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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!

GENERAL INFORMATION 2022

CORONAVIRUS – There is nothing more important than the health and safety of your children. We are closely monitoring COVID-19 and will publish summer 2022 protocols in late May. Please look for these in your email.

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

CAMP DATES AND HOURS – Camp will operate Monday, June 27th – Friday, August 12th. Session 1 is Monday, June 27th – Friday, July 22nd. Session 2 is Monday, July 25th – Friday, August 12th. There is no camp on Monday, July 4th.

CAMP HOURS – Camp is 9:30am-4:00pm. We offer a short day option for Pre-K campers with a 2:00pm parent pick-up. Buses arrive to campus between 9:00 and 9:30am and depart at 4:00pm. Early parent drop-off (8:00am) and late pick-up (5:30pm) are available at no extra charge.

PRE-CAMP VISITS / ORIENTATION – First time campers are encouraged to visit prior to the first day of camp. Returning campers are welcome, too. Our campus is open for tours by appointment. Please call or email to schedule a visit.

THE OPEN HOUSE CAMPER ORIENTATION IS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25th FROM 9:00AM-12:00PM. REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

****FRIDAY, JUNE 24th IS OUR STAFF ORIENTATION DAY. THE CAMPUS WILL BE CLOSED TO VISITORS.**

PARENT COMMUNICATION – Communication is through email, text message and phone calls. Our Head Counselors and Directors are available anytime and will provide updates for you. We encourage you to contact the camp ASAP whenever you have questions, suggestions or concerns. We can resolve issues when we know about them. We want to hear from you and take great pride in "getting it right". Camp Playland is a third generation family business, and the Bloom family wants your help in maintaining the absolute best traditions in camping excellence.

PHILOSOPHY – 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 this is best attained when parents and the Playland staff work together for the child's benefit.

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. We accept school health forms. Health forms are valid for three years from the date of the 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.

CAMP NURSE(S) / ILLNESS – We have two nurses at all times in our nurse's office. If campers / counselors are determined by the nurses to have an observable illness, such as constant coughing, stomach issues, respiratory infection or a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit campers / counselors will be sent home.

CLOTHING – Please see a packing list on page 5. 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 backpack, t-shirt and a Camp Playland sweatshirt will be given to each camper during their first week of camp.

RAINY DAYS – We follow our regular schedule as much as possible. In the event of rain, we will switch to our rainy day schedule, which includes special covered activities.

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

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. The lunch and snack menu is on our website. Please communicate any food concerns prior to the start of camp.

CAMP PLAYLAND IS A "PEANUT / NUT SENSITIVE" ENVIRONMENT – Campers and counselors may 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 dropped off by school bus / van. Details regarding transportation will be emailed a few weeks prior to your child's first day. Prior to your first day check the website for up-to-date bus routes. Campers should wait out at the street for the bus. Please help expedite the trip by being early. There will be a bus counselor on every 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 dropped off between 9:00 and 9:30am and be picked up after 4:05pm. Detailed instructions are available on the website.

EARLY DROP-OFF / LATE PICK-UP – Parents may drop-off as early as 8:00am and pick-up as late as 5:30pm. You may do this as needed. Please notify us when you are utilizing this option.

DISMISSAL CHANGES – **If you wish to pick up your child or change your afternoon transportation, the camp office must be notified before 2:00pm by telephone or email.** Due to limited capacity for vehicles, we cannot always accommodate campers riding another vehicle. If you are picking your child up after camp, please come at 4:05pm or later.

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

BUS CONDUCT – All Playland buses have seat belts and campers are required to “buckle up”. As this might be a change from what children do on school buses during the school year, please help us by reminding children 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 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 PICK-UPS – There is a visitor check-in station at the entrance to camp. Please notify the camp office if you are picking up early. No camper will be released without permission from the Playland office. 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 4:00pm 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 2:00pm. 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 – **Please contact the camp office at 203-966-2937 or info@campplayland.com by 8:00am if your child will be absent or is arriving late** 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 email camp.

PARENT VISITATION – Camp Playland is closed to visitors during the camp day. Communication between parents, camp directors, and head counselors will be very fluid. More so than ever we will be responsive to questions and concerns. Parents and Camp Playland will partner to create a healthy, fun and instructional summer for campers and counselors.

GROUPING – Groups are made up of approximately 12-18 campers with 4-6 counselors per group. Campers are grouped by school grade. Groups of campers entering 2nd grade and older are single gender. Groups of campers entering 1st grade and younger are coed. 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 early June.

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

ACTIVITIES / SWIMMING – We are excited to offer all activities this summer! New activities for summer 2022 include Lego Mania, Outdoor Cooking, the Excavation Station, Enhanced Dance and pedal cart racers for our youngest campers! Campers will enjoy free swim and small group swim lessons in our three heated pools. Campers entering 2nd grade and younger swim twice daily. Campers entering 3rd grade and older swim once per day.

SENIOR TRIPS – Rising 7th and 8th graders will leave campus for trips every Thursday. Trips are posted on the Special Events Calendar.

PHOTOGRAPHS – Our camp photographer 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.

STAFF HANDBOOK – We are very proud of our professional, mature and nurturing counselors. We have protocols in place to ensure a safe environment for campers and staff. Our staff handbook is posted alongside the staff roster on the camp website. Please visit this document to learn about Camp Playland's safety procedures.

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

*Get ready for the best summer ever!
Catch the spirit!!!*

Camp Packing List!

Campers should bring a backpack with the following:

- ✓ 1 or 2 bathing suits. Campers entering 2nd grade and younger swim twice a day. Campers entering 3rd grade and older swim once a day.
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Swim goggles
- ✓ Sunscreen (preferably spray and/or stick)
- ✓ Plastic bag for wet suits
- ✓ 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. 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. **We prohibit electronic devices and cell phones for campers.**

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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.

WATER – There are disposable cups and water filling stations all over campus. Campers do not need to bring water bottles to camp. We stop for frequent water breaks and ensure campers are staying hydrated. Every camper is given a bottle of water with lunch.

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.

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