



# Summer Day Camp Parent Meeting 2022

Wednesday, May 18th 2022  
6:00pm via Google Meets



# Welcome!

- Welcome and thank you for joining us for the 2022 Summer Camp Parent meeting. We have been very busy preparing for a great summer and we cannot wait to see of the campers!
- Google Meets notes:
  - Please be sure to leave your microphone off. Background noise makes it difficult to hear. If you have any questions, please write them in the chat box. Camp Directors and Assistant Directors will be monitoring the chat box and we will answer all questions at the end. If there are further questions at the end, please email me at [knewton@mppd.org](mailto:knewton@mppd.org)
- Introductions!

# Important Documents on MPPD Website

- Parent Handbook - read in its entirety; waiver at the end is to be acknowledged, does not have to be submitted
- Sample Weekly Camp Schedules
  - Actuals will be posted soon as well as emailed out weekly

# Registration

- Weekly vs. Session format
- Campers DO NOT automatically enroll from one week to the next. You must register for each individual week that you need
- Waitlists-
  - Waitlists are being monitored, if spots become available the Park District will contact you for payment
  - Please refrain from asking camp staff the status of a waitlist. They do not have access to this information.
- Receipts
  - Please be sure to keep your receipts - they are always available on your Webstore account if you need them
- There are NO refunds and/or day switches for missing days of camp

# Refund Policy

- Registration for the month of June closed May 9th
  - This includes any drops or additions / any kind of changes
- Registration or changes to registration will follow the provided schedule below:
  - Week of July 5th-8th - drops/changes accepted until June 20th
  - Week of July 11th-15th - drops/changes accepted until June 27th
  - Week of July 18th-22nd - drops/changes accepted until July 5th
  - Week of July 25th-29th - drops/changes accepted until July 11th
  - Week of August 1st-5th - drops/changes accepted until July 18th

# Camper Daily Checklist

- Personal Backpack
  - Name labeled water bottle
- Healthy lunch & drink; peanut free lunches are encouraged
- Snack (peanut free) - one for late morning and another if enrolled in after care
  - Please educate your child about which food items are for each part of the day
- Sunscreen
  - We recommend spray sunscreen as well as the face stick sunscreen
- Extra set of clothing (especially on water/swim days), hat, sunglasses (optional). Gym shoes daily are preferred
- MPPD is not responsible for lost or stolen items (do not bring valuables; camper phones will not be allowed to be used)

\*\*Please note: The Handbook stated campers need their own personal supplies and masks for the bus. These are no longer required. We will provide supplies such as markers, crayons, scissors, etc., and masks are optional.

# Lunch

- Please send your child to camp with lunch, drink, & utensils each day
  - A phone call will be made home if a camper does not have a lunch
  - We encourage parents to use a delivery option if they are not able to drop off a lunch in an appropriate amount of time
- MPPD does not refrigerate or heat up camper lunches
- Camper lunches should be labeled with first and last names
  - There will be no food sharing allowed
- Camp staff will encourage campers to eat their “main meal” first, followed by the other items in their lunches

# Other Food Items

- Please label / educate your child what to eat at each part of the day
- Morning care participants can bring a morning snack to eat at arrival
- All campers are allowed a late morning snack
- After care participants may also bring an afternoon snack

ALL food must be provided by families. MPPD does not supply lunches, beverages, or snacks. Water fountains are available for use.

On occasion, we will have special snack days. These will be noted on the weekly calendars. If your child has any allergy and/or dietary restrictions, please make sure to let the camp directors know if your camper can/cannot eat the special snack.



# Drop off / Pick up Procedures

- If your child(ren) is enrolled in **Camp Elevate from 7:30am-6:00pm**, please come into RecPlex to drop off and pick up your child(ren) in the **Kids Klub Room**
- If your child(ren) is enrolled in **Camp Summit from 7:30am-6:00pm**, please come into RecPlex to drop off and pick up your child(ren) in the **Kids Klub Room**(this is DIFFERENT than the Parent Handbook)
  - Camp is actually held in the Multi-Purpose Room
- If your child(ren) is enrolled in **Camp Rise, Camp Elevate, or Camp Summit from 9:00am-4:00pm (12:30pm for Camp Rise)** drop off and pick up will be **curbside**.
  - You will receive a colored plaque (indicating which camp your child(ren) is enrolled in) please place this in your windshield
  - Camp directors will be signing in and out campers
- Curbside drop off and pick up will take place at the West Doors of RecPlex
  - Map showed on next slide to show how drop off / pick up will look



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# Drop off /Pick up Procedures Cont...

