



Tiny Tots

# WELCOME TO SUMMER 2021 AT TINY TOTS CAMP

Welcome Newsletter      June 21, 2021 - First Day Of Camp

## STAMFORD SUMMER ENRICHMENT

### We are thrilled to have you as a part of the Stamford Recreation Tiny Tots Summer Program

#### RECREATION STAFF:

**Director:** Beth Covino

**Superintendent of Recreation**

Laurie Albano

**Asst. Superintendent of Recreation** Scott Kassouf

**Recreation Supervisor** Bertrand Oubida

**Special Education Supervisor**

Jamie Michaels

**Camp Assistant** Megan Anthony

I will also have an information board up as you enter the camp with all the upcoming events and activities at camp each week!

We are so excited for another amazing summer at Tiny Tots Preschool Camp! This summer the director will be Beth Covino who is taking over for Jessica Jallouk. Beth has been working with recreation the past five years and is currently one of our preschool teachers at the Recreation Star Center. ***Beth is excited to work with our staff and has a lot of fun activities planned for the summer.*** Our Site Supervisor will

be **Scott Kassouf the Assistant Superintendent**. He can be reached with any questions or concerns at **203-977-5018**. Our director has been working hard planning a balance of recreational and educational activities for our campers. Many of our counselors are former campers at Stamford Recreation and have continued to come back year after year because of their passion and dedication to the camp that gave them

so much. Please feel free to stop in the camp office with any questions you may have. T-shirts will be passed out to campers and we ask that they wear them on any special event days at camp. **Camp will start on June 21, 2021 for session one. All staff will be required to wear a mask inside during camp and may take them off during outside activities. Campers are encouraged to wear a mask, but will not be enforced to wear one.**

#### General Information

Reminders are always helpful whether you're returning to Tiny Tots or joining us for the first time. Here are some things to help make the transition to camp easier:

Safety is our number one priority at camp and we have specific policies during drop off and pick up to ensure each child's safety. **First, we require written and signed drop off/ pick up information in advance.** This includes carpooling, babysitter, or play-date permission. Also, if anyone other than yourself is picking up your child, we must have that in writing at DROP OFF. **Permission Slip forms available in each classroom and our website [www.stamfordrecreation.com](http://www.stamfordrecreation.com).** Please tell babysitters, grandparents, etc., even your spouse, that until we know them, we will check ID's, so please have a picture ID on hand for pick up time. Without proper documentation/permission forms, we will not release **any child for any reason**. If you need to make last minute arrangements or you'll be late, please contact the Recreation Office and the message will be forwarded to us. **We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation for the safety of all our campers.**

- Each day your child must be signed in and out of camp in their assigned classroom following the camp state procedures on page 3. We will also be available to collect any permission slips/notes that need to be handed in each morning. All children and parents temperatures will be taken before entering the building to sign in at their child's room. Please see camp guidelines on page three.
- We provide snack, juice and water daily, so there's no need to bring snacks from home. **We're peanut/ tree nut free in everything we eat and cook.**

We know that some of our campers are having their first experience separating from Mom & Dad and we're on hand to help with this very big transition. If your child has a tough time separating, please let me know and we can work together to create a happy drop off. Tears can cause a domino effect, so we ask for your help to make the drop off transition as smooth as possible. To establish a solid routine, please walk your child to their class, come in as they get settled, give a big hug and kiss, then promptly leave the class. Each counselor will take those extra steps to ensure your child will be actively engaged and happy in a few minutes. You are more than welcome to wait outside as they get settled or I can call you to let you know your child is fine. We find most tears are short lived, frequently ending by the time you reach your car!

- **Sprinkler Day Will Be Every Wednesday!** Campers are required to wear their bathing suits to camp. Please send your child to camp WEARING their bathing suit **with a full change of clothes and a towel**. Water shoes are a great item to pack for your camper, since the sprinklers will be set up on a grassy area. To avoid changing, we will be playing in the sprinklers just before pick up at the end of the day. This way, campers do not need to worry about changing in or out of their bathing suits. Please pack your child's belongings in a backpack or bag *labeled with his or her name*. We thank you in advance for your help!
- **Newsletters** will be sent home weekly highlighting things we've done, upcoming themes, and any other special events.
- While we try to accommodate every request, we cannot guarantee that specific groups of children will be placed together. We divide the campers into groups by age. Children of different ages requesting to be placed together most likely will not be in the same group. We understand that some preschools offer mixed age classes, but at camp we create groups based on age to best accommodate the needs of every camper especially with this years state guidelines.

