**Summer 2017**

**Dear S.O.S. Camp Parents and Guardians,**

**Hello and welcome to Vernon Hills Park District’s S.O.S. Camp!**

**Your camper can look forward to a fun filled and adventurous experience this summer!**

**Service projects, games, group activities and swimming await your camper(s) along with some fantastic field trips!**

**We are looking forward to meeting everybody and having a great summer!**

**About S.O.S. Camp**

**Camp Days**

SOS Camp‘s home base is at the Sullivan Center in **Meeting Room A**.

Camp runs from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Session I: Monday, June 12 through Friday, July 7, 2017 (no camp on July 4th)

Session II: Monday, July 10 through Friday, August 4, 2017

**New this summer!**

**CampDoc.com**

This year the Vernon Hills Park District has partnered together with CampDoc.com to make it easier to fill out the Data Forms. CampDoc.com is an electronic health record system for camps. It is an easy-to-use web-based solution that helps camps manage Data Forms and their information such as medications/allergies throughout the summer.

The security, confidentiality and privacy of your camper’s personal health information will always be protected. Only your camp’s Site Director has access to camper health information, and the CampDoc.com site is secure, encrypted and password protected.

You will receive a “Welcome E-mail” from CampDoc.com with information about how to complete your camper’s health information

**Camp Swim Tests**

The Vernon Hills Park District is offering two camp swim test days prior to camp. Parents are encouraged to attend one of them to get their camper/s tested before the first day of camp. Campers who do not attend the swim test days will be tested on their first camp pool day.

**Friday, June 9th, 2017: 2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Saturday, June 10th, 2017: 9:00am – 11:00am**

**Drop Off & Pick Up**

Please note that the earliest time to drop-off is 8:50AM (unless otherwise noted due to an early departure for a service project or field trip). Pick-up is at 3:oo PM.

**Lunch Time**

Your camper will need to bring a sack lunch and drink. We do not have access to a microwave nor do we have refrigerator space. We also recommend sending a little extra snack to hold them until lunch. Also, please provide your camper with a water bottle to use every day.

Pool Days Lunch Program: If you registered for the camp lunch option, our camp director will ask pre-registered lunch participants their menu choice and will inform the concession staff of our orders. This is a pre-registered only lunch option. Campers not enrolled will bring their sack lunches to the pool as usual.

It is not too late to add the lunch program option for your camper!

Bo-Bo’s of Vernon Hills is the provider at our concession stand this summer. Please contact the front desk at 847-996-6800 for more information or how to register. If the weather does not cooperate on pool days and we aren’t able to go to the pool, lunches will be delivered to our camp site.

**Proper Attire**
Proper attire is very important. Please send your camper in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and tennis shoes (please, NO sandals, flip-flops, etc.). Please also send sunscreen and a water bottle with your camper every day since we are outside a lot. If we plan to do water activities on days other than our pool days, we will send home a reminder for campers to bring a swimsuit and towel. Please mark all of your child(ren)’s belongings (water bottle, backpack, lunch bags, clothes, etc.) with their name. In the event an item does get left behind at camp, we will have a lost and found box at camp.

**Field Trips and Service Projects**

We will embark on a field trip every Friday and on Tuesdays and Thursdays we will be doing our Service Projects (please see our website for a complete list of field trips and Service Projects included in our summer calendar).

Camp T-shirts, which your child will receive on the first day of camp, must be worn on field trip days. It is very important that our counselors are able to identify ALL CAMPERS, whether the camper is in their group or not.

We urge that campers DO NOT bring possessions of any type of value to camp. When items are lost or broken, it makes the experience upsetting to the camper rather than fun. It is a situation we hope to completely avoid.

Should your camper(s) bring money, he/she is responsible for it. Counselors will not hold money for campers.

Campers will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle to all fieldtrips, unless otherwise noted. Most places have concession stands to purchase lunches and snacks if you desire. However, we have, on occasion, run into situations where the concession stands do not open up until a certain time. Your child may have to wait to purchase their lunch and then might not be able to eat at the same time as their fellow campers.

**Inclement weather**
Since SOS Camp’s home base is already at the Sullivan Center, all rain and extreme weather activities will take place in meeting room A.

CAMP WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!

**Pool Days**
Our pool days are traditionally on Monday and Wednesday. However, due to scheduling there may be a day where our pool days shift. Please check the calendar on the website for more details.

We will be swimming from 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM at the Vernon Hills Family Aquatic Center. There will be lifeguards on duty during this time. We ask that you send your camper with a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen on those days.

**Please note:**\*Our camp staff must have a note from the camper’s parent/guardian in order to allow them to get a ride home with a person not listed on the emergency/transportation pick up information

\*We ask that personal items including cell phones NOT be brought to camp.

**Meet the SOS Camp Site Director:**
‘Hello, my name is Donna Brosmith and I am the HAP North Site Supervisor and this summer

I will be the SOS Camp Director!

Previous to working in the HAP program, I taught kindergarten Enrichment for the past 17 years.

Last summer I worked at SOS camp and I am very happy to be returning as the Camp Director!

We have lots of fun trips and projects planned for the summer!

I am looking forward to meeting both campers and parents very soon!’

**Questions**Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (847) 996-6805

or you can e-mail me at annas@vhparkdistrict.org.

We are looking forward to a great summer!

Sincerely,

Anna Swain

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