- Please be sure to bring an ID with you each day! Camp staff will be cross referencing Authorized Pick Up to ID presented
  - Please be patient as camp staff gets to know those authorized
- Authorized individuals should also be available within 15 minutes in case of emergency/illness and campers need to be picked up
- If you are dropping off or are running late to pick up please call the designated room number for your child(rens) camp, or text the cell phone number
  - Campers not picked up by 4:00 will be charged a daily fee
  - Late pick ups after 6:00 PM will be charged \$1/minute
- If there are any changes to your Authorized Pick Up, you must notify the camp staff and/or myself in writing as soon as possible

# Swimming

- Camps will be swimming at Big Surf on Wednesday's each week
  - We will NOT be swimming at Big Surf the first week of camp - we will start swimming on Wednesday, June 8th
- Campers must take a swim test before they are able to enter the pool if they wish to cross the red line
  - Kindergarten and 1st graders cannot take the swim test - they will utilize the "armpit rule", they will not be able to go in the water past their armpits
- Swim tests will be completed with Camp Directors and Pool Managers - they will then receive a wristband based on their swimming abilities
  - Red Wristband (Kindergarten-1st grade) - Cannot go in the water past their armpit
  - Blue Wristband - Campers cannot go past the red line
  - Green Wristband - Campers may go past the red line with or without waves

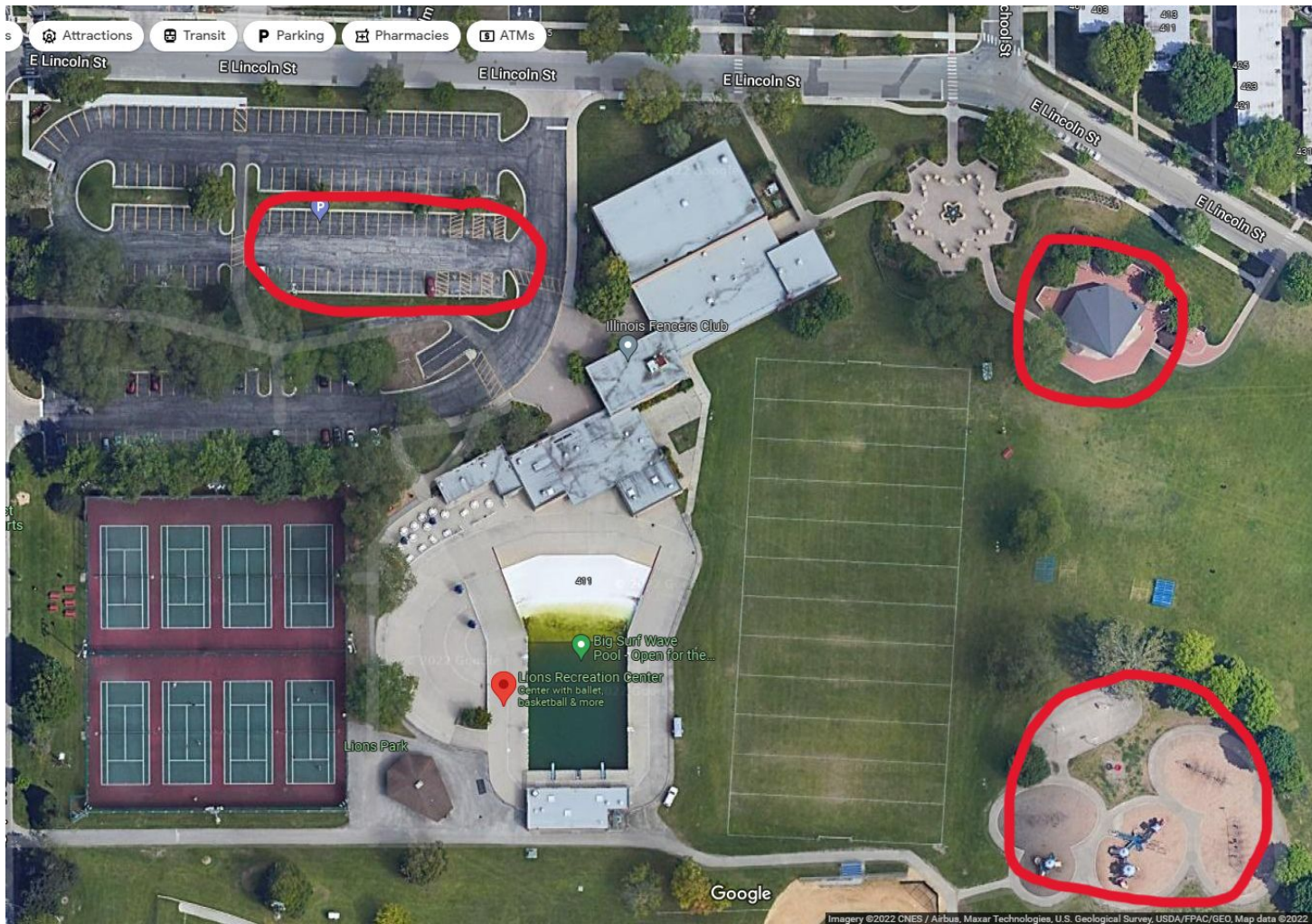
# Swimming Continued...

