

Summer Camp

2011 Session 1 & 2

Location:

847.996.6800 fax. 847.996.6801

Sullivan Community Ctr. 635

N. Aspen. Vernon Hills, 60061



Attendance***

Please, for attendance purposes- **always let your director know when your child will not be at camp** by calling or sending an advanced note. Numbers will be provided once camp starts. Prior to that, please contact 847.996.6800– SCC.

If you have any questions regarding the topics below - we're only a phone call away! 847.996.6800

CAMP GROUPS:

Camp groups are formed based off of grade and age of the camper. 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 make new

DISPENSING OF MEDICATION

&

FOOD ALLERGY

POLICY/WAIVER Forms

If your child requires us to dispense medication during camp hours, please fill out **Medical Waiver &/or Allergy Form(s)** online. Forms must be submitted **two weeks** prior to the start of camp each session.

PROPER ATTIRE:

Before the first week of camp ends, children will receive one camper shirt. Proper attire is of great importance. We strongly recommend sending your child dressed in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and tennis shoes (NO Sandals or flip flops). During fieldtrips, children must wear their camper shirts.

BAD WEATHER DAYS:

Camp: On days of extreme heat and rain, we will limit our outdoor activities and stay inside.

Scheduled Pool Days : 10 times a session Road Trip attends the FAC for recreational swimming. Our rule is, if the pool is open, we go! We do not separate campers on pool days. Campers are not forced to swim, but again, every-

SUNSCREEN:

You should send sunscreen with your child each day. On our pool and water park fieldtrip days, campers and counselors will apply sunscreen when preparing to leave the campsite. Campers 5th-8th grade are responsible for applying their own, staff will help if asked.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS:

The following items **should not be brought to camp**: Cell phones, water guns, music players, hand-held video game systems, trading cards and 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 campers during regular days, pool days or fieldtrips.

LUNCHES:

After checking in for attendance with their Counselor/Director, campers start the day with fun activities! Lunch will depend on the activity at play, however campers can expect to eat between 11:30-12:30 time range. Each camper will need to bring a **labeled sack lunch and drink**.

Insulated lunch bags are a great idea! Please no perishable items as refrigeration is not available. 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. **Please See Page 2 for details on Culvers Lunch Program.**

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 or behavior at camp. Please have a talk with your child about what language is suitable at camp. 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 with no refund..

If he/she is being bullied at camp, please bring this to the immediate attention of the Camp Counselor or Director. We want to resolve such situations as





Meet the Director...

Picture Coming Soon!

Nicole Graziano: 2011 Road Trip Camp Director

Hi Everyone!

My name is Nicole Graziano and I am looking forward to being the director of the Road Trip camp this summer. I have been a part of VHPD since I was a freshman in college.

I began working for the VHPD as a counselor for the EEE camp when it first began. I then spent a summer with The Crew. I unfortunately needed to take a year off to fit some summer classes in to graduate in 4 years, but it was well worth it. Now I am graduated and I am returning to be a director. I am really looking forward to getting to know the kids and staff.

I am now graduated as of May 2011 from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and ready to begin my career as a teacher. I had the opportunity to student teach with both 7th grade students and 3rd grade students. I loved my experience with older students and I really enjoy the age group. I would be happy teaching middle school or elementary...all ages have great things about them J. I have lots of energy and I'm ready to get the summer started!

In my free time you can find me hanging out with my family and friends. I have 2 lovely parents and a younger brother who is 19. We love going to see the Chicago White Sox play; we are die-hard fans. If I'm not home, I am most likely at the barn. I absolutely love horseback riding, and I will be helping break 2 horses this summer. The barn is my second home! Other than that, I enjoy staying fit and healthy, and I like to travel.

I am looking forward to a great summer with many fun activities!

Nicole Graziano

What's Next?

What to expect next?

After reading this letter the next time you will hear from us will be the week before camp, you will then receive a post-card which will include your child's bus route intersection and times (if you take the bus) and your child's counselor.

Pick-up Policy.

At 3:00p.m. daily, staff will be waiting outside for you to pick up your child up if they do not take the bus. We ask that you exit your car with a photo I.D. in hand for at least the first week of camp while Counselors familiarize themselves with you. Please do the same if you pick your child up from the pool.

Swim Days Culvers Lunch Program: Wednesday & Fridays

If you paid \$40 for the camp lunch program, Directors on the swim days will have a roster of pre-registered lunch special participants and will call in to Culvers with the campers order that morning. This is a pre-registered only lunch option! Campers not enrolled will bring their sack lunches to the pool to eat with everyone as a camp. It's not too late to enroll in the lunch special! Please see page 16 of the Summer Planner.

Privacy & Respect of Staff at Camp

After work staff too go home to their families, friends and other jobs and responsibilities/obligations. We ask that you make mutual meeting times that work best for both yourself and a staff member should a particular situation arise. Directors phone availability is 9:00-3:00 M-F Only unless otherwise discussed. 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 my staff to anyone. This includes personnel topics, disciplinary actions, phone numbers, age, educational background or otherwise. Thank you in advance for your cooperation .

FAC: Family Aquatic Center aka "Pools Days"

On Wednesdays and Fridays (plus misc.) we will go across the street to the FAC for an afternoon of lunch & open swimming. All campers will need to wear a swimming suit and bring a towel and sunscreen with them. Campers are identified in each camp by a colored wrist band. This is a closely supervised activity as the pool is open to the public. 5th & 6th are required to follow the triple buddy system, 7th& 8th graders the double buddy system. 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 assigned Counselor making us aware of this, we will card! We 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. Also, make us aware if you and your child(ren) have a different last name.

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

Very Important! 2 Week Before Camp Deadline. Camper Data Forms

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORMS aka- Camper Data Forms

These forms are some of the most important! These forms are copied and distributed to the 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, medications...

The earlier completed forms arrive, the more organized we can be before camp starts! They are posted online for print.

www.vhparkdistrict.org / Programs/ Summer Camp- right side of page on top.