

HASTINGS DAY CAMP

GRADES 1ST THRU 6TH



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July 1, 2024 THRU August 2, 2024



Welcome to Hastings Day Camp 2024. We are all very excited about this upcoming camp season. The camp will be taking place at Hillside School. Camp begins July 1, 2024, and ends August 2, 2024. The camp will start at 9:00 am and end at 3:00 pm. Campers may be dropped off between 8:45 am- 9:00 am, and pick-up is between 2:45 pm-3:00 pm. Both drop-off and pick-up will take place on the field. Any late campers should report to the Camp office with a parent or guardian. If a parent wishes to pick up their child early from camp, they should call the camp office beforehand and expect to pick up their child at the camp office.

We encourage parents to take time with their child before camp to discuss the issue of sharing any food with any other camper due to the increase in food allergies.

Hastings Day Camp follows the same policy as Hastings School regarding all health policies.

Below are suggestions and guidelines for what your child should bring to camp:

- A backpack
- A towel
- Snack and Lunch (use your discretion when packing campers' lunch because refrigeration is not available)
- Refillable water bottle
- Bathing suit (campers should come to camp with their bathing suit underneath their clothes to maximize swim time)
- All campers' belongings should be labeled with their full name.
- Children should bring a note signed by a parent regarding any changes to their daily routine, such as pick-up

Below is a list of items that should **not** be brought to camp.

- Pets (parents should refrain from bringing pets during drop off and pick up)
- Jewelry
- Money
- Electronic Devices
- Campers should keep valuable belongings at home. **The camp is not responsible for any lost items at camp.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the recreation department at 478-2380 or via e-mail at Loreilly@hastingsgov.org

Sincerely, Lisa O'Reilly

Beth Conner

Camp Director

Camp Assistant Director

DESCRIPTION OF CAMP:

This full-day camp is open to children entering grades 1st through 6th in September. Drop-off takes place between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Please DO NOT drop off your child earlier than 8:45 a.m.

The camp takes NO responsibility for children dropped off before 8:45 am.

Pick-up takes place between 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm. PLEASE BE ON TIME,

WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILD. Parents who are late will be charged the daily After Camp fee. All children attending the day camp can participate in all camp trips and activities. Activities will include Swimming (Instructional & Free), Arts & Crafts, Sports, Games, Water play, Theme Days, Weekly Trips, and Special Events. The camp is under the direction of Lisa O'Reilly.

CAMP PHILOSOPHY:

The Hastings Camp program provides participants with various activities, each varying depending on the camp. We like to provide participants with experiences and activities which will allow for the development of each camper's growth and maturity and to improve the quality of life through creative and constructive use of leisure time. The Recreation Department believes that every resident should have the opportunity to benefit from our programs. Financial assistance is available to qualifying individuals for more information don't hesitate to get in touch with Superintendent Aaron Podhurst via e-mail at apodhurst@hastingsgov.org or 914-478-2380 The underlying goal of Hastings day camp programs is to provide the children of our community with a safe, healthful, stimulating, and enjoyable summer camp experience.

We will strive to:

- Provide the finest adult and young adult role models for campers to identify with and relate to.
- Provide exciting, fun, and memorable recreational, educational, and social activities for each camper.
- Instill a sense of self-assurance and confidence in each camper using active participation and positive involvement in a variety of leisure-time pursuits.
- Stimulate friendships and break down barriers that tend to isolate children, and inhibit creativity, and u confidence.
- Help each camper acquire new skills and interests as well as provide them with opportunities to improve existing skills.
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Sports: Twice a week, the camper will enjoy playing games such as Soccer, Mat Ball, Bonzi, and much more. All the camper's favorites are played in Physical Education all year.

Arts & Crafts: Twice a week, campers will enjoy making different arts & crafts projects to take home.

Repurpose by design: Twice a week, campers will enjoy returning something old and turning it into something beautiful again.

Riddle Me This: Twice a week, campers will enjoy fun puzzles, brainteasers, and word challenges.

Water games: The camper will have fun in this silly class twice weekly. They will enjoy new water games that they will undoubtedly want to play with friends and family at home. Examples: Duck, Duck, splash frozen t-shirt race -pass the water relay. And so much more.

Free Swim: Campers will enjoy 1 hour of free swimming at The Chemka pool each Day.



