



Summer Warm-Up Camp for Preschoolers General Information

Dear Parents:

We are set to **Warm-Up for summer** and we are excited to have your children with us.

Dates and Hours – The first day is Tuesday, May 31st. The last day is Friday, June 17th. Warm-Up hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Parent Communication – Please contact us anytime with questions or concerns. Playland implements a simple philosophy; we provide a safe, fun, warm, loving, nurturing and instructional program for children. We want every child to enjoy a fun and enriching experience. This is best accomplished when parents, counselors and directors work together. If there are alerts or information that will enable us to better serve your child, please be certain to communicate this to us now. Playland has an open door policy. Parents may visit anytime. All visitors must check in at the office for a "Visitor Sticker". No person is allowed on the Playland campus unless they are identified and received by the office.

Health Regulations and Emergency Form – A health form current within twelve months is required. An Emergency Form is also required. These forms may be downloaded from the Playland Nursery School website – www.playlandnurseryschool.com. Forms on file for the current Playland Nursery School year will suffice. **Playland does not provide accident or health insurance.**

Medication – We do not administer medication. If your child has a severe allergy and requires Benadryl™ and/or an Epipen™, you must notify the directors before the start of Summer Warm-Up. Staff may administer these medications only for a child whose parents and physician have provided the prescribed medicine and all required legal documentation.

Clothing – Dress your child according to the weather. Children should wear sneakers and socks, shorts and a t-shirt. A complimentary Summer Warm-Up t-shirt will be given to each child.

What To Bring – Children should bring a beach bag or backpack which includes a plastic bag for wet suit, one bathing suit, one towel, sweatshirt and sunscreen. **Please label everything!** We suggest that children wear a bathing suit under their clothes in the morning and pack underwear and shorts. Children will not wear wet bathing suits around campus.

Our program is "Peanut/Nut Sensitive" – There are children throughout our program with peanut and other nut allergies. All snacks and meals that we provide and cook will be peanut/nut free. Please do not pack foods that contain peanut or nut products for lunch. This includes foods that have been manufactured in a facility that uses nuts and nut oils, including peanuts.

Lunch / Snack – Monday to Thursday, children should bring a nut free lunch in a lunch box or bag clearly labeled with your child's name. **FRIDAY IS "PIZZA DAY"!** Children will not need to bring lunch on Fridays. Campers with dietary restrictions or preferences may bring their lunch (or supplement ours) on Fridays. Lunches are refrigerated. If required, we can microwave a lunch. We will provide a beverage at lunch and a morning snack.

Birthdays – A child whose birthday falls during Summer Warm-Up will be recognized on their special day. Parents should not send in snacks or goody bags to celebrate a birthday or any other occasion.

Rainy Days – As much as possible we will be outdoors. On a rainy day children should wear a raincoat. Always send in swim gear as the weather can be very changeable.

Swimming – Weather permitting children will swim daily in our heated pools. Children should not bring artificial floatation devices; any water wings or bubbles. Children are welcome to bring swim goggles.

Sunscreen – Parents should apply sunscreen in the morning. Pack sunscreen and counselors will reapply the sunscreen after each swim. Please label the sunscreen.

Photos – Candid photos will be taken throughout the day and will be posted on Shutterfly™. A password protected site has been set up. You will receive an email invitation to view the photos after the first day. Photos may be used on our website or in newspapers or other publications. Please notify us in writing if you do not want your picture to be used.

Attendance and Early Pick Up – Please contact the office if your child is absent and/or you wish to pick up early.

Drop-off Procedures – Upon pulling into the Playland campus you will be directed to a "drop off zone". A counselor will be there to open the car door and receive your child. In the morning, you need not leave your vehicle; but you must place the car in Park (P) and/or turn the vehicle off. At dismissal, you will be directed to park and exit your car to receive your camper.

Summer Warm-Up is going to be a wonderful start to the Camp Playland season! Please communicate anytime with questions.

"Uncle" Gary & "Uncle" Steve

The following two pages contain information mandated by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health:

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT POLICY

As mandated by the State of Connecticut Department of Health, Playland staff "will not engage in, nor allow, abusive, neglectful, physical, corporal, humiliating or frightening treatment or punishment, and shall not tie nor bind children and shall not physically restrain children except for the protection and safety of the child and others, using the least restrictive methods, as appropriate."

Supervision at Playland is such that we begin to resolve problems before they become discipline issues. Techniques used to manage behavior are based on developmentally appropriate practices, including positive guidance; redirection and setting clear limits that encourage children to develop self-control, self-discipline and positive self-esteem. Playland staff must never use threats or derogatory remarks. Staff may never withhold or threaten to withhold food as a form of discipline.

Children are encouraged to participate properly. If a child is unable to participate properly at a particular activity we may redirect the child to a different activity. A child might sit and observe the activity until ready to participate properly. Our staff will often use *Peer Problem Solving* to help children resolve concerns or conflicts.

Staff will meet as necessary to develop strategies for difficult behavior issues. The directors will be informed of any recurring and difficult situations. The director will communicate to parents regarding any recurring behavior issues or concerns.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Please call the school directors, Barbara and Gary Bloom or Kathy Lopes, with any questions or concerns. Summer Warm-Up should be a fun and enriching experience for students and their families. The directors will always work to achieve this positive experience.

Questions and concerns that are not resolved by the school directors can be brought to the state licensing agency:

The Child Day Care Licensing Help Desk is covered each day during customary business hours to assist you with general questions concerning the licensing regulations and requirements, the child day care licensing program's policies and procedures, verify staff approval or other general information. The Child Day Care Licensing Complaint Line is covered each day during customary business hours to receive complaints or to review the history of substantiated complaints for a particular licensed provider/facility. Both the Help Desk and Complaint Line may be contacted at the numbers below:

Phone Numbers:

1-800-282-6063

1-860-509-8045

Fax:

1-860-509-7540

1-860-509-7541

Mailing Address:

Connecticut Department of Public Health

Child Day Care Licensing Program

410 Capitol Ave.

MS#12DAC

P.O. Box 340308

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

State law mandates Playland Nursery School to report any evidence or suspicion of child abuse and/or neglect to The State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF). The Hotline number is 1-800-842-2288 and is available on a 24 hours/7 day a week basis. All Playland staff receives training on their role as mandated reporters of abuse and neglect. Staff members who report suspicions of child abuse or neglect are immune from discharge, retaliation or other disciplinary action unless it is proven that the report is malicious.

In the unlikely event that a staff member is accused of child abuse or neglect, the staff member may be relieved of duty or put on leave until the validity of the accusation has been determined. If the Director feels there is validity to the accusation, the staff member will be terminated from our employment. Recommendations will also be considered from DCF and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Day Care Licensing Division.