

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO ARE THE NILES PARK DISTRICT CAMP COUNSELORS?

Niles Park District has selected qualified head counselors and counselors who are friendly, energetic, enthusiastic, and passionate about their position. All camp staff members attend a training session. Training includes how to effectively teach activities, facilitate leadership, and other important items concerning working with children. Counselors are certified in CPR and First Aid.

WHAT IS THE RATIO OF CAMPER TO COUNSELORS?

An average participant-to-staff ratio is 8:1.

REFUND POLICY

- Refunds will not be given for missed days of camp due to illness or absences.
- Once registered, there is a \$5 per day fee to transfer camp days.
- In an effort to provide a safe and adequately supervised program and proper staff-to-camper ratios, please register early. Same day registration will be charged an additional \$10 per camper.
- In order to receive a household credit, minus the \$5 transfer fee, absences must be reported to HLC office on the same day of missed camp day.
- Household credit will not be granted on field trip days for all camps.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR TO CAMP?

It is important that your camper come dressed to play! Comfortable, casual clothing, as well as gym shoes are a necessity. Swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, and any other swimming accessories should be kept in your child's backpack and brought everyday. At the start of camp, label all clothing and accessories. Please wear your camp t-shirt on field trip days!

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD PACK FOR LUNCH?

Children must bring their own lunch and drink to camp everyday. Be sure to put your child's name on their lunch. **NPD is a Peanut-Free Zone.** Please don't send a lunch which contain peanuts, tree nuts, or processed in facilities that use them.

WHAT IS THE CAMPER POOL SAFETY POLICY?

Campers' swim daily weather permitting. The following procedures will be implemented to ensure swimming safety. Each camper will have an aquatic evaluation on their first visit to the pool by the Niles Park District aquatic staff. Color-coded bracelets are distributed daily to designate which area of the swimming pool campers are safe to use. During open swim camp staff is assigned various stations in and around the pool along with lifeguards to ensure the campers water safety.

WHAT IS THE DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURE?

Drop-Off- Children must be signed in and dropped off at their designated camp site **no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the start of camp. If dropped off earlier than 5 minutes before start of camp, a fee will be incurred.** **Pick-Up-** Children must be signed out and picked up by an authorized individual at the camp site. Camp registration forms require the names of individuals who are authorized to pick up your child including parents. Your child will not be released to any person whose names do not appear on the pick-up list. All persons listed on the registration form will be required to present a photo ID until recognized by the staff. Pick-up will be promptly at the end of the camp day. If the authorized pick up person does not arrive on time, a 5 minute grace period will be granted. **If the pick-up person is later than 5 minutes camper will be sent to after camp care and a fee will be incurred.** Daily arrangements for extended care can be made in advance for full day campers at a flat fee per day. Children may not be left unattended in any of our facilities.

WHO SHOULD I NOTIFY IF MY CHILD WILL MISS A DAY OF CAMP?

In the event your child cannot come to camp due to illness, please call the Howard Leisure Center at (847) 967-6633 with any information regarding your child's absence. Niles Park District will notify your child's counselor in the event your child is absent. If any camper has any communicable disease that is reported, such as chicken pox or strep throat, a note will be sent home.

IS THERE SUMMER CAMP THURSDAY, JULY 4?

Camp will **NOT** be held on Thursday, 7/4/19. Please join us at Grennan Heights for the annual Post Parade Celebration on Thursday July 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The day will be packed with games, food, entertainment, and more!

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS?

If your child has special medical needs such as allergies, it is important to indicate so on the Camp Registration Form at the time of registration.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SPECIAL NEEDS?

In compliance with the American Disability Act, please notify us if your child has any special needs by checking the appropriate box on the registration form. Your confidentiality is respected, as always.