***JUST SOME OF THE
SPECIAL EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE AT CAMP!
THROWBACK THURSDAY
PIZZA FRIDAYS!!
EXTRAVAGANZA (EGG HUNT)
FIELD DAY!
ICE-POP BONANZA!!
CAMP BINGO!!!!
EXCITING CAMP TRIPS!!***

CAMP TRIPS 2024



LUNCH AT DAVE & BUSTERS 1ST THRU 6TH

Dave & Buster's dubbed their arcade section "Million Dollar Midway," which is packed wall to wall with interactive games and simulators. Lunch Burgers, Pretzel Dogs, Crispy Chicken Bites with Ranch dressing, Four Cheese Pizza Bites, Fresh Stack of BBQ Potato Chips French Fries Soda, and water.



Sports Time USA

USA Sport time and Life the place to be: merged to make this amazingly fun place of both gaming and rides for kids. All campers will enjoy the afternoon playing running and laughing at this state-of-the-art arcade arena

SWIMMING LEVELS

SWIMMING: All Hillside campers will receive swim lessons from WSI's (Water Safety Instructors) at the Chemka Pool. Lessons will take place in the morning hours. According to the Department of Health, each camper must be assigned a swim classification. Each camper who has not previously attended the Day camp will be tested during the first week of camp to determine their swim classification. Non-Swimmer, Beginner, and Swimmer (Descriptions can be found below). These classifications will be used for swim lesson groups and free swim time.

A Non-Swimmer is a camper who cannot demonstrate to the staff that they can swim from one side of the shallow end to the other end without stopping. Non-Swimmers **MUST** remain with a counselor at a ratio of 1 counselor to 3 non-swimmers. These campers may only swim in the shallow end and must wear a bracelet.

A beginner is a camper who can successfully demonstrate to the staff that they can swim from one end of the shallow end to the other without stopping. Beginners do not have to be accompanied directly by their counselor but must remain in the shallow end of the pool.

Swimmer is a camper, who can successfully demonstrate the ability to swim two laps without stopping in the middle of a lap and can tread water for one minute. When treading water, campers may not touch the wall and must keep their head above water during the minute. These campers are allowed in the deep water and throughout the pool, provided that a counselor is in that area of the pool.

BUDDY CHECKS: We are mandated by the Board of Health to implement a buddy system. This Buddy System is the only way to ascertain the accountability of a swimmer. As mentioned above, each camper is assigned swim ability. Each morning every camper is assigned a buddy with the same swim ability. The pool staff performs a buddy check when the camp group enters the pool and then every 15 minutes thereafter. When the group leaves the pool, a final buddy check is performed before their return to camp. It is the camper's responsibility to report to their counselor if their buddy is missing. These buddies must swim together in the same pool area. If one buddy leaves the pool, the other must leave as well. If a buddy check is done and a camper is missing, the waterfront director will put the "Lost Swimmer Plan" into action.

LUNCH/SNACK

Each camper must bring lunch and snacks labeled with their 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 a cooler.**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:

The Westchester County Health Department requires that all parents be informed that:

- A) The Westchester County Health Department licenses all camps.
- B) Camps are to be inspected at least twice a camp season.
- C) Additional information may be obtained at the Westchester County Health

Further information may be obtained by calling the Recreation Dept. at 478-2380

If your child is diagnosed with lice; the camp policy is to stay out of camp until there are no traces of Nits. The camp follows a NO NIT policy. They will not be able to return to camp until the medical director has cleared them.

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 child **MUST** be signed out in the office by the parent or guardian; therefore, children **MUST** be picked up in the Camp Office.

LOST AND FOUND: The Lost & Found box is located in the 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 thing will be held aside for your child.

BEHAVIOR POLICY: The Hastings Camp Programs uphold our campers' highest standard of behavior. If a child is misbehaving, the following is our Discipline Policy:

1st incident: Child is spoken to and given a 1 - 5 min. Timeout; Incident is brought to the attention of the director. The incident is logged in Daily Log.

2nd incident: Child is spoken to and given a 5 - 10 min. Timeout. Parents are notified of the situation.

3rd incident: The incident is brought to the Senior Recreation Leaders' attention. The senior Recreation Leader will contact the parent. The incident is logged in Daily Log.

4th incident: The child is suspended from camp for 1 day or until the problem is resolved.