

WELCOME TO HEROY DAY CAMP 2024 AT HEROY PARK



RECREATION STAFF:

Director Erica Dawkins Grant

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Director of Parks & Recreation

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Scott Kassouf

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Special Education Supervisor

Jamie Michaels

Special Ed. Asst. Supervisor

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**Parking Information For Drop off
& Pick up each day!**

Please note: There is additional parking by the tennis courts for drop off and pick up. Also, please drive slow coming down Winding Stable Trail Road each day to camp. Police will monitor the speed!



No Camp July 4, 2024

Welcome Newsletter

June 24, 2024 – First Day of Camp!

STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We are excited to have you as a part of the 2024 Heroy Summer Day Camp

We are so excited to get Heroy Camp started this Summer and welcome back Erica Dawkins Grant as our camp director. Mrs. Grant has been with our camp programs for over 15 years and is looking forward to another great summer! Our assistant director will be Belen Santos. Ms. Santos has worked for our department in the past as a counselor and sports instructor. We are excited to have her join the Heroy staff this summer! Our Site Supervisor will be Scott Kassouf, Assistant Superintendent of Recrea-

tion. He can be reached with any questions or concerns at 203-977-5018. Many of our counselors are new this year, but are excited to start the summer! They are ready to lead the way to a fun and exciting summer camp experience for all campers!

This summer our Art Instructor will be Darlene Vasquez. Ms. Vasquez is ready to bring a creative and exciting art room to the camp. Our Sports Director will be Jane Kelegan. Jane comes to us with a great sports background and has already

started planning a wide variety of sports and games for the campers. Just a reminder that all campers must bring a bagged/packed lunch each day to camp. We suggest packing the lunch in thermal lunch bag with ice packs. **Also bring a water bottle each day that they can refill!** Please also put sun tan lotion on your campers since we are outside a lot each day. **We look forward to seeing all campers on June 24, 2024!**

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 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 on the recreation website. 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

and send extra in their back pack. It is also very important that you send a water bottle or two each day with your child/children. Campers should also wear sneakers and comfortable clothing for the hot weather each day to camp.



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Camp Office Phone

203-977-4721

Please note that staff will not always be in the office when you call. If you cannot get through please contact the Recreation Office at 203-977-5214 and they will contact the camp supervisor.

Heroy Camp Staff

Darlene Vasquez

Art Instructor

Jane Keleghan

Sports Instructor

Counselors

Toni Ayo Job

Isabella Dellipoali

Lindsay Taylor

Eric Jewell

Breanna Jacobs

Ethan Wilburn

Juliana Espina

Faith German

Kathryn Gottlieb

Thomas Reilly

Taylor Fochs

More Staff to be added before camp starts!

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 more. In this newsletter I hope you will find all the details you will need to prepare for camp which **begins on Monday, June 24, 2024**. 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 - F 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 assistant director / Camp Assistant 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 RESUABLE WATER BOTTLE each day.** *Also please put their name on towels, bags, hats, coolers and water bottles.* **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 2024!**

Swimming Information

We are so lucky here at Heroy Camp to have our very own pool right on campus! Please have your child bring his or her bathing suit, towel and other supplies they may need every day to camp. **Campers must wear a bathing suit to be allowed in the water.** Your child may also bring a life jacket if necessary. If you completed the form stating your child is not to swim this summer they will be held out of the pool during swim period. Lifeguards are on duty at all times during swim period and counselors are required to be in the water also.

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.** 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 online at through your household account. **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 online and a receipt is shown to the staff.**

Camp Starts June
24, 2024!

**No PM Care on
the last day of
camp August 9th**

Field Trips & Special event Information

Monday, July 1, 2024 - Kona Ice Truck—12:30pm

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 - Bowling trip - Depart 11:30AM

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 - Rockin Jump Trip - Depart 11:15AM

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 — Chuckie Cheese Trip—Depart 10:30AM



Heroy Camp Rules

1. Three Pillars of Heroy: Safety, Respect & Responsibility!
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.)

Weekly Themes and Family Day

Week 1: Theme By Color Week

Week 2: Olympic Week

Week 3: Challenge Week

Week 4: Wacky & Wonderful Week

Week 5: Splish Splash Week

Week 6: Disney Week

Week 7: Campers got Talent Week

Note: Family Day will be held on Thursday , August 8, 2024. More details to come!

Ice Cream Truck

Parents, just a reminder that the Ice Cream truck will stop by Heroy Camp around 12:30pm on select days. We will announce the days the first week. 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.**





STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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 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: _____



IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT !