



# WELCOME TO HEROY DAY CAMP 2021 AT HEROY PARK

Welcome Newsletter      June 21, 2021 – First Day of Camp!

## STAMFORD SUMMER ENRICHMENT

### We are thrilled to have you as a part of the Of the 2021 Heroy Summer Day Camp

#### RECREATION STAFF:

Director Kasey Genovese

Asst. Director: Dante Statum

Superintendent of Recreation

Laurie Albano

Asst. Superintendent of Recreation

Scott Kassouf

Recreation Supervisor Bertrand  
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Camp Assistant Megan Anthony

Special Education Supervisor

Jamie Michaels

#### **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 5, 2021!

We are so excited to have Heroy Camp back open this summer. Hello and happy summer! My name is Kasey Genovese, the new Heroy Camp Director. I am so excited to have a wonderful summer back at camp! I have worked with kids as a school counselor, camp counselor, and gymnastics coach. My favorite part about camp is where kids get to be kids. I am always focused on creating a positive space for kids to grow and have fun. I am so excited to get started with camp this summer! Our assistant direc-

tor will be Dante Statum. Dante has been a camp counselor, sports instructor at Heroy and last summer the assistant director at Stillmeadow Camp. He is looking forward to being back at Heroy Camp this summer! Our Site Supervisor will be **Scott Kassouf, Asst. Superintendent Of Recreation**. He can be reached with any questions or concerns at **203-977-5018**.

Many of our counselors are new this year, but come to us with camp experience. They are ready to lead the way to a

fun and exciting summer camp experience for all campers!

Parents, please note that the camp director will not be at camp most of the first week. She is currently employed by the Greenwich school system that does not finish until June 25. With that, the camp assistant Megan Anthony will be spending a lot of time each day at Heroy camp with Dante and the Staff. Ms. Anthony has been a camp director for us the past 10 years and currently is a PE teacher in the Stamford School Public schools.

### 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 at the Recreation Department Office (888 Washington Blvd. Stamford CT 06901) or online at our 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. Staff and Campers will

not be required to wear masks while outside following the OEC and CDC current guidelines. During arts and crafts or indoor activities in the upstairs recreation room, both staff and campers must always wear a mask. Any changes to this current policy will be posted during the course of the summer. If you have any further questions please see one of our directors.

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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.



Camp Starts  
June 21st!

**No PM Care on  
the last day of  
camp!**

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 21, 2021**. 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 2021!**

### Aquatics

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 your child cannot swim please notify the director on the first day in writing. Also this summer, **only Heroy Camp will be using the pool and not sharing with other recreation camps. Any changes will be posted.**

### 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](http://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 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 to the staff.**

## Field Trips Information

Unfortunately due to the State of CT and CDC busing rules for school age children, we have not currently scheduled any field trips for camp. If any regulations change during the summer, we will reconsider offering field trips at that time. Thank you for your understanding and safety of the campers is our number 1 concern.

## Heroy Camp Rules

- 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 or valuables 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.



## Weekly Themes and Family Day

**Week 1:** Fun & Fitness Week

**Week 2:** Camp Spirit Week

**Week 3:** Super Hero Week

**Week 4:** Scavenger Hunt Week

**Week 5:** Water Fun Week

**Week 6:** Olympic Week

**Week 7:** Around The World Week

Note: Due to the state regulations at this time there will be no family day! If any thing changes we will let parents know!

**Note: 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.**

## **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.**



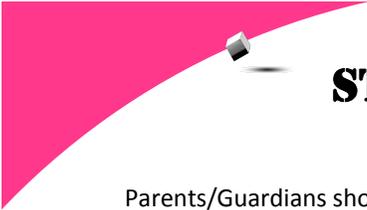
## Meet our Staff at Heroy Camp!

Lianne Metter, **Art Director**

Belen Santos, **Sports Director**

**Counselors:** Hannally Lopez, Cailey Koch, Holly Furrer, Molly Cannon, Breanna Jacobs, Sofia Sarak, Henry LaGreca, Thomas Murray, Akeem Thompson, Timothy Telesca, Tristan Barry & Ruby Li





# STAMFORD RECREATION CAMP PROCEDURES

Parents/Guardians should not send children to camp with any illness, fever or cough.

All staff and children will be checked each morning for any observable illness, including cough by the director before entering the camp. Although it is not required by the OEC we will once again be taking temperatures to confirm all children are below 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Any staff or campers that have a temperature 100 degrees or greater are not permitted at camp that day.

Staff members will be required to wash hands with soap several times per day and if no sink is available they will apply hand sanitizer.

Any child that becomes sick during the day will be immediately removed from the group and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the child.

**All staff will be required to wear a mask at all times in the Upstairs Rec. Room and the arts & crafts room.**

All staff and campers will not be required to wear a mask for outdoor activities at Heroy Camp.

Appropriate social distancing protocols will be put in place during camp group activities following OEC guidelines when camp starts.

Children will be required to wash their hands with soap and water and if a sink is not available with hand sanitizer:

**\*Before and after eating**

**\*After using the rest room**

**\* After sneezing, coughing or blowing their nose**

**\*After using shared equipment**

\* We will continue to clean all sports and art equipment after each group usage.

**\* Once groups are set and requests before camp are in place we will not make changes.**

Once campers have been screened in the morning at outside the facility, they will then report to a sign in area with their camp group.

Parents/Guardians dropping off and picking up campers will not be permitted in the building past the sign In/out table each day. We understand that some parents/guardians will not be happy with this procedure, but it is for safety. While our goal is to provide the best summer camp we can for campers, the health and safety of the campers and staff is our top priority. **Thank you for your understanding.**

Parents and campers should be 3 feet apart while waiting to sign in or out according to OEC and CDC guidelines.

Groups will not participate with other groups during activities until further notice.

Only one group at a time will be permitted to use the rest rooms and a max of 8 children at once in the rest room.

Groups will be a max of 20 children per group even though the OEC says the groups can be Larger as of May 31.

Groups will not overlap in the hallways while switching activities.

At this time the pools will be open for summer camp unless the state changes the regulations.

Field trips have not been decided upon this summer and will be determined by the bus use restrictions. We will update you once camp begins on the status.

Art Instructors will clean and sanitize supplies after each group usage.

In the event that a camper or staff member is diagnosed with Covid-19. All individuals assigned to that group will be required to self-quarantine for 10 days. If all protocols stated herein are followed, confirmed by the camp director/ health department, the remaining groups will be permitted to continue normal camp activities. **The Stamford Health Department will be notified ASAP and guide us through the situation. This is subject to change!**

No outside visitors except approved by the Recreation staff and camp shows.

**No camp picnic or family day**

No camp to camp visits this summer.

Signs will be posted throughout the camp on washing hands and keeping masks on when indoors.

**Note: Some procedure and policies are subject to change depending on the State of CT requirements before June 21<sup>st</sup> or during camp.**



SEE YOU SOON!