We build Tiny Tots to be a camp community for all children. Even though your child is placed in a specific age group, all groups come together during the camp day for various activities. We encourage friendship and teamwork. Each session can provide a wonderful opportunity to spend time with new and "old" friends.

If there's anything you need or would like help with, please don't hesitate to ask! Again, the staff and I welcome you to the Tiny Tots Summer Camp! **We're so excited for a fun-filled summer!**



## What's for lunch?



**Once again this summer lunch will be offered to the Tiny Tots Campers** through the Marriott School Lunch program. The lunch program will cover the entire duration of camp. A menu for each upcoming week will be posted each Friday at the camp. If you do not want your child to participate in the food program, and it is available, 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. **The lunch program will not be available on the first day of camp June 21st, 2021 so all campers must bring a lunch that day. Lunch will begin on Tuesday, June 22nd for the rest of the summer.**

## Camp Special Events To End Each Session At Tiny Tots

Friday, July 2 - TBA

Friday, July 16 - Mr. Bungles Show

Friday, July 30—The Foam Fun Party

Friday, August 6 - Kona Ice Truck



### State Informed

#### Consent Form Required

Parents will be required to sign a State Informed Covid 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.

# Tiny Tots Camp Session Dates 2021

**Session 1: June 21st - July 2nd**

**Session 2: July 6th - July 16th ( No camp July 5th)**

**Session 3: July 19th - July 30th**

**Session 4: August 2nd - August 6th**



## **Camp Procedures for Summer Camp 2021 for Covid -19 Rules Set By OEC and CDC For Camps**

Proposed procedure for staff upon camp arrival each day:

- AM Arrival – Staff member will be asked by the **Camp Director** to confirm that they do not have fever, shortness of breath or cough.
- **The Camp Director** will make a visual inspection of the staff member for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness. The Camp Director will take staff member's temperature with non-contact thermometers, clean them with an alcohol wipe (or isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab) between each client. You can reuse the same wipe as long as it remains wet. Staff members are required to wear masks during all inside activities and may remove them while outdoors. Children are encouraged to wear a mask indoors, but this will not be enforced for preschool age campers. Each staff member will be required to wash hands with soap or if no sink is available apply hand sanitizer. The Camp Director will ensure compliance. Each staff member will report to their area, and, with gloves, wipe down all tables, chairs, counters and door knobs where applicable.

### **Camper Sign-In each morning:**

**Temperature Checked:** A station at the entrance of the facility will be set each morning where the temperatures will be taken before children/parents will be permitted to proceed to the sign in area with their parent. Temperatures will be taken with non-contact thermometers, which will be cleaned with an alcohol wipe (or isopropyl alcohol on a cotton swab) between each child. If a child has a temperature or any signs of a runny nose, coughing or chills they will not be admitted to camp. In order to return they will need doctors written note to obtain clearance to return to camp. Parents and children will be separated 6 feet apart in the line waiting to be evaluated each day.

- **Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available.
- Supervise children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent ingestion.
- Assist children with handwashing.
- After assisting children with handwashing, staff should also wash their hands.

Place [posters](#) describing handwashing steps near sinks. Developmentally appropriate posters in multiple languages are available from CDC.

- Remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, then throw the tissue into the trash.
- One group at a time in the gym, art room, on the playground or any camp designated camp area .

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!**

**All camp guidelines are subjected to change during the summer season depending on the State OEC and CDC.**



**Camp hours are Monday through Friday  
from 9:00 AM - 1:00PM**

**Sign In & Sign Out will be outdoors unless it  
is a rainy day!**

**WELCOME TO CAMP!**

- Camp Counselors**
- Monica Gonzalez
- Kadasha Lomax
- Sofia Silva
- Lillian Prada
- Shania Blake
- Annabel Levinson
- Roselyn Gudiel

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

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