



# Early Learning Camp 2016

**PARENT-GUIDE**



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Due to construction projects/repairs that need to take place at Hillside school this summer. This year all Hastings Day camps will be held at the Hastings High school. The Hastings Recreation Department is working very close with the buildings and grounds department to assure everything runs smoothly. In the new spacious location the High school Green Gym, while the school district is making needed improvements to Hillside school.

***\*IN ADDITION TO OLD FAVORITES!***

***\*2 BEAUTIFUL GYMS***

***\*THE COURTYARD SPACE***

***\*MORE ENTERTAINMENT COMING TO CAMP!***

***\*MORE SWIM TIME***

***EARLY LEARNING CAMPERS WILL GO TO THE POOL EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR THE WHOLE CAMP DAY!!***

### ***Some important reminders:***

- ❖ Early Learning camp will take place in the Green Gym
- ❖ Drop off is at 9:00am In the Green Gym
- ❖ Pick up is between 12:45-1:00 Green Gym
- ❖ If you come to camp late or you are picking up a camper early please be sure to **check in at the camp office**
  - ❖ Please be sure to **apply sunscreen** before coming to camp
  - ❖ Campers should **wear water shoes or sandals** to camp!
  - ❖ Campers should bring a **bathing suit, towel, lunch, a water bottle and sunscreen daily!**
  - ❖ **Pizza Friday is \$3 each week!** (For 1 slice and 1 bottle of water)

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the Recreation Department at (914) 478-2380 or via e-mail at [loreilly@hastingsgov.org](mailto:loreilly@hastingsgov.org)

# EARLY LEARNING CAMP

## DESCRIPTION:

The Early Learning Camp is open to children who will be entering Kindergarten in September. The program includes Creative Activities, Story Time, Arts and Crafts, and various other Special Events. Early Learning encourages campers to explore new things. However, if your camper does not wish to participate in a particular activity, the staff will encourage participation, but not force a camper to do anything they are uncomfortable with. Our small group setting allows for campers to feel safe in a nurturing environment and allows them to feel comfortable enough to foster new friendships with the campers in their group. The Early Learning Camp is located at the Hastings High School GREEN GYM

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURES:

Early Learning camp drop off takes place between 8:45am - 9:00am. Signs will be posted the first day to direct you to the GREEN GYM. To ensure the safety of your camper, a formal camp arrival and departure procedure must be followed. Early Learners **MUST** be accompanied to the Gym. Please share this information with those who drop off and pick up your child(ren). Pick up will take place between 12:45pm - 1:00pm. Please be on **TIME** when picking up your child. To ensure that your child leaves camp safely, please fill out the Dismissal form. This allows the camp staff to know who has permission to pick up your child. Whenever your child is leaving camp in a different fashion than originally stated, a **WRITTEN** note must be presented to your campers Director.

## CAMP GROUP:

Camp groups will be determined prior to the start of camp. There will be 6 small groups of about 12 campers per group. There will be at least 2 counselors per group, (at least one being an adult). The first day you will be directed to your child's group. One of our goals of camps is for your child (ren) to foster new friendships.

## CLOTHING:

Campers should dress comfortable for each day of camp. Shorts, t-shirts, and sneakers are recommended. Send your child in their bathing suit; they will have the opportunity to play in the sprinkler each day. Water shoes must be worn; this will prevent injury during sprinkler fun. In order to reduce the amount of lost items, please label **ALL** items coming to camp with your child's name.

# DAILY SCHEDULE:

The following is a typical day at the Early Learning Camp. Please be aware that it is subject to change under the discretion of the Camp Director

8:45am -	9:00am	Arrival
9:00am -	10:00am	Indoor/outdoor playground
10:00am-	10:15am	Snack time
10:15am-	11:15am	Inside project Arts & Crafts or the <b>Camp Theme Day Activity</b>
11:15am -	11:30am	Clean-up
11:30am -	noon	lunch
NOON	12:45pm	Outdoor play
12:45pm -	1:00pm	Dismissal



## Early Learnings Pool Day Is EVERY WEDNESDAY

If it rains on Wednesday camp will take place inside the school as a normal camp day!

All campers and staff go to the pool every Wednesday

They stay at the pool all morning (9-11:30) they will enjoy swim time, spray pool time Swim lessons and snack time. Please have your camper ready for the pool EVERY Wednesday.

## GENERAL CAMPER INFORMATION

### SNACK AND LUNCH:

Each day at camp your child will have snack time, so pack a snack and a drink. Make sure the snack is labeled with your child's name. Early Learning campers will also eat lunch at camp. Each camper must bring lunch, labeled with his or her name and group. Refrigerators are NOT available to keep lunches cool. Please do not pack things that will spoil (ex. Mayonnaise)

Some suggestions for keeping lunches cool are as follows:

Freeze or refrigerate lunch the night before

**Freeze the drink, which will act as cooler**

CAMPER PROBLEMS: If your child is having difficulty with something involving camp, please feel free to contact the Camp Director or Lisa O'Reilly. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: Our camps are staffed with several certified Red Cross First Aid personnel. In the event of a serious accident, the Hastings Police Department will be contacted. The Police will respond with the Hastings Ambulance Corps, if necessary. If medical attention is required, the camper's parents will be called, and the camper will be transported to the hospital.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES: For the safety of all campers, attendance will be taken at the beginning, middle and end of each camp day. Periodic checks will also be taken throughout the day.

ILLNESS: In case your child becomes ill during camp hours, the parent(s) will be notified. In the event that the parent cannot be reached the emergency contact will be contacted. If your child is not attending on a particular day, it is NOT necessary to call the camp. However, please **notify** the camp in the following situations:

Your child is going to be out of camp for an extended period of time.

(More than two days)

Your child has the following illnesses:

Chicken pox

Head Lice

Fifth's Disease (Ringworm)

Pink Eye

If your child is diagnosed with Lice, camp policy is that the child must stay out of camp until there are no nits. The camp has a NO NIT policy. The Medical Director will determine re-entry into camp.

EARLY DISMISSAL: If your child needs to be dismissed from camp early, a signed note from the parent/guardian must be brought to your child's head counselor. The note should include your child's name (first & last), group number & what time they will be leaving. The parent or guardian **MUST** sign out the child.

LOST AND FOUND: The Lost & Found box is located in the Day Camp Office. If your child has misplaced something, please stop in the office and check the box. To avoid lost articles, please **LABEL EVERYTHING** that your child brings to camp. If an item is found, the item will be held aside for your child. **LABEL EVERYTHING** that your child brings to camp. If an item is found, the item will be held aside for your child.