

Summer 2018

Dear S.O.S. Camp Parents and Guardians,
Welcome to Vernon Hills Park District's S.O.S. Camp- Summer Of Service!
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!

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

Session 1: Monday, 6/11 through Friday, 7/6 (no camp on July 4th)

Session 2: Monday, 7/9 through Friday, 8/3

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

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 8th: 4-6pm

Saturday, June 9th: 9-11am

Camp Forms:

All camp forms, such as Camp Data, Food Allergy Care Plan, Medication Form and Walking/Biking Waiver will be available online. The Camp Data Form can be submitted online.

Medical related forms and their medicines and waivers need to be turned in to the Site Directors in person on the first day of camp.

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 3:00 pm.

Every camper has to be signed in and out by a parent/guardian.

If your camper is walking or biking to and from camp, please fill out our Summer Camp Walking/Biking Waiver. Campers, who are walking and biking to and from camp, have to sign themselves in and out each camp day.

Absences

In case your child is unable to attend camp, please call the Camp Site Director before the start of the camp day. Unless the Camp Site Director has been notified that a camper will be absent, they are required to call about any camper that is absent at the beginning of each camp day.

Lunch Time

Please pack a sack lunch and drink for your camper every day (unless it is a pool day and they are signed up for the Camp Lunch Option).

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 Site 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.

Bo-Bo's of Vernon Hills is the provider at our concession stand this summer. 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.

Field Trips and Service Projects

We will embark on a field trip every Monday 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.

Personal Items

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.

Cell phones and other electronic devices (such as iPods, iPads, etc.) usage are not allowed during camp hours.

If you need to get a hold of your camper/s, please contact the Camp Site Director.

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

CAMP WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!

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

However, games and group activities will be held outdoors. We will be utilizing the grassy area by the Skate Park.

Pool Days

Our pool days are traditionally on Wednesdays and Fridays. 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 during the school year.

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 this year!

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

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

Important Phone Numbers

Anna Swain, Recreation Supervisor,

847-996-6805, annas@vhparkdistrict.org

Sullivan Community Center

847-996-6800

Camp Site Director Phone Numbers will be available on the first day of camp, Monday, June 11th.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

We are looking forward to a great summer!

Sincerely,

Anna Swain

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