

Hello and Happy Summer!!!!

I am writing to you today to let you know the details regarding summer camp next week. For those of you new to NRD (Newport Rec Dept.) Day Camp, here are the details:

- Day Camp runs from 8:30 am-4:30 pm Monday thru Friday.
- Payment is due on Mondays, you can either pay by cash or check on Monday or online with a credit card at any time.
- Drop off in the morning is at Horsey Park (Meadow Park).
- Please follow our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/newportrecdaycamp>) for updates during inclement weather. When it rains, our alternate location is at the Rec. If you still are not sure, you can send me a text.
- Early drop-off is also available from 7:30-8:15 for \$20, at the same location.
- Pick-up is at the Newport Recreation Department at 4:30 pm.
- We try to follow a basic daily schedule, however, our plans can change for many reasons. If you need to pick up your child at any other time, please let us know.
- Daily Schedule:
 - 8:45 -Attendance/Morning meeting
 - 9:30- Snack time
 - 10:00- Games ad Crafts
 - 12:00- Lunch
 - 1:00-Themed activities
 - 3:00-Whole camp game
 - 4:00-Treasure Box
- Please bring the following things to camp every day in your backpack:
 - Lunch* and Snack
 - Water bottle (refillable)
 - Bathing suit
 - Towel
 - Sunscreen
 - Change of clothes
 - Spending money (for snack shack at the beach, in a wallet or baggie labeled with the campers name)

*New this year, we have added lunches to our Friday schedule. Each week we will make lunch for the campers. Pack an alternative if your child will not eat what we are serving.

And a few more things to know:

- There are no electronics allowed at day camp. If you need to send a phone with your child, it needs to stay in their backpack for the duration of the day. We recommend packing books, games, puzzles, paper & markers, etc. for the bus trips.
- Please keep squishes, pop-its, toys, and Pokémon cards at home. We will provide plenty of things for the kids to do. There may be an occasion sometime in the future to bring these items for “show and tell”, but for now we would like them to stay at home.
- Most places we go have a snack bar where students can buy ice cream, candy, or other treats. If you would like to send money with your child please make sure it is in a bag (plastic bag or wallet) with their name on the outside. I will recommend the amount needed in each newsletter.
- Camp shirts will be given out on Tuesday. Please make sure they wear these shirts on Wednesday trip days. They help us to identify our campers quickly and easily in

crowded places. The first one is free, if you want or need another one, they are an additional \$10 each.

- If your child is going to be picked up by anyone other than yourself please let us know. A note to a staff member, replying to this email, a text message, or a phone call are all acceptable ways to communicate with us.
 - Becky's cell phone (603) 477-7188 (call or text)
 - Newport Rec Department phone (603) 863-1332
 - brexford@newportnh.gov (Beth's email)

If you have decided not to send your child to camp for the week, please let us know immediately. We have 10-15 campers on a waiting list each week, so the sooner we can notify them, the happier they will be. Registration fees can be refunded or transferred to another program.

Here is a brief look at week #2:

Theme: AMAZING RACE WEEK

Monday: Regular Camp Day/ Ice Breaker games

Tuesday: Sunapee State Beach (\$3-\$5 optional spending money)/Camp shirt day

Wednesday: Weir's Beach & Arcade, Laconia, NH (\$15-\$20 spending money)

Thursday: Fun Run

Friday: Tacos (beef) for Lunch

Weir's Beach trip description:

The campers will be split into small groups and be assigned counselors, half of the camp will stay at the beach and swim while the other half will go to the arcade. This cuts down on crowding at the arcade. The other half of the camp will go to the arcade after the first group returns. At the arcade, they will play the games and win tickets, which can be redeemed for small prizes or candy. There is also ice cream and fried dough available for the kids to buy on the boardwalk. While at the beach the kids can either swim or play in the sand. We will always have at least four counselors on the water's edge supervising the kids in the water and on the sand.

Lastly, I want to introduce our spectacular staff:

- Becky Merrow (Director)
- Ricky Hammond-11th year (Asst. Dir.)
- Cole Boone- 8th year
- Gavin Lovely- 8th year
- Jagger Lovely- 6th year
- Melanie Osgood- 4th year
- Eliza Bates- 4th year
- Keagan Halleck-4th year
- Harrison Urda- 3rd year
- Timmy Fratzel- 3rd year
- Bella Osgood- 3rd year
- Aaron Cherry- 1st year
- Olivia Bascom- 1st year

I know there is a lot of information in this email, but if you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or text. There is no question too silly or small so please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

See you on Monday!

Becky Merrow, Day Camp Director (603)477.7188