



# WELCOME TO THE 2024 STAR CENTER DAY CAMP

Welcome Newsletter June 24, 2024 First Day Of Camp

## STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP

### RECREATION STAFF:

- Director:** Brionna West
- Assistant Director:** Chris Joassin
- Director Of Parks & Recreation**  
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- Ashlyn Flood, **Counselor**
- Jaiden Carr, **Counselor**
- Akhil Hyde, **Counselor**
- Samantha Altidor, **Counselor**
- Julian Reyes, **Counselor**
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No Camp On July 4, 2024

### We are excited to have you In Our Camp this Summer!

We are so excited for another amazing summer at Star Center Camp! We are pleased to announce that Brionna West will be returning as the director this summer. Ms. West has been part of the camp system for 9 years and looks forward to another great summer! Our Assistant Director this summer will be Chris Joassin. Chris has been our sports director the past two summers and has over 6 years of experience working with young

children. **Our Site Supervisor will be Scott Kassouf, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation and can be reached with any questions at 203-977-5018.** Our directors have been working hard all spring planning creative, challenging and fun activities for our campers. We would like to welcome back our veteran staff members and also the new staff members joining our Star camp team. Together they will be working hard to give your

child/children an exciting, safe and fun summer camp experience. **Camp will begin on Monday, June 24, and run until Friday, August 16, 2024.** Remember that normal camp hours are 9:00am - 4:00pm and extended am/pm care is available for an additional charge. **Doors do not open before 9:00am each morning** unless your child is enrolled in the am program from 7:30am - 9:00am.

### General Information

All parents/guardians must sign your child in each morning, and out each afternoon. **Camp starts at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm.** No one is to be dropped off before **9:00am unless they are registered in AM Care.** If you are late to pickup - you will be charged \$1 per minute per child. (Ex: 15 minutes late = \$15.00) **Your child will not be allowed back at camp until the fine is paid online through your household account at [www.stamfordrecreation.com](http://www.stamfordrecreation.com) and a receipt is showed of payment.** Your child will only be dismissed to a guardian unless otherwise documented. Identification must be shown for ALL pickups. No exceptions! Please be mindful of applying sunscreen for your child prior to camp each morning. Once again this summer camp sign in and sign out will be done outside the main entrance to the Star Center each day. After campers are signed in they will be walked into the Star Center and the doors will be locked. No outside visitors will be permitted in the building during the day except recreation staff and contracted entertainers. Any parents or guardian that comes early to pick up a child will need to be buzzed in at the front door of the Star Center.



### **\*Field Trip Updated!**

Star Center Day Camp will have 3 field trips this summer. Please note that if your child attends summer school on a field trip day what time the trips depart. You may need to pick up your child on that day and drive them from summer school to camp so they make the field trip that day!

### **Attention Parents**

If you need to pick up your children early from camp, please supply a note that day to the campers counselor. When you arrive please call 203-977-5723 and the director will bring you children to the door.

Any child that is having behavior problems in camp or fails to follow the above rules will receive a verbal warning first, a written warning second and the third strike will be a suspension or dismissal from camp. Any camper dismissed from camp will not be permitted to register the following year.

## **Will the Lunch Program Run This Summer!**

Once again this summer we are scheduled to have the food program for lunch at the Star Center Camp. The lunch program will run from June 24th through August 16th. The lunch program will cover the entire duration of camp. A menu for each upcoming week will be sent home in the Star Center Newsletter every Friday. If you do not want your child to participate in the food program, please pack a lunch each day in a cooler bag with an ice pack. **If you have any further questions about the lunch program, please see the camp director on the first day of camp.**

## **Aquatics/Swimming**

Star Center Camp will be swimming this year at the Westhill Pool and swim days will be announced on the first day of camp. **Campers must wear a bathing suit and bring a towel on their scheduled swim day. If you requested that your child does not go swimming this summer they will be held out of the water. Parents may also send in a life jacket for swimming. We will also have scheduled trips to the Scalzi Park Splash pad and will have outside water days at the Star Center. Please make sure you pack a swim suit every day with towel for outside water games.** If you have any questions please speak with your child's counselor.

