



PARK RIDGE DAY CAMP

FRIDAY SWIM DAYS

We have some guidelines in place and we are asking for your cooperation. Please read the following in its entirety (Yes, it is a long document!) and feel free to reach out (summercamp@parkridgeboro.com) if you have any questions...

Pool Day / Colony Field Arrival: (9:15AM)

All parents should enter the pool parking lot through COLONY AVENUE. Please go to the RIGHT and drive along the perimeter of the Pool (See Map at the end of this document). You will pass the bridge on your right and pull up to the edge of Colony Field. This is where your child should be dropped off "taxi-cab" style. We will be there to meet all of the kids. Then, all cars should head northbound on BROOK AVE. Brook will be closed to thru traffic. THE PR POLICE HAVE COLLABORATED ON THIS ROUTE WITH US SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

PLEASE DO NOT COME VIA MIDLAND AVENUE.

Once we get settled in and take attendance, we will head over to the pool by groups.

What to Expect for Day 1

When we enter the pool, we will meet with Mr. Bauer and Mrs. Lewis. They are the Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively. They will review the rules of the pool. Then, the children will go to pre-designated locations to unpack their towels and get settled in. Our youngest campers will be situated by the kiddie pool and our older campers will be by the main pool.

Before any of the children swim in “the big pool,” they will be required to pass a deep water test. Once done, each eligible camper will receive a water-proof bracelet indicating that the/she may swim in deep water. Additionally, we have designated the right-hand side of the pool (if standing by the entrance and facing the diving boards) as the K-3 side. The left-hand side will be for kids in grades 4-8. The center of the pool and the

diving areas will be reserved for our most experienced swimmers. Please know that the division by age is flexible and may change (ie: if a child wishes to swim with a sibling, etc.) but for during the first week, we like to have this separation to allow our swimmers to become comfortable.

Staffing

As always, your child's safety is our top priority (with fun a close second!!) We always work closely with the fabulous pool staff to ensure that our pool days runs smoothly and everyone has fun!! On the poolside, there will be lifeguards at every post, as well as 2 senior lifeguards patrolling the entire area. Mr. Bauer and/or Mrs. Lewis will also be visible and on patrol. On the day camp side, Leah, Ashley and Cheryl will be floating around the pool area at all times. We have more than 40 counselors, as well as CITs that will be on hand. Some will be assigned to specific posts around the pool and others may be in the water with the kids. In essence, we will have more than 50 staff (pool and camp combined) monitoring the children.

Does My Child Have to Swim?

NO!!! The pool has a playground, a basketball court, ping pong and other things for kids to do. These areas will be supervised as well!

What Does My Child Need to Bring?

Every camper should wear a bathing suit with some sort of cover up. Please provide your child with a bag or backpack that includes a towel, goggles (if he/she likes to wear them) and sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen before your child comes to camp, as well. **The snack bar will open and begin serving food around 10:00 AM and will continue to do so until about 11:15 AM.** You are welcome to send your child with money in a baggie with his/her name clearly labeled, however the camp staff cannot be responsible for any monies that a child brings to camp. You are also welcome to send your child with a snack that he/she may enjoy in the snack bar area. Please be aware that floats of any kind are not permitted in the big pool. Please do not forget to label ALL items (towel, goggles, sunscreen, etc.) with your child's name. It will help us to reunite missing items with the owners!

What If I Need to Pick my Child up Early?

If you need to pick your child up early, please send a note with your child so that we can have him/her packed up and ready to meet you at the entrance to the pool at the pre-designated time. Should the need arise that you unexpectedly need to pick up your child, there will be a staff person posted at the entrance to the pool who will be able to assist you.

Dismissal: (11:40 AM)

All children will exit the pools at 11:20 AM. They will dry off, collect their belongings and exit the PR Pool with their groups. We will return to Colony Field for dismissal. **We will be dismissing from COLONY FIELD...NOT the POOL!!!** This will allow us to conduct dismissal in a safe and orderly fashion. Once again, all parents should enter the pool parking lot via COLONY AVENUE. Please go to the RIGHT and drive along the perimeter of the Pool (**Once again...See Attached Map**). After passing the bridge on the right, pull up to the edge of Colony Field. This is where your child should be picked up.... "taxi-cab" style. We will be

there to assist all of the kids with departure. Then, all cars should head northbound on BROOK AVE. and proceed back out to Colony Ave. (Please do not come via Midland Avenue as the PR POLICE HAVE COLLABORATED ON THIS ROUTE WITH US and have asked for our cooperation in adhering to it.

Lastly, but certainly not least...what about inclement weather? In the event that the weather turns or an unexpected storm comes, all children will be instructed to leave the pool. Should the need arise (ie: thunder and/or lightening) for immediate shelter.... all children will be escorted into the restrooms. Emergency closings will be communicated via the day camp email system and the children will be dismissed right from the Bridge, at the pool entrance.

As with any program, there may be kinks that need to be worked out. We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation as deal with any unforeseen challenges that may arise as we unfold our 3rd year of the swim program.

We are excited for the kids and we appreciate your support in making this a safe and fun program for the children!

Warmly,
Cheryl, Ashley and Leah