- Life jackets / puddle jumpers will be issued by MPPD if you indicated that you want your child(ren) to wear a life jacket
  - If you would like to bring your own life jacket, please make sure the inside of the jacket states, "US Coast Guard Approved"
  - Camp staff also has the right to put campers in life jackets based on monitoring their swim abilities
  - To verify your child's life jacket status, please email the Camp Directors directly
- Please send campers with their swimsuits under their clothes, and have a set of all clothing items to change into after swimming
- Rafts will be available for \$5
- There are no concessions at Big Surf this Summer - there will be vending machines in the lobby
  - Please send children with small bills or change as pool staff will not be making change
- Inclement weather
  - Regular camp day at RecPlex
  - Decision will be made the night before or morning of - emails, Remind, and "alert" on homepage of Website
- If your child would prefer not to swim, camp staff will bring limited activities for campers to utilize while there
  - Most of the camp staff will be monitoring the pool

# Swimming Drop off & Pick up

- **Camp Rise**
  - Drop off at Big Surf at 9:00am
  - Swim 10:00am-12:00pm, lunch 12:00pm-12:30pm
  - Pick up at Big Surf / Lions Rec Center / Bandshell (behind pool) @ 12:30pm
- **Camp Elevate**
  - 7:30am drop off regular at RecPlex - campers will be transported to Big Surf by MPPD vehicles
  - 9:00am drop off at Big Surf
  - Swim 10:00a-12:00pm, lunch 12:00pm-12:30pm
  - All campers will be transported back to RecPlex by MPPD vehicles
- **Camp Summit**
  - 7:30am and 9:00am drop off at RecPlex
  - All campers transported to Big Surf by MPPD vehicles - lunch ahead of time, swim 1:00pm-3:00pm
  - 4:00pm pick up at Lions Rec / Bandshell (behind pool)
  - 6:00pm campers transported back to RecPlex via MPPD vehicles
- **Camp Rise and Camp Elevate will have the pool to themselves, Camp Summit may swim with other rental groups**
  - Big Surf is closed to the general public on Wednesdays





# COVID / General Illness

- Do not send your camper to camp if they are not well!
- Other reasons not to send your camper:
  - Waiting on COVID test results - if your child(ren) is getting tested, please notify us immediately, do not wait for the results
  - Exposed to a COVID positive patient
  - Showing any COVID symptoms
  - Testing positive
- There are a series of protocols we follow based on vaccine status, showing symptoms, exposures, etc., so please contact Kristina and/or Kandice and we will ask you a several questions to determine a return date
- Please also report any cases of head lice, pink eye, strep, etc
- We recommend setting up a “sick day” alternative



# Sunscreen

- Please educate your child(ren) the importance of sunscreen and how to apply it themselves
  - Please apply sunscreen to campers prior to dropping off at camp DAILY
- MPPD does not supply sunscreen nor does the staff apply sunscreen to the campers
  - Camp staff can guide campers on where to put sunscreen but cannot physically apply it
- Sharing of sunscreen is not permitted, unless siblings are in the same camp
- We recommend spray sunscreen as well as the face stick sunscreen
- Sunscreen breaks will be embedded into the camp day
- Please check your campers sunscreen periodically throughout the summer to ensure they have enough!

