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GENERAL INFORMATION

DEAR CAMP PLAYLAND, HATS OFF TO THEE!
FRIENDSHIPS, MEMORIES, FUN-FILLED ACTIVITIES
TRUE & STRONG, UNITED ARE WE
WITH A RAH, RAH, RAH, SIS, BOOM, BAH,
STOMP YOUR FEET, CHA, CHA, CHA
HATS OFF TO CAMP PLAYLAND!

Your child's summer of fun is almost here! To assure a happy experience kindly consider the following:

CAMP DATES AND HOURS – The first day of camp is **MONDAY, June 24th. CAMP WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, July 4TH.** The last day of camp is **FRIDAY, August 16th**. Camp hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Early parent drop off (8:30 am) and late pick up (5:00 pm) are available at no extra charge.

PRE-CAMP VISITS – First time campers are encouraged to visit prior to the first day of camp. Returning campers are welcome, too. **WE WILL GIVE THREE CAMPER ORIENTATION TOURS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND STARTING AT 10:00 AM; 11:00 AM AND 1:00 PM. You may call to schedule a different day and time to visit.**

****FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST IS OUR STAFF ORIENTATION DAY. THE CAMPUS WILL BE CLOSED TO VISITORS.**

PARENT CONTACT AND VISITATION – We encourage you to contact the camp ASAP whenever you have questions, suggestions or concerns. We can solve issues when we know about them. Camp Playland implements a very simple philosophy – camp must be safe, camp must be fun and camp must be instructional. We want every camper to have an enriching experience and feel that this is best attained when parents and the Playland staff work together for the child's benefit. Parents are welcome to visit anytime. The best time to visit is in the morning.

COMMUNICATION – Most of our communication to you is through email. We want to hear from you. We take great pride in "getting it right" Camp Playland is a third generation family business. The Bloom family wants your help in maintaining the absolutely best traditions in camping excellence.

TIPPING POLICY – **CAMP PLAYLAND HAS A NO TIPPING POLICY**.

HEALTH REGULATIONS – A current health form for each camper is required. Health forms must be completed and signed by your pediatrician. Health forms are valid for three years from date of last examination. If we have a current form on file from last summer, we will forward it to this summer. Health forms must be on file *PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD(REN)'S FIRST DAY OF CAMP*. Blank health forms can be found on our website.

MEDICATION **to be dispensed by the camp nurse and/or stored in the nurse's office** must be in the original prescription bottle or box and must be accompanied by a doctor's authorization **signed by both the doctor *and* parent**. This includes Epipens™. "Authorization for the Administration of Medication by Camp Personnel" forms are on our website and must be current within 12 months. This form needs to be returned *only* if the camp is to dispense medication to your child. If you have medicine to be left with the camp nurse, please arrange a time prior to your first day of camp to drop off the medicine. Campers may not carry medication with them.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS – At the recommendation of our camp physician, Camp Playland requires that all campers and staff have received MMR (measles) vaccinations. An immunization record must be on file along with your camper's health form. If a camper is not vaccinated, he/she may not attend camp unless a Medical Exemption Form, which has been notarized and signed by a doctor, is on file in the camp office.

WHAT TO BRING – **A backpack which includes a plastic bag for wet suits, two bathing suits, one towel, sunscreen, and a sweatshirt on chilly days.**

A camper may wear a bathing suit to camp. After the first swim they may change into a dry suit. Campers may not wear a wet suit around camp. After the second swim they will change into underwear and shorts. Campers are encouraged to bring swim goggles. Always pack swim clothes even if the weather is threatening. Please apply sunscreen prior to coming to camp. Counselors will assist campers in reapplying sunscreen after each swim. *Everything your child brings to camp must be **labeled with your camper's name**.* We prohibit electronic devices and cell phones for campers.

CLOTHING – Dress your child according to the weather. Camp is a very physical environment. Children should wear **sneakers and socks** (no sandals, open toed shoes, flip-flops, Crocs™, etc.), **shorts**, **t-shirt**, **sweatshirt** (on cool days) and a **hat or visor**. Camp Playland is not a uniform camp. A complimentary Camp Playland t-shirt and a Camp Playland sweatshirt will be given to each camper during their first week of camp.

RAINY DAYS – As much as possible we follow our regular schedule. If it rains we switch to our rainy day schedule, which includes special indoor activities. **Raincoats and warmer clothing should be worn on rainy days**. Campers will travel around the campgrounds. Always send swim clothes as we often return to our regular schedule when the inclement weather passes.

LOST & FOUND – We will make every effort to return lost clothing or other personal items. Please **label everything** including: towels, shoes, socks, underwear, raingear, goggles, etc. Lost items that are not labeled will be placed on our "Lost & Found Clothes Line". We discourage campers from bringing expensive items or objects of personal value to camp. Items brought to camp can sometimes be lost or broken.

BIRTHDAYS – Campers who celebrate summer birthdays will be recognized on their special day. Parents should not send or bring in snacks or goody bags to celebrate a birthday or any other occasion.

