

Westover Day Camp 2017



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A Note From The Assistant Superintendent of Recreation

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this time to welcome you and your children to the **Westover Summer Day Camp** offered by Stamford Recreation Services. **Westover School is located on 412 Stillwater Avenue.** We are excited that you have chosen our summer camp program. Our camp Directors have been working hard planning schedules that include swimming, games, sports, singing, arts & crafts, field trips & outdoor, as well as, indoor activities for the summer. In this newsletter I hope you will find all of the details you will need to prepare for the first day of camp which **begins Monday, June 26th, 2017.** It is important that both the camper 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 large posters that will be hanging on the entrance wall to the camp at Westover School.** Campers will be placed in groups by age and the groups are listed A - G with Group A being the youngest. Please locate your children's name on the lists when you arrive. Once the doors open at **9:00AM** you will report to the classroom that is assigned to your child's group on the board and sign them in to start the day. After you sign your campers in, please join us in the cafeteria 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 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 on the first day 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. On behalf of the Westover Staff, the City of Stamford and myself, I would like to thank you for choosing the Westover Summer Day Camp Program 2017.

Bring A Book To Camp
Parents please send a reading book or activity book in with your child each day this summer,



Camp Office Phone
203-977-6153
Please note that staff will not always be in the office when you call during the day.



Something New!

This summer on Wed. & Thurs. The Kid's Fan Program through Stamford Hospital will be visiting our camp. KIDS' FANS program teaches nutrition education to children using a curriculum which is hands-on to make learning fun and interactive and includes a cooking component which allows kids to prepare and sample new and familiar foods.

Enjoy The Summer!

Respectfully,
Scott J. Kassouf

Westover Day Camp Hours

The Westover 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 in advance. Extended care fees will not be accepted at the Westover Day Camp by our directors or staff. Campers attending normal camp hours cannot & will not be signed in before 9:00AM each day. **No PM Care on**

August 11th, 2017

Meet The Staff At Westover Camp

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 and runs until August 11th, 2017!

Permission Slips

Parents who are having someone else besides themselves pick up their child/children must fill out the permission form on the back page of this newsletter and hand it in to the camp director.

Permission forms will also be available with your child's group counselor or with the camp director. Without this form we will not release your child to anyone but their parent!

Please include both parents, family members, babysitters and neighbors. Handwritten notes or phone calls will not be accepted for child pick up this year!

The form is on back of this newsletter & have it ready on the first day!

We are excited to welcome back Megan Anthony for her seventh summer as our Camp Director. Megan has a masters & sixth year degree in education and currently works in the Stamford Public School system. Assistant Director Jessica Jallouk who will be returning for her second summer and is a certified teacher working in the Westport school system. This years 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: Tania Palermo,

Sports Director: Justin Colon

Counselors: Chenell Davis, Rodney Florian, Paula Lozano, Fred Wimer, Oscar Villamil, Andrea Benalcazer, Nohemie Gabriel, Alexandria Wendell, Michael Ripegno, Ashley Dunn, Niera Robinson, Madison Barron

Junior Counselors: Gabby Lovishuk, Wendy Perez, Tamaris Hollar, Ricardo Herrera, Brianna Gutierrez and Jason Pazmino.

Westover Campers! Should Wear!

Each day campers should dress in comfortable clothing, as well as, socks and sneakers to camp. Bathing suits, towels & plastic bag should be packed on swimming days. Please also pack flip flops or water shoes to wear to the pool on swimming days. Also, please pack sunscreen!

Westover Lunch

Once again this summer the Westover Camp will provide breakfast and lunch to any child that would like to participate in the summer food program. The food program will begin on the first day of camp which is Monday, June 26th and run until the last day of camp on August 11th,

of the food program each day, please sign up with your child's group counselor on the first day of camp. A weekly menu will be sent home and any child that does not want to have the lunch served each day can bring a bagged lunch. We also have breakfast availa-

2017. If your child would like to be part

ble for any child that attends the AM care from 7:30am—9:00am each day. For more information related to the lunch program, please talk with your child's counselors on the first day of camp.

Finally, please let your child's counselors know of any food allergies that your camper may have. This should be put in writing and handed to the counselors on the first day of camp.

Swimming Schedule:

Westover Camp will be swimming on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at the Westhill High School Swimming pool. Campers will travel by school bus and are required to bring a bathing suit, towel and flip flops to wear. (Water Shoes are recommended). The pool is staffed by certified city lifeguards and the counselors are also required to be in the pool with the children. Campers are not permit-

ted to wear cut offs and all bathing suits must have a liner in them. All campers are required to swim and if you have any questions regarding the swimming schedule please speak with your child's counselor. Campers will change at Westover camp into their bathing suits before heading to the pool each day. Also, please pack extra set of clothes each day.

Parents,

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



Camp Sign In & Out Policy For

Each day 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 child/children on any given day, you are required to fill out a camp permission form ahead of time. Forms are printed on page four of this newsletter or get one from your child's counselor.** Also, a photo ID must be shown by the person picking up your child/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 and **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 in late care until 5:30pm, 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 cannot sign your camper in the next day until these fines have been paid and a receipt is shown.

Field Trip Info

Once again this summer we will be traveling on our field trips on Tuesdays. Campers will travel by air conditioned buses and will be required to wear the camp t-shirts they receive the first week of camp. If your child is attending summer school, please arrange to pick them up at school and

get them to Westover Camp by the scheduled departure time. No staff will be left behind from the field trips and campers that can not make field trips must make other arrangements on field trip days. Please let us know if your child will not be attending the field trips.

Summer School Info

Just a reminder that if your child is attending summer school in the morning, **you must arrange for the busing through the Board of Education.** Stamford Recreation has nothing to do with scheduling bus transportation to Westover Camp following summer school in the morning. Please make sure you confirm your transportation with the Board Of Education before the camp begins on **June 26th, 2017.** Campers that arrive at Westover after summer school each day will be greeted by counselors and signed into the camp when they get off the bus. They will then go right to lunch where they will meet up with their assigned camp group. **Please make sure you see the camp director as soon as possible if your child will be attending summer school. You will be asked to fill out a form and your child will receive a ID badge to wear the first day of summer school stating that they go to Westover Camp.**

Field Trips & Dates

Tuesday, July 11th - Rockin Jump - 11:45am

Tuesday, July 18th - Beardsley Zoo- 11:45am

Tuesday, July 25th - Movies - 11:45am

Tuesday, August 1st 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!

Westover Weekly Camp Themes!

Week 1: Super Heroes

Week 2: Stars & Stripes

Week 3: Disney Week

Week 4: OOEY GOOY Science

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.

Ice Cream Truck

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



We Are Watching

Any child that is having a hard time keeping their hands to themselves or uses improper language will receive a verbal warning first, second a written warning, and the third time will result 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 and if needed to the directors attention.

Westover Camp Rules

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

Notes: Any child that is having behavior problems in camp will receive a verbal warning first, a written warning second, and the third strike will be a suspension or dismissal from camp.

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 feel 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: _____ Date: _____

Form; Also Available on line to down load at www.stamfordrecreation.com