

Vernon Hills Park District
Camp Firefly M-Th 9:15-11:45 am
Camp Starfish M-Th 12:30-3:30 pm
Lil Rascals Camp M-F 9:15 am -2:15 pm
2017 Parent Information

CAMP STAFF

Holly Weber is the Director of all three of our Tot Camps. This is Miss Holly's 24th summer as Camp Director. Our counselors are at least 17 years old and either college students or going into college this Fall. Assistant Counselors are 15-18 years old. CIT's (Counselors in Training) are students going into 9th or 10th grade in the Fall, who are signed up to learn how to be a counselor in the future. In addition to learning from us, we are very happy to have them at camp for their extra hands, extra eyes and enthusiasm!

CAMP GROUPS

Camp Firefly- 10-12 campers with 1 counselor, 1 assistant counselor and a CIT

Camp Starfish and Lil Rascals Camp-12-14 campers with 1 counselor, 1 assistant counselor and a CIT

CAMP SHIRTS-All camps

Each child will receive a T-shirt the first week of each camp session. If a child is signed up for more than 1-2 week session, they will receive another shirt after 4 weeks of camp, not every 2 weeks. Please make sure your child's name is marked somewhere on their shirt. Some of the crafts may be a little messy, we ask that the children wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Wearing their camp shirt as often as possible is a great solution to the problem of getting good clothes dirty!

SNACKS-All camps

Parents will sign up for snacks on the first day of camp. Please make sure you sign up for a snack day for your child's group. When it is your snack day, please bring a snack, drink, napkins and cups.

CAMP FIREFLY 10-12 CHILDREN PER GROUP

CAMP STARFISH and LIL RASCALS CAMP 12-14 CHILDREN PER GROUP

Please check with your child's counselor on the exact group number to ensure every child receives a snack. It is a good idea to send some extras, in case of an accident. Freezer and refrigerator space is available.

On your child's snack day they may also bring a show and tell item.

***PLEASE REMEMBER-EVERYONE BRINGS THEIR OWN SNACK ON THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP!**

If for some reason you will not be able to bring the snack on your scheduled day, please either contact another family in your group on your own or call us so we can make other arrangements. The office number here is 847-996-6808.

BIRTHDAYS-All camps

Birthdays are special!! If your child has a birthday during camp, please let us know in advance so we may celebrate it properly. (You may want to sign up for snack on that day).

RAINY DAYS-All camps

CAMP WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE. We use the Sullivan Center Preschool rooms, patio and outside grass area. If it's raining we stay in the Sullivan Center.

DROP OFF-All camps

Children are to be walked into the Sullivan Community Center. There are no curb side drop offs. Parents must wait with their child until camp begins. We will begin our day in the Preschool wing. The wing has security doors. We will send an e-mail with the security code which you will need to share with all the people you authorize to transport your child to/from camp about 1 week before camp begins. When it is time for our camp day to begin, we will open our classroom doors.

PICK UP-All camps

Parents are asked to meet in the preschool wing 2-3 minutes before camp ends for an overview of your child's day. Please arrange early pick ups at drop off time so your child's counselor will have ample notice and be prepared. If you are involved in a carpool where the children are in different groups, feel free to walk from group to group, as each child will stay with their counselor until they are picked up.

LOST & FOUND-All camps

Please feel free to ask to check the lost and found area for our tot camps.

SPECIAL REQUESTS-All camps

Please DO NOT send your child to camp with the following items:

1. Jewelry of any kind except pierced earrings with posts, that are not dangling.
2. Frilly bows or other hair accessories. It has been our experience that they won't keep them in their hair and they are easily lost outdoors.
3. Toys of any kind, unless it is your child's snack day and then as a show and tell item.
4. Do not dress your child in their best play clothes. Camp is MESSY, please dress accordingly.

This list may seem a little strict to you, but it is in the best interest of the children to achieve the maximum in fun! We all know that a lost personal possession can be very upsetting to any child. Please DO let them bring the following items **each day**:

1. Sunglasses, visors, hats (with their name on them)
2. Extra clothes (with their name on them)
3. Sunscreen (with their name on it). Please put sunscreen on your child before they get to camp. Bring extra sunscreen from home if re-application is necessary.
4. Swimsuit and towel (with their name on them). We have wading pools and lots of water activities planned for those HOT SUMMER DAYS! Children must wear their bathing suit to camp under their clothes. **Children will not change in and out of wet clothes during the camp day.** Also, just a reminder, CAMPERS MUST BE TOILET TRAINED, NO DIAPERS OR PULL UPS ARE ALLOWED AT CAMP)

For Lil Rascals Camp Only:

Please send your child to camp with their swimsuit under their clothes each day. 2 of our camp groups (you will find out which group your child is in on the 1st day of camp) will go over to the Aquatic Center on M & W from 9:30-10:30 am and the other 2 groups will go over on T & Th. Each day, (weather permitting) the children will participate in water activities right here at the Sullivan Center, in our small wading pools, sprinklers, etc. Lil Rascals campers will change in and out of their wet clothes during their camp day (9:15 am-2:15 pm).

Swimming at the Vernon Hills Aquatic Center: we will be walking across the driveway to take our Lil Rascals campers to the pool. We will use only the smaller pool located closest to Aspen Drive . We will only swim in the area up to the blue line (2 ½ feet) on the bottom of the pool. Our counselors, assistants and CIT's will be in the water with the children and lifeguard staff will also be on duty. There are Coast Guard approved life vests available for us to use at the Aquatic Center. We will NOT go on the water slides, lazy river or even the larger pool.

Lil Rascals campers also need to bring a lunch/drink to camp each day. Lunches will not be refrigerated so feel free to send their lunch in insulated lunch bags, ice packs etc.

Important Forms for All Tot Camps

New this year: 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 that contain important information about your child- such as contact information, emergency information and health information.

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.

- Click the link in this email to set a new password for your CampDoc.com account.
- Follow the instructions, and complete the health history for your camper. Alerts will appear for any missing required information.
- You may return to your CampDoc.com at any time to make changes/updates to your camper's health information before camp begins.

Please set register@campdoc.com as a 'safe sender,' to avoid accidental delivery to junk and spam folders.

Looking forward to a fun-filled Summer. Call me at 847-996-6808 or e-mail to gailh@vhparkdistrict.org, if you have questions.

Thank You
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