Hello and welcome to Last Blast Day Camp! Held M-F, during the weeks of August 5-9 and August 12-16 from 8 am – 4 pm in the Community Room at the Sullivan Community Center, 635 Aspen Drive. Sign up for 1 or 2 weeks. Before and after care is offered for both weeks also. 6:30-8 am and 4-6 pm. Sign up for 1 or 2 weeks.

**Lunch Time:**
Your camper(s) will need to bring a labeled sack lunch and drink. Insulated lunch bags are a great idea, especially when we go on our field trips. It is a good idea to send an extra snack or 2 each day also. In addition, there are vending machines at the Sullivan Center and we allow campers 1 visit per day maximum. Please do not send them with anything larger than $1 bills, the front desk does not have change. Also, please provide your camper with a reusable cup, container, or water bottle to use every day.

**Proper Attire:**
Proper attire is of great importance. We strongly recommend sending your camper in comfortable clothing and tennis shoes (no sandals, flip-flops, cleats) On swim days please send your child with a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen. Please mark all of your child(ren)’s belongings (water bottle, backpack, lunch bags, clothes, etc.) with their name.
On Field Trip days, campers must wear their Park District camp t-shirt. There is a lost and found available at camp.

**Sunscreen:**
We suggest that you apply sunscreen to your child each day before they come to camp. We will be both inside and outside at the Sullivan Center each day. Counselors will remind campers to apply sunscreen regularly and will help to apply sunscreen to their face, shoulders and back, otherwise campers are responsible for applying their own sunscreen.

**Field Trips:**
Campers are required to wear their camp T-shirts. T-shirts will be given out the 1st day of camp, for those who have not attending camp prior to Last Blast. It is very important that our counselors are able to identify ALL CAMPERS, whether the camper is in their group or not. On field trip days especially, we urge that campers DO NOT bring possessions of any type of value. Too many times things have been lost, making the experience upsetting to the camper rather than fun. It is a situation we hope to completely avoid.

**Should your child(ren) bring money, he/she, must be responsible for it. Counselors will not hold money for campers.**
On field trip days, campers still need to bring a sack lunch and drink. (Insulated lunch bags work great!) Most places have concession stands to purchase lunches and snacks, if desired. We have on occasion, run into situations where the concession stands do not open until a certain time. Your child may have to wait to purchase their lunch. For this reason we recommend you send a sack lunch. This way your child will be able to eat at the same time as their fellow campers.

**Pool Trips:**
We will be going to the Vernon Hills Aquatic Center on Monday 8/5, Wednesday 8/7 and Friday 8/9, in the morning before lunch for recreational swim the 1st week of Last Blast. This is a closely, supervised event, by our staff as well as the lifeguards. All campers will
be given a swim test (they will not have to be re-tested if they were in other sessions of Park District camps and have already been tested), on their first day of swimming. We ask that you send your camper(s) with a swimsuit, towel and sunscreen.

On Tuesday, August 13, weather permitting we will be going to the Wheeling Water Park.

**Camp Forms**
All necessary camp forms such as Camper Data form, Walking/Biking Waiver, Food Allergy Care Plan, and Medication Forms can be found online at vhparkdistrict.org. The Camper Data Form can be submitted online or handed to the camp director on the first day of camp. If your child has been in camp this Summer and you have already filled out a data form we will get the form from the previous camp directors and you will not need to fill out another. Medical related forms and any necessary medication need to be handed to the camp director on the first day of camp.

**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 their data form.
*There is absolutely no early drop-offs or late pick-ups allowed! We offer extended care for parents who need their child to be cared for before and after camp (6:30-8 am and 4-6 pm)
*Campers are responsible for any money or personal belongings. Electronic devices are not allowed at camp.
*Camp T-shirts will be handed out on the first day of camp.

**Camp Groups:**
Groups will be based purely on ages since this camp is for 1st through 8th graders. Camp is a great opportunity for making new friends!

**Meet the Director:** Hello, My name is Savannah Robinson and I am beyond excited to direct Last Blast Camp this year. I am returning for my second year directing this camp and the counselors and I have so many ideas to make these 2 weeks fun and entertaining, I am looking forward to meeting all the campers this year and making our time together a real last blast before the school year starts!

**Important Phone Numbers:**
Camp Director: Savannah Robinson’s cell #773-951-9700. Savannah should be your primary contact between the hours of 8 am-4pm. Beginning on Monday, August 5. Please do not call in the evening or on the weekend.

Gail Herrmann (Camp Supervisor), my office is at the Sullivan Center. I can be reached at 847-996-6808 or gailh@vhparkdistrict.org. I have voice mail and also check my e-mail frequently.

Sullivan Center Front Desk: 847-996-6800
Should you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at the office at 847-996-6808. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Gail Herrmann
Early Childhood Supervisor