# Pathfinders Camp



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Vernon Hills Park District's <u>Pathfinders Camp!</u>
Join us at Pathfinders Camp and enjoy a summer full of excitement!

Camp Director: Mr. Steven Weiner, email and phone number still TBD

Camp Counselors: Mr. Matthew, Mr. Mason, Ms. Nitya, Ms. Nidhi, Mr. Ethan, Ms. Olivia (TThF)

#### **Welcome from the Site Director:**

Hi! My name is Steven Weiner and this is my first summer with the Vernon Hills Park District! I just finished my senior year at Illinois State University on my way to becoming an elementary school teacher. I have several years experience as a Camp Counselor and Youth Soccer Coach. In my free time, I love watching sports (especially the Cubs and Bears) and spending time with my family's new puppy! I am super excited for the summer!

## **Location, Drop Off & Pick Up**

Drop Off and pick up for Pathfinders Camp will be at Hawthorn Middle School North, located at 201 Hawthorn Parkway, Vernon Hills, II 60061.

Please note that the earliest time to drop-off is 8:00am. Pick up will be available starting 2:45 pm.

Drop off and pick up will be on the west side of Hawthorn Middle School North. Please pull into the parking lot of Hawthorn Elementary North and drive around to Hawthorn Middle School North.



### **EXCEPTION FOR PICK-UP:**

On pool days, pick up of all campers will be in front of the pool.

### 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

Children enrolled in <u>Extended Care</u> will be walked/transported to Extended Care at the Sullivan Community Center after Camp.

#### Camp Days:

Camp runs from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

There will be no camp on Thursday, July 3 and Friday, July 4.

We will be spending our time outdoors at Peterson Park.

We will be walking to the Turtle Creek Waterpark twice a week this summer!

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#### **ePact Network for Camp Forms:**

All camp forms such as Camp Data Forms including emergency contacts and authorized pick up, Food Allergy Care Plan, Medication Form and Walking/Biking Waiver need to be completed online via ePact.

After registering, families will receive an email from ePact to set up or reconfirm their child's account.

Please make sure to complete and submit all necessary forms through ePact before the first day of camp.

#### **Absences**

In case your child is absent from camp, please call the Camp Site Director before the start of the camp day. For the safety of the children, please notify us anytime your child will not be at camp. Camp staff is directed to contact you if you do not report an absence.

# **Lunch Time**

Please pack a lunch and several snacks for your child every day. Please pack snack & lunches in insulated, reusable lunch boxes since we do not have a refrigerator at camp.

#### Water bottles:

Please provide your camper with a water bottle to use every day.

#### **Proper Attire**

Please send your camper in comfortable, weather appropriate clothing and tennis shoes (please, NO sandals, flip-flops, except on pool days). Please also send sunscreen with your camper every day, since we are outside daily. Please apply sunscreen <u>before</u> camp. Campers will have opportunities to reapply sunscreen (provided by the parent/guardian) by themselves throughout the day. If assistance is needed, staff may spray a child with spray-on sunscreen provided by the parent/guardian; however, they will not be able to assist in rubbing it in. Hats and sunglasses provide additional protection from the sun. Please mark all of your child's belongings (water bottle, backpack, clothes, etc.) with their name.

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

In addition, electronics and cell phones are not allowed to be used at camp at all! Should you need to get a hold of your camper and/or should your camper need to get a hold of you, please contact the Camp Site Director.

#### **Inclement weather**

In the event of inclement weather and/or extreme heat, we have indoor space available at Hawthorn Elementary North.

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

We are looking forward to a great summer!

Kindly,

Anna Swain