN: We ask that sunscreen is applied before camp. Camp staff will be sure to reapply when we go outside during the camp morning. We request that aerosol sunscreen is provided for easy application. For faces, we recommend providing a sunscreen stick. Please be sure to label all items.

EXTRA CLOTHES: Please provide an extra change of clothes for everyday of camp. These clothes will be on hand in the event of an accident. Extra clothes can be brought to camp each day, or left at camp site. Please be sure to label all items.

LUNCH BUNCH: This is an additional program that is available with a separate registration. You may sign up for one day or the whole eight weeks. We will start Lunch Bunch the week of June 19th and continue through the rest of camp. Lunch Bunch is offered Monday-Friday and is from 12-3pm. During the time that campers are at Lunch Bunch, they will do additional crafts, games, and eat their lunch. You must provide lunch and a drink. The fee is \$20/day, and you can register online at www.rmparks.org. Use the "Click to Register" Leaf and search "Summer Lunch Bunch".

We are looking forward to a memorable summer with your camper! If you have any questions, please contact Molly at 847/818-3200 ext. 1237 or mdowning@rmparks.org.