NUTRITION – New for summer 2019 – We have a licensed nutritionist on staff. In addition to helping children make healthy choices campers will have cooking classes every other week.

LUNCH, BEVERAGES & SNACK – Lunch catered by FLIK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DINING will be served to each camper every day. Everyone is provided a beverage at lunch. An afternoon snack is provided daily. Snack may include a choice of ice pops, ice cream, fruit or pretzels. Please communicate with food concerns.

CAMP PLAYLAND IS A "PEANUT / NUT SENSITIVE" ENVIRONMENT – There are children throughout the camp with peanut and nut allergies. Campers and counselors should not bring peanut butter or other peanut/nut products to camp. For everyone's safety and because peanut/nut products are found in so many food items, campers will not be allowed to share food. All food that we provide is peanut and nut free.

TRANSPORTATION – Children will be picked up and delivered by a school bus. Details regarding transportation will be emailed a week or two prior to your child's first day. Just prior to your first day check the website for up-to-date bus routes. Campers should be waiting out at the street for the bus. Help expedite the trip by being early. There will be a bus counselor on the bus. Do not detain the counselor with questions; instead always contact the camp. In the morning, if a camper is not waiting outside, bus counselors are instructed to wait 3 minutes. Please be ready to receive your child at drop off time in the afternoon. The return times are approximate. If there is no adult waiting to receive a camper at drop off, bus counselors have been instructed to keep the child on the bus and continue the route. The bus counselor will contact camp and we will contact you to arrange pick up.

Campers transported daily by parents may be delivered between 9:15 and 9:30 am and be picked up at 4:05 pm. Detailed instructions will be available on the website in June.

If you wish to pick up your child or change your afternoon transportation, the camp office must be notified before 1:30 pm by telephone or email. Due to limited capacity for vehicles we cannot always accommodate a camper riding another vehicle. If you are picking your child up after camp, please come at 4:05 pm or later.

We thank you for your patience with the timing of our buses. Bus routes may change slightly due to traffic and the number of campers enrolled each week. We work hard to ensure all buses are as punctual as possible.

BUS CONDUCT – All Playland buses have seat belts. Campers are required to "buckle up". As this might be a change from what children do on school buses during the school year, it behooves the parent to instruct the children that they must buckle. Due to the danger of choking, as well as the potential risk for children with food allergies, eating or finishing breakfast while on the bus is prohibited. We strongly discourage the use of electronic devices and cell phones on the bus. If your child must bring a hand held electronic game, iPad™ or other toy on the bus, please remind them to keep it in their backpack or to bring it to the office for safe keeping during the camp day. The camp is not responsible for these items if they are lost or broken.

EARLY DROP OFF/LATE PICK UP – Parents may drop off as early as 8:00 am and pick up as late as 5:30 pm. You may do this every day or sometimes. You **MUST** notify us if you are utilizing this option. **In order to have proper bus routes you must let us know by email, note or phone call of any special transportation arrangements.**

EARLY PICK UPS – There is a visitor check in station at the entrance to camp. No camper will be released without permission from the Playland office. Please notify the camp office if you are picking up early. We will make every effort to get your child to you quickly for early pick up, but please allow ample time if you need to have your child to an appointment. Picking up between 3:45 and 4:00 pm can be difficult. If you arrive at this time, you will be asked to wait until after dismissal (4:05 pm).

2:00 pm pick up for "Short Day" campers – Some Pre-K campers will be picked up by parents at 2:00 pm. Parents who have opted for early pick up will drive into camp at 2:00 pm. The campers will be escorted by Playland staff to the pick up person. If the pick-up person is someone other than a parent that person must be listed as an emergency contact.

ATTENDANCE – If your child will be absent or arriving late, **please contact the camp at 203-966-2937 or info@campplayland.com by 8:00 am** so that we may notify the bus counselor.

CAMPER/FAMILY INFORMATION – You may update your contact information, emergency contact information and special notes about your camper through our website, www.campplaylandofnewcanaan.com. Click on "FAMILY LOGIN" (top bar). If you have trouble logging in, please call or e-mail camp.

GROUPING – We often have more than one group for the same age**. If your child wishes to be grouped with a special friend, be sure that you have indicated this to us**. We will do our best to accommodate requests. Group rosters will be posted on the website in June.

SCHEDULES – Group schedules will be posted on the website in June.

PHOTOGRAPHS – A Camp Playland counselor will take many photos every day. These will be posted at **campplayland.smugmug.com**. The password is **summerfun!** (don't forget the exclamation point). You may communicate directly with the camp photographer - photographer@campplayland.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Weekly special events are planned throughout the summer. A calendar of special happenings is posted on our website.

PEDICULOSIS – Head lice is a nuisance but not a medical issue. Please diligently check your camper for head lice before the start of camp. If you find lice, please notify the camp so that we may alert other families to check heads. Any person with head lice will be sent home to be treated with a medicated shampoo.

We are happily looking forward to the first day of camp and to a wonderful summer!!!