## **Star Center Camp Rules 2024**

1. Treat fellow campers and counselors with respect.
2. Listen to your counselor at all times.
3. Keep your hands to yourself. No kicking, biting, hitting, throwing objects....If you have a problem tell your counselor.
4. Stay with your group at all times. Tell your counselors if you need to leave the group for any reason.
5. Swearing and other inappropriate language (in any language) is not allowed.
6. Smoking or vaping is not allowed by anyone at camp.
7. Clean up all supplies and equipment used in camp at the end of an activity. Pick up any trash and make sure you clean up your area after lunch.
8. Respect other people's property. No taking or breaking items that belong to others.
9. Fighting is not allowed in camp. Anyone who does not follow this rule will be immediately taken to the Camp Director.
10. Shoes or sneakers must be worn at camp.
11. No going to the bathroom on your own without a staff member.
12. No cell phones or portable video game devices are permitted at camp. (If you choose to send a cell phone it can be brought to camp but must remain off and left in a child's backpack, the camp is not responsible if anything happens).
13. Campers can only call home if there is an emergency. (There is a camp phone in the office and the Directors will reach out to parents if needed.)
14. Campers must wear the camp t-shirt on all field trips.
15. Campers must wear bathing suits in the water.
16. Campers must sit in their seats on all bus trips and any child that cannot listen will sit in front of the bus with a staff member.
17. Toys from home are not permitted at camp. (If you bring them, the camp is not responsible if anything happens to them, best to leave them at home.)

### **Disciplinary Action Procedure for ALL Campers**

**First Offense:** Verbal Warning on paper

**Second Offense:** Written Warning in file

**Third Offense:** Meeting / Dismissal from Camp ( Any camper dismissed from camp will not be eligible to register the following year.)

# WELCOME NEWSLETTER

## Weekly Themes and Family Day

- June 24th - June 28th : We are family (Teamwork)
- July 1st - July 5th : Stars & Stripes Week
- July 8th - July 12th: Treasure Hunt Week
- July 15th - July 19th: Splish Splash Week
- July 22nd - July 26th: Directors Choice Week
- July 29th - August 2nd Olympics Week
- August 5th - August 9th: Campers Got Talent Week
- August 12th - August 16th: Say Good Bye To Summer



## Summer School Parents:

If your child will be attending summer school during the month of July, please notify the camp director in writing the first day of camp. Also, parents must arrange with the Board of Education to have their child/children bused from summer school to the Star Day Camp program each day. The Stamford Recreation Department does not supply transportation to camp! Also, on field trip days any child that goes to summer school will need to be picked up by their parents from school early to make the trip. Most trips depart at 11:30am and if you cannot get them there for the trip, they will need to go home from summer school on that day. We will not have staff left behind to accept them from summer at the normal school drop off time. Please see our director if you have any questions.



## Ice Cream Truck

Once again this summer the ice cream truck will stop at the Camp after lunch on select days. Once we have set up the schedule it will be announced in the weekly news letter and it is up to each family if they would like their campers to purchase ice cream on those days. Also, Please send a water bottle or two each day to the camp!



## Parking AT The Recreation Star Center Camp

When entering the Star Center parking lot please drive slowly as you make you way down the hill to the parking area. Please park in one of the lined parking spaces and do not park in the fire lane in front of the Star Center or church. Any cars parking in the fire lane are subject to tickets by the Stamford PD. We ask you for your assistance keeping all children and families safe as they enter the Star Center for summer camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with our camp director.



### Field Trips:

- Monday, July 8, 2024 - Nutmeg Bowling Trip - Depart 11:30AM
- Monday, July 22, 2024 - Rockin Jump Trip - Depart 11:30AM
- Monday, August 5, 2024 - Chuckie Cheese - Depart 10:30AM



# STAMFORD RECREATION STAR CAMP INFORMATION

## Permission Slip for Child Pick- Up 2024

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 the 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 anyone 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. / Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Entire summer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. / Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Entire summer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. / Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Entire summer: \_\_\_\_\_

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 DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

