

In 2011, Both HEI through the school district and Kid Zone Camp through the park district, **will be held at Aspen Elementary School** due to remodeling at Middle South. Once Dismissed from HEI– all campers will go directly to the cafeteria for attendance with their counselor followed by lunch. Young campers will be escorted by volunteer high school staff in brightly colored shirts. Field Trip Fridays will be held from 9-3 at SCC– 635 N. Aspen.

Pre-Camp Information: Guardian Letter

Aspen Elementary School: 841 West End Court
Vernon Hills. 60061 847.996.6800. Director cell numbers will be given out once camp begins (Aspen is just 1 block south of Middle South)

Always let the director know with a note when your child(ren) will be absent. Thank you :)

STARTING THE DAY:

Whether your child is in HEI in the mornings or coming from home, we will start each camp day in the cafeteria. HEI students will be released from their class and instructed to go to the cafeteria where other campers can enter from the school's main entrance and go directly into the cafeteria. After checking in for attendance with their counselor, we'll start the camp day by eating lunch! Therefore, each camper will need to bring a labeled sack lunch and drink. Insulated lunch bags are a great idea! Please do not send perishable items as refrigeration is not available. Likewise, we prefer you refrain from sending glass containers with your child. You may choose to send a refillable water bottle with your child as well so (s)he can refill it at the drinking fountain.

DISPENSING OF MEDICATION & FOOD ALLERGY

If your child requires us to dispense medication during camp hours, please fill out the Medication Policy and Waiver Form (Also Allergy) that is available online. Please complete and return to the Sullivan Community Center **no later than two weeks prior to the start of camp.**

PROPER ATTIRE:

Before the first week of camp ends, children will receive one camper shirt for camp.

Proper attire is of great importance. We strongly recommend sending your child in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and tennis shoes (NO Sandals or flip flops). On Fieldtrip Fridays, children must wear their Kid Zone camper shirts.

BAD WEATHER DAYS:

At Aspen, we will have access to the cafeteria, gymnasium, multipurpose room, playground, washrooms and grassy area behind the school. On days of extreme heat and rain, we will make use to the indoor spaces provided.

SUNSCREEN:

You should send sunscreen with your child each day. If your child is not in the HEI program, we recommend you apply sunscreen to your child before camp each morning. On our pool and fieldtrip days, counselors will apply sunscreen when preparing to leave the campsite. Campers 4th-6th grade are responsible for applying their own, staff will help if asked.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS:

We ask the following items not be brought to camp:

Water guns, cell phones, music players, hand-held video game systems, and trading cards, stuffed animals... Campers who bring such items acknowledge VHPD is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged possessions that do not belong at camp. When items get lost or broken it makes for an upsetting experience rather than the happy one we want camp to be. It is a situation we hope to completely avoid. Similarly, if campers bring money, they are responsible for it. Directors and Counselors will not hold money for them.

CAMP GROUPS: Camp groups are formed based off of gender, grade and age of campers. Each group can consist up to 14 children, but usually stops at 12 campers per group. Some groups may be all of one gender some may be mixed. Some groups are all one grade however, if there are not enough kids in a particular grade to fill the group, multiple grades may make up the group. Please don't be discouraged if your child isn't in the same group as all his or her friends. There are PLENTY of times that campers will get the chance to interact with each other everyday – plus they'll get the chance to meet more new friends!

ACCEPTABLE CAMP BEHAVIOR:

We realize some children are permitted to be less restricted in the language they use at home, however, not all homes are as tolerant. Please note that we do not condone inappropriate language at camp. Please have a talk with your child about what language is suitable at camp. Likewise, we ask that you please talk to your child about refraining from name-calling and taunting other campers. These types of behaviors can be classified as bullying and those individuals who partake in such behaviors are in violation of our Participant Conduct Policy and will be dealt with accordingly. VHPD has a removal policy for three strike offenders. If your child believes he/she is being bullied at camp, please bring this to the immediate attention of the Camp Counselor or Camp Director. We want to resolve such situations as soon as possible so they do not perpetuate.



What's Next?

What to expect next?

After this letter the next time you will hear from us will be the week before camp starts. You will receive a postcard with your child's counselor on it.

