

June 2017

City of Stamford

Heroy Day Camp 2017

Welcome To Heroy Camp

Recreation Staff

Erica Dawkins
Camp Director

Shannon Gale
Assistant Director

Laurie Albano
Superintendent

Scott Kassouf
Assistant Superintendent

Bobby Pentino
Recreation Supervisor

Zach Wright
Camp Assistant

Jamie Michaels
Special Ed Supervisor

Meet The Director!

Parents, please feel free to stop and see the director on the first day of camp June 26th, 2017 from 9:15am - 9:30am under the pavilion. Erica Dawkins, Camp Director will be available to answer any camp questions you may have. Please sign your child in with their camp group first so they can begin their camp day while you meet the director.

Camp Office Phone
203-977-4721

Please note that staff will not always be in the office when you call during the day.

A Note From The Assistant Superintendent of Recreation

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this time to welcome you and your child/children to the Heroy Summer Day Camp offered by Stamford Recreation Services. **Heroy Summer Day Camp is located at Heroy Park on Riding Stable Trail off High Ridge Road.** We are excited that you have chosen our program. Once again this summer each day at camp will be filled with games, sports, crafts swimming, theme weeks and weekly field trips. In this newsletter I hope you will find all the details you will need to prepare for camp which **begins on Monday, June 26th, 2017.** It is important that both the campers and parents read the information in this newsletter. On the first day of camp



when you arrive, your children's names will be printed on lists located on a table at the end of the campsite driveway that will place campers in their groups. Campers will be placed in groups by age. The groups are listed A - E with Group A being the youngest. Please locate your children's names on the lists when you arrive. When camp opens at **9:00AM**, you will report to the group that is assigned to your child and sign them in to start the day. After you sign your campers in, please join us under the pavilion where the director will be available to answer any last minute questions. **Please also remember that if you did not request your camper to be placed with a friend of the same age on the registration form, they may not be together.** After groups have been set by our staff, it is difficult to switch campers and the director **will not take requests in the first week of camp to switch groups.** Our staff realizes that not every child will be happy with their group on the first day, but making new friends is another great part of attending summer camp. **All campers should bring a RESU-ABLE WATER BOTTLE each day. Also please put their name on towels, bags, hats, coolers and water bottles. Also campers are not permitted to bring Fidget Spinners to camp this summer and please make sure they are left at home.** On behalf of the Heroy Staff, the City of Stamford, and myself, I would like to thank you for selecting the Stamford Recreation Heroy Summer Day Camp for 2017!

Respectfully,

Scott J. Kassouf, Assistant Superintendent Of Recreation

Heroy Day Camp Hours

The Heroy Summer Day Camp is open Monday through Friday from 9:00AM - 4:00PM from June 26th until August 11th, 2017. Extended hours are available from 7:30AM - 9:00AM and /or 4:00PM - 5:30PM for an additional \$25.00 per week per session. **You must preregister for extended care and it must be done online or at the Recreation Services Office (888 Washington Blvd. Stamford CT 06901) in advance.** Extended care fees will not be accepted at the Heroy Day Camp by our directors or staff. Campers attending normal camp hours **cannot & will not be signed in before 9:00AM each day. Note there will be no PM care on the last day of camp August 11th, 2017.** There will be no camp on Tuesday, July 4th, 2017.

Parents!

Remember that camp ends each day at 4:00pm and your child must be signed out by this time. Parents that are late will be assessed a **\$1.00 per minute late charge per child**. Please make sure you are on time!

**Camp opens
June 26th, 2017!**

Family Day Will Be
Tuesday
August 1st, 2017
Don't Miss The Fun!

Permission Notes!

Parents who are having someone else besides themselves pick up their children must fill out a permission form on the first day of camp. Permission slips will be available with your child's group counselor or with the camp director. Without this form we will not release your child to anyone!

Weekly Events

Monday: Morning Meeting & Camp Awards

Tuesday: Color Wars Day
(Campers should try to wear a Red or Blue shirt depending on their team, TBD)

Wednesday: Trip Day
(7/12-8/ 2/17)

Thursday: Themed Dress Up Day
(More info will be given in the weekly newsletter and reviewed during Monday's meeting)

Friday: All Camp Activity Day

Meet The Heroy Camp Staff

We excited to announce that **Erica Dawkins** will be returning for her second year as the Director. Erica was our assistant director for 3 years before taking over the head spot in 2016. Currently she is working in the Stamford Public Schools. Our Assistant Director once again will be Shannon Gale. She is a very creative and energetic and is an important part of your staff. Shannon is currently working on her masters degree in education. This year's staff will consist of a mix of veterans and first year staff that we are thrilled to work with. The staff is excited to start and is looking forward to a great summer. Let me take the time to now introduce you to **the rest of the summer staff:** **Art Director:** Emma Romano **Sports Director:** Dante

Statum Counselors: Nicolle Henkel, Erica Casinelli, John Devito, James Henkel, Christina Drago, Maeve Ronan, Courtney Sabia, Drew Rivera, Vallerie Lozana, Stephen Drago & Isabella Sorial.