# Field Trips

- Field trips are available this summer at an additional cost
  - Full day camps; \$20
  - Half Day Camp Rise; \$30
- Share field trip schedule
- Registration for field trips will close two weeks prior to each trip
  - Registration for the first field trip to Dolphin Cove on Friday, June 3rd will close this Friday, May 20th at 12:00pm
  - Rainbow Falls & Brookfield Zoo field trips are closed as they are at capacity
- We will be utilizing a yellow school bus, plus MPPD vehicles to transport campers to the field trip and back

# Field Trips Cont...

- The wristband color that your camper received on Wednesday from Big Surf will be the same color that they will have while on the field trip (if it is a waterpark), which will determine what they can and cannot do on field trips as all water parks are different
  - MPPD lifejackets will be brought with on field trips, if you would like to send your own lifejacket with your child you may do so. Campers will be responsible for their own lifejacket
  - All campers will also receive a neon yellow MPPD wristband with our phone number on it
- Campers will be placed in counselor groups based on their swimming abilities/age. They will stay with this group for the entirety of the field trip. This group may be different from their “regular” weekly camp group
- Campers may bring \$10 for concessions while on field trips, however campers will be responsible for their own money
- Campers not enrolled in the field trip will have a regular/water day at RecPlex
  - Not all counselors will be in attendance on each field trip, so groups are subject to change

# Groups / Ratios

- Our ratios range from 1:8 - 1:10
- Campers will be placed in a counselor group each week based on their grade to the best of our ability
  - These groups will be used for daily rotations, activities, etc.
- Our weekly numbers range from 70-90 children each week
  - If it is a week with more campers the assistant directors and directors will have their own group as well

# Allergies / Medication

- You should have indicated when you registered if your camper has any allergies or medications that needs to be taken during camp hours
  - If this needs to be updated please be sure to email me so that we can get the Camp Directors the proper information before the first day of camp
- Any medication (over the counter or prescription) will need to be kept in the possession of the staff in the camp first aid bag
  - This first aid bag travels everywhere with the camp
- There will be a Permission to Dispense form that will need to be filled out before your camper starts camp and will be placed in a Ziploc bag, along with the medication
- If the medication is an Epi-Pen or Inhaler there will be a secondary form that will need to be filled out
- Medication will only be administered on a case by case basis. There are no nurses on site, so we must review each separately to see if it is something Park District staff can assist with

# Swim Lessons / Other RecPlex Programs

- If your child(ren) is enrolled in swim lessons or any other RecPlex programs during camp hours, please email me both receipts (camp and other program) indicating the Program Name, Dates, Times, and Location (must be RecPlex)
- Please keep in mind that a camp staff member will walk your child(ren) to where they need to be, and pick them up when that program is finished but the camp staff will not stay with your child during that program
- These requests will also be reviewed on a case by case basis. Field trip and swim days will be hard to accommodate any outside requests.

# Behavior Management

- Please educate your child(ren) on what appropriate and respectful behavior is for the camp day
  - No bullying, swearing, physical aggression, etc.
- Our goal is to reteach correct behavior
- If an inappropriate behavior warrants it, a written demerit will be filled out
  - Demerits must be signed and returned to the Camp Director before your camper can return to camp
- The demerit system works as follows:
  - Demerit 1 = warning
  - Demerit 2 = one day camp suspension
  - Demerit 3 = immediate dismissal from camp for the remainder of the summer
    - No refunds will be issued
- Think sheets will be used for minor offenses
- Camp staff will communicate with parents about behavior and/or incidents as it occurs
- Please refer to Parent Handbook for more detailed Behavior Management protocols for campers AND parents/guardians

# Day Camp Night

- Day Camp Night will take place Wednesday, July 20th at the bandshell at Lions Park
- We will have games, a bounce house, and special treats
- More information will be provided closer to the date



# Camp Staff Contact Information

- Kandice Newton - Early Childhood & Youth Coordinator
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  - 847-640-1000 x209
- Camp Rise - Director: Taylor
  - [youth2@mppd.org](mailto:youth2@mppd.org)
  - 847-640-1000 x224
- Camp Elevate - Directors: Claire & Billy
  - [youth1@mppd.org](mailto:youth1@mppd.org)
  - 847-640-1000 x226
- Camp Summit - Directors: Annie & Edgar
  - [youth3@mppd.org](mailto:youth3@mppd.org)
  - 847-640-1000 x235
- Travel / Field Trips / Swimming Cell Phone Number
  - 224-355-8672