



# WELCOME TO THE 2021 STAR CENTER DAY CAMP

Welcome Newsletter June 21, 2021- First Day Of Camp

## STAMFORD RECREATION CAMP PROCEDURES

### We are thrilled to have you as a part of the 2021 Stamford Summer Recreation Camp!

#### RECREATION STAFF:

- Director:** Erica Dawkins
- Assistant Director:** Ralph Manigat
- Superintendent of Recreation**  
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No Camp On July 5, 2021

We are so excited for another amazing summer at Star Center Camp! We are pleased to welcome back Erica Dawkins as the Director this summer. Erica has been with us for 8 years running the Heroy Day Camp and also running our afterschool program at the Star Center. Our Assistant Director this summer will be Ralph Manigat. Ralph has been working in the summer camp programs the past 5 years and also works in our afterschool program at the Star Center. **Our Site**

**Supervisor will be Scott Kassouf, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation.** He can be reached with any questions or concerns at **203-977-5018**. Our leadership team has been working hard all spring planning creative, challenging and 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 21 and run until Friday, August 13, 2021. Listed on page four of the newsletter are the guidelines we will be going by each day set by the state of CT and the CDC. These guidelines are subject to change during the summer. Finally, campers and staff will be required to wear a mask indoors at all times.**

### 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 at the Recreation Department Office or online 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. **Parents will be required on the first day of camp to hand in a Covid -consent form to attend camp. The form is located on our website under camp forms and should be down loaded and handed in for each child attending.**

Please read page four of the daily guidelines about when your child/children arrive each day, as well as, summer procedures during the current pandemic.

# WELCOME TO THE 2021



## 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. Please note that lunch will not be served on June 21st so all campers should bring a bagged lunch on the first day of camp. Lunch will be served starting June 22nd. 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 is unique and lucky to have it's very own beach right on site! Please have your child bring his or her bathing suit, towel and other supplies they may need on days on their assigned swimming days. **Campers must wear a bathing suit and proper swim shoes to be allowed into the water. Your child may also bring a life jacket if necessary. If your child does not know how to swim please tell the camp director on the first day of camp in writing with a note. For more information on swimming, please see your child's counselors.**

## Star Center 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. Smoking is prohibited on or near camp grounds.
7. Clean up your lunch table and group room.
8. Respect others belongings and backpacks.
9. Fighting is not allowed at camp and is grounds for suspension and/or dismissal.
10. **Sneakers must be worn at all times. NO SANDALS!**
11. **Leave all personal items at home. Toys, cell-phones, Apple watches, etc. should not be brought to camp.**
12. Do not bring any sharp objects or weapons to camp.
13. Safety first; rules are made for the safety of the group.
14. Raise your hand to get your counselors attention.
15. NO child is allowed outside the fenced in back property without supervision.
16. Wear sunscreen at all times, and bring a reusable water bottle to camp.
17. **No bullying, including racial intolerance.**
18. **Campers are not permitted to go home with anyone except their parent/guardian without written permission in advance. Please see a staff member for a permission slip form.**

**State Informed Consent Form Required**  
Parents will be required to sign a State Informed Consent Form prior to the start of camp to attend. The Form will be posted on the Recreation Website under camp forms and must be handed in on the first day of camp to the director.

**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.**

**Ice Cream Truck**  
Once again this summer the ice cream truck will stop at the Camp after lunch! See our staff for more details!

**Field Trips:** With the busing restrictions put in place by the State Of CT we will not be having field trips at the start of the summer. If regulations change we may add a field trip during the summer. We will keep you posted!

**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: At this time family day is not planned due to Covid regulations but may change during the course of the summer.**

**Permission Slip for Child Pick- Up 2021**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 building during camp.

All campers are required to wear a face mask at all times while attending camp indoors and **will be allowed to remove them for outdoor activities.**

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 table with their parent/guardian.

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 state regulations change . Only 40 children ( two groups) will be allowed in the pool at one time.

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.

Lunch will be provided at all sites again this year except Heroy Camp by Chartwells. Bagged lunches will be supplied unless this changes. **Lunch will not be served on June 21 and camp should bring a packed lunch.**

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 accept 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.

**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.**