

Summer Camp
June 13– Aug 5

Pre-Camp Information: Sports Camp Guardian Letter

Vernon Hills Park District

Attendance***, please always let the director know when your child will not be at camp via a note or phone call.

Numbers will be given out when camp begins, prior to that– please call 847.966.6800– The SCC front desk

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 friends!

DISPENSING OF MEDICATION

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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. The bus will transport Sports Camp to the Sullivan Community Center.

Pool Days : Twice a week almost every camp at VHPD attend 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, everyone in attendance does go.

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 4th-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 soon as possible.



What's Next?

What to expect next?

One week prior to the start of camp you will receive a postcard with your child's counselor on it. This post card will also include the bus stop location and times for pick-up and drop-off if you registered before May 1st.

Pick-up Policy.

At 3:00p.m. daily, staff will be waiting outside for you to pick 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 Day(s) Lunch Program: Culvers

If you paid \$40 for the Culvers lunch program, you will **not be receiving a Voucher Book** as originally stated on page 14 of our Summer Planner. Rather, Directors on the swim days will have a roster of pre-registered lunch special participants and will call in to Backyard Grille 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!

Privacy & Respect of Staff at Camp

After work staff too go home to their families, friends and other jobs and responsibilities/obligations. 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 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, I 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"

POOL DAYS: Tuesdays & Fridays

On Tuesdays and Fridays we will go across the street to the Family Aquatic Center 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.

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Meet the Director...



Brandon Kujawa: 2011 Sports Camp Director

Hello! My name is Brandon Kujawa, and I am excited to spend time with your camper this summer! I am currently a graduate of Eastern Illinois University majoring in English/Secondary Education. I am currently finishing my student teaching and have spent many hours observing at the local high schools near EIU as well as Mundelein High School. I grew up in Mundelein; played Baseball, Football and Wrestling, and I graduated high school in 2007. In my free time, I enjoy reading, playing music, and spending as much time outdoors as much as possible (weather permitting). I enjoy extreme sports such as paintball, wakeboarding and skateboarding. Being active outside has always been important to me and I am excited to spend time playing sports and other games to develop team and leadership skills, build athletic skills, and overall have a great camp experience with your child this summer! 2011 will be my second year at VHPD as camp director.