The Director & Assistant Director provide parents with an online calendar of information as to what to expect for activities each day of the week.

This will be available by the start of camp.

Fieldtrip Fridays:

FIELDTRIPS:

For those enrolled Monday – Friday, your camper will travel to exciting places on Friday. *All campers will be given a camp-shirt the first week of camp and it is required that campers wear it to camp on Friday for the fieldtrip.* It is very important that all of our counselors are able to identify ALL campers, whether the child is in their group or not. Your child will bring home a flyer each week reminding you of the trip.

Campers on fieldtrip Fridays will continue to bring a sack lunch and drink unless otherwise noted on that flyer. At some places, the concession stand does not open until a certain time and this may mean that your child would have to wait to buy their lunch. By bringing their own, they are guaranteed they can eat with the rest of the group. For fieldtrip Fridays, campers will attend camp from 9a.m.-3p.m. at the SCC– Sullivan Community Center. If the

fieldtrip ends before 3:00, camp continues until 3p.m. pick-up.



Privacy & Respect of Staff at Camp

After work staff too go back to their homes, families, friends and other jobs. I ask that you make mutual meeting times that work best for both yourself and a staff member should a particular situation arise. Directors phone is on from 11:30-3:00p.m. only. (9-3 on Fridays) With respect to privacy, we do not divulge information about your camper(s) to anyone outside of the staff that needs to be aware of situations that may arise. In that same respect, we do not divulge personal information about staff to anyone. This includes personnel topics, disciplinary actions, phone numbers, age, educational background or otherwise (unless permitted by individual) . Thank you.

FAC: Family Aquatic Center aka "Pools Days"



POOL TRIPS: Tues & Thursdays

On Tuesdays & Thursdays after lunch, we will go across the street to the Family Aquatic Center for an afternoon of open swimming. All campers will need to wear a swimming suit and bring a towel and sunscreen with them. This is a closely supervised activity as the pool is open to the public. First and Second graders are required to stay with their group and all others

must abide by the buddy system. All campers and staff will be required to wear a wristband (which we provide) to identify them as being from Camp Kid Zone. If your child will be going home with you or another family during swim days, we ask that you please submit a note to the Camp Director or Assistant Director informing them of this. We also encourage you to indicate any parents who might be

doing this on your Transportation Authorization form. If we are unsure, don't be surprised if you receive a phone call to double check.

I.D.s are a must. Please bring your photo I.D. with you should you pick your child up from the pool. We will be carding! You will be able to find the sign-out attendance sheet either with the director or the assistant director.

Very Important! Two Weeks Prior to Camp Deadline. Data Forms

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORMS

These forms are some of the most important forms we file! These forms are copied and distributed to the Director, Asst. Director and Camp Counselor of your child. These forms make us aware of any and all important information we need to know about your child including, who has permission to pick them up, allergies, behavior concerns, fears...

The earlier completed forms arrive, the more organized we can be before camp starts! They can be found on our website. .

Pick-Up Policy & Photo I.D.'s

At 3:00p.m. daily, staff will be waiting outside for you to pick your child up. **We ask that you have a photo I.D upon pick-up.** in hand for at least the first week of camp while counselors familiarize themselves with you. Your child will be with their counselor/assistant counselor. The director or assistant director will be on hand if you need help. Again, please also bring I.D.s to the pool and look for the director or assistant director if you plan on taking your child home from the pool early. If you have a different last name on your I.D. than your child, please make note of this on your information forms. Thank you!





Shane's profile:
Currently Under
Construction

2011 Director: Brittany Greenley

Hello! My name is Brittany Greenley, I'm 24 years old and have graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Art Degree from Columbia College Chicago majoring in photography.

Although I am an only child, I come from a large family-I have 14 1st cousin's and love kids as there is always a little one running around in our family.

I had a blast last year as a camp Assistant Director and Director. It was the first job that I can say I really truly enjoyed and it thus prompted the start my graduate degree in Early Childhood Education!

Something's you might be surprised to know about me is that I was born with a congenital hip dysplasia. I've had multiple surgeries and even donned a couple of body casts. I enjoy movies, crafts, bowling, boating and of course mapping our way through the world's largest corn maze with my friends the last two years.

I look forward to a great third summer with Camp Kid Zone!