Camp Sign In & Out Policy

Parents/guardians are required to sign their children in each morning and sign them out at the end of the day with their group counselors. **If someone other than yourself is picking up your children on any given day, you are required to fill out a camp permission form ahead of time. Forms are now available on line at www.stamfordrecreation.com on the front page, also with your child's counselor, and we have attached one on the back page of this newsletter.** Also, a photo ID must be shown by the person picking up your children. Our staff will not allow campers to be signed out with anyone but their parents if we do not have a completed permission form. **Also, camp doors for early care will not open before 7:30am each morning.** Normal camp hours are 9:00am - 4:00pm & campers *not involved* in AM care **will not be allowed into camp until 9:00am.** Finally, whether your child's camp day ends at 4:00pm or they are being picked up at 5:30pm in late care, a \$1.00 per minute late fee will be assessed to each child who is picked up late. This policy is strictly enforced by our camp staff and all fines must be paid at the Recreation Services office in the Government Center. **No payments will be accepted by our camp staff and you can not sign your camper in the next day until these fines have been paid and a receipt is shown to the staff.**

Swimming & Lunch Information

The Heroy pool is staffed by certified lifeguards & counselors are also required to be in the pool with their campers. Campers will get the opportunity to go swimming 3-4 days a week, but should bring a bathing suit (**No cut offs**), towel and flip flops every day in case extra swim sessions open up. All campers are required to swim & if you have any questions or concerns please see the camp direc-

tor. Also, please send in an extra t-shirt & pair of shorts each day in your child's back pack in case they are needed. Flip flops should not be worn to camp. **Campers should always wear sneakers. Please make sure that you also apply sun tan lotion to your child each morning and send extra in their back pack for during the day.** Finally, campers should bring a packed lunch each day in a cool pack. Lunches will be stored in our

cool garage space, but may spoil if not in a cool pack.



Field Trip Info 2017

Once again this summer field trips will be on Wednesdays. Campers will travel by air conditioned buses and will be required to **wear the camp t-shirts** they will receive the first week of camp. **Campers are required to wear sneakers on all field trips and are permitted to bring spending money.** Please make sure that if your child brings spending money that they do not tell other campers that they have brought money. Place the money in an envelope with the child's name on it and place in a safe place for your child. If your child will not be attending a field trip, please make sure you let their counselors know in advance so we do not hold up the buses waiting for missing campers. Finally, please do not block the parking lot on field trip days so buses can pull in returning from trips. Please **park down by the tennis courts to make dismissal smooth and safe.**

Heroy Weekly Camp Themes

Week 1: Super Heroes Week

Week 2: Stars & Stripes Week

Week 3: Disney Week

Week 4: OOEY & GOOY Science Week

Week 5: Challenge Week

Week 6: Splish Splash Week

Week 7: Directors Choice

Each week we will plan activities and events around the camp theme of the week. Please read the newsletters each week and check the camp bulletin board for weekly theme information.



Field Trips & Dates

Wednesday 7/12/17 - Rockin' Jump @ 11am

Wednesday 7/19/17 - Roller Magic @ 11am

Wednesday 7/26/17 - Movies @ 11:15am

Wednesday 8/2/17 - Quassy Park @ 9:15am

Campers are encouraged to bring spending money on each trip. All trips will return at 4:00pm, but remember we can not control traffic on the highways so please be patient if we are late!

Ice Cream Truck

Parents, just a reminder that the Ice Cream truck does stop by Heroy Camp each day around 12:30pm. Campers are allowed to bring money to purchase ice cream. Campers do not have to purchase ice cream. **If you would like your child not to participate, please notify their counselor.**



Parents,

Don't forget to check out all the great programs besides summer camps offered by Stamford Recreation Services throughout the school year. Three seasonal brochures are passed out through all K-8 Schools in Stamford. You can go to our website at www.stamfordrecreation.com



Heroy Day Camp 2017 Official Rules

Any child that is having a hard time keeping their hands to themselves or is using improper language will receive a verbal warning first, next a written warning, and the third time results in suspension from camp. Finally, any time your child is feeling uncomfortable at camp or someone is bothering them, please talk to the group counselors or if necessary to the directors.

1. Three Pillars of Heroy: Safety, Respect & Responsibility!
2. Treat Fellow campers and counselors with respect
3. Counselors must be treated as teachers are during the school year
4. Keep your hands to yourself, no kicking, hitting, biting, or throwing objects
5. Stay with your group at all times, you must ask to use the bathroom
6. Swearing and other inappropriate language will not be tolerated at camp
7. Smoking is prohibited
8. Clean up your art room, game room, lunch table and board games room each day
9. Respect other's belongings and back packs
10. Fighting is not allowed in camp and is grounds for suspension and/or dismissal
11. Sneakers must be worn each day , NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS except for at the pool
12. Leave all personal items at home. No toys, iPods, iPads, Cell Phones, Trading Cards ,valuables or **Fidget Spinners are permitted at camp.**
13. Do not bring any sharp objects or weapons to camp
14. NO CELL PHONES
15. Raise your hand to get your counselors attention
16. No running or loud voices in the upstairs room, pool deck or locker room.
17. No one is permitted in the woods at any time surrounding the Heroy Camp property.

Permission Slip for Child Pick- Up 2017

The Stamford Recreation Services Division requires all parents/guardians to fill out the following permission slip if your child will be picked up by anyone except parents. We will not allow a child/ children to be released from any playground, activity or day camp program or preschool program this year to any one besides the parents/guardians, unless the following form is completed and turned into the DIRECTOR. **All persons given permission to pick up the child/children will be required to show a PHOTO I.D.** The department would like to thank you for your cooperation with our system and feels that this will make our summer camp programs safer for your child/children. If you have any questions, please call Scott Kassouf (Asst. Superintendent of Recreation) at 203.977.5018 or speak to the site director. I _____ give my permission to:

Mr. / Mrs. _____ Dates: _____ Entire summer: _____

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I authorize my child/children to be picked up from Day Camp/Playground/Activity Program/Preschool Program by one of the persons above. I realize by signing this permission slip that I am releasing the City of Stamford Recreation Services Division of all responsibilities.

LIST THE CHILD/CHILDRENS NAME:

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CAMP / PLAYGROUND / ACTIVITY/ PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

DIRECTORS SIGNATURE: _____