WELCOME TO SUMMER 2024 BARRETT ADVENTURE CAMP



Welcome Newsletter

June 24, 2024 - First Day of Camp

STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM 2024

We are excited to have you as a part of the 2024 Stamford Summer Recreation Experience!

RECREATION STAFF:

<u>Director</u> Patricia Moore

Director of Parks & Recreation

Kevin Murray

Asst. Superintendent of Recreation Scott
Kassouf

Recreation Supervisor Dante Statum

Camp Assistant Brianna Fabiano

Special Education Supervisor

Jamie Michaels

Special Education Assistant

Tori Rothschild



Any child that is having behavior problems in camp or fails to follow the rules will receive a verbal warning first, a written warning second and the third strike will be a suspension or dismissal from camp. Any camper dismissed from camp will not be permitted to register the following year.

No Camp July 4, 2024

We are so excited for another amazing summer at Barrett Adventure Camp! Our Director once again this summer will be Ms.

Patricia Moore. This will be Ms. Moore's sixth summer as a Director, and she is ready to show campers a truly inspiring and engaging outdoor camp experience. Our Site Supervisor will be Scott

Kassouf & Brianna Fabiano. Mr. Kassouf can be reached at 203-977-5018. Our staff this year is a mixture of returning veterans and new staff excited to start the summer. The staff is excited to meet the campers and have fun filled summer planned! Camp will begin on Monday, June 24 & run until Friday, August 9, 2024.

Campers should bring a water bottle, Sunscreen, swim shoes and swim wear each day to camp. Please also check the camp board each day for camp information! Finally, on the last day of camp which is August 9, 2024, camp will close at 3:00pm as we do each summer. Please mark your calendars regarding this early closing!

General Information

All parents/guardians must sign your child in each morning, and out each afternoon. Camp starts at 8:30am and ends at 4:30pm. No one is to be dropped off before 8:30am. If you are late to pickup - you will be charged \$1 per minute per child. (Ex: 15 minutes late = \$15.00) Your child will not be allowed back at camp until the fine is paid online through your

household account and the receipt is shown to the director. Your child will only be dismissed to a guardian unless otherwise documented. Identification must be shown for ALL pickups. No exceptions! Please be mindful of applying sunscreen for your child prior to camp each morning. Walkers and alternate pickup forms need to be completed and handed to the

director as well. This form is available on our website, as it is preferable you complete it in advance.

Please note that on rainy days the Barrett Program will close down. We will do our best not to close, but weather and safety will determine that! If you need to contact the director during the camp day, please call 203-977-4959.

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Camp Message Board!

Parents, make sure you check our camp information board out each day for upcoming events at Barrett Playground. Also on rainy days you can contact the Recreation Office starting at 7:45AM am on the Status of the Program that Day. Call 203-977-5214 for a recorded message!

Weekly Themes

Week 1: We are Family Week

Week 2: Star & Strips Week

Week 3: Treasure Hunt Week

Week 4: Splish Splash Week

Week 5: Directors Choice Week

Week 6: Olympics Week

Week 7: Camps Got Talent

Meet our Staff at Barrett Playground!

Zharia Vasquez
Jaelah Blackmore
Malachi Bracey
Emily Vialva
Xavior Hutchinson
Jaidyn DeCausey
Sincere Kendrick

Is your child attending Summer School?

If your child is attending summer school this year, please read the following information carefully.

Any parent that wants their child bused to Barrett Playground each day after summer school must contact the Board of Education to make arrangements. Stamford Recreation is not responsible for scheduling bus transportation following

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morning summer school classes for campers.
Please make sure to confirm your transportation with the BOE before camp begins on June 24, 2024.

When campers that are involved in summer school arrive at camp, they will be taken off the bus by the director and signed into camp. They

will then go right to lunch where they will meet up with their assigned group. Please make sure that you see the camp director Patricia Moore on the first day of camp to let her know that your child will be attending summer school. The director will note this and let your child's counselors know.



What's for lunch?

Lunch is an important part of the Stamford Summer Playground Program. It gives our campers and staff the chance to recharge with well-balanced and kid friendly meals in a welcoming environment. Barrett Playground will qualify for the Chartwell School Break-

fast and Lunch program.
The lunch program will
cover the entire duration
of camp. A menu for each
upcoming week will be
sent home in the Barrett
Newsletter every Friday.
The lunch program will
begin on June 24, and
run until August 9, 2024.
If you do not want your

child to participate in the food program, please pack a lunch each day in a cooler bag with an ice pack. Parents can also pack snacks daily if you would like for your child/children. If you have any further questions about the lunch program, please see the director.

Aquatics

This year we are going to be swimming at Heroy Pool in addition to the outdoor water activities done everyday! Tuesdays (12:20pm) and Wednesday (9:30am) will be are assigned swim days. The first 40 children to sign up will go to the pool each week. Campers whose parents signed off that the they are permitted to swim can sign

themselves up for swimming. The earliest they can do so will be 24 hours prior to their scheduled swim day. Add-ons will be permitted only if there are empty spots. Please have your child bring his or her bathing suit, towel and other supplies EVERYDAY to camp. It will be a hot sum-

mer, and it is important to for us to stay as cool as possible. Campers must wear a bathing suit to be allowed in the pool. Your child may also bring a life jacket if necessary. For more information on swimming, please see the director.

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Field Trip and Special Events

July 2, 2024—Kona Ice Truck

July 12, 2024 - Nutmeg Bowling Trip - 43 (First 43 campers to sign up)

July 26, 2024 - Chuckie Cheese Field Trip - 43 (First 43 campers to sign up)

Please see the Director about the 43 maximum participants on the field trip.

Barrett Adventure Camp Rules





- 1. Treat fellow campers and counselors with respect.
- 2. Listen to your counselor at all times.
- 3. Keep your hands to yourself. No kicking, biting, hitting, throwing objects....If you have a problem tell your counselor.
- 4. Stay with your group at all times. Tell your counselors if you need to leave the group for any reason.
- 5. Swearing and other inappropriate language (in any language) is not allowed.
- 6. Smoking or vaping is not allowed by anyone at camp.
- 7. Clean up all supplies and equipment used in camp at the end of an activity. Pick up any trash and make sure you clean up your area after lunch.
- 8. Respect other people's property. No taking or breaking items that belong to others.
- 9. Fighting is not allowed in camp. Anyone who does not follow this rule will be immediately taken to the Camp Director
- 10. Shoes or sneakers must be worn at camp.
- 11. No going to the bathroom on your own without a staff member.
- 12. No cell phones or portable video game devices are permitted at camp. (If you choose to send a cell phone it can be brought to camp but must remain off and left in a child's backpack, the camp is not responsible if anything happens).
- 13. Campers can only call home if there is an emergency. (There is a camp phone in the office and the Directors will reach out to parents if needed.)
- 14. Campers must wear bathing suits in the water.
- 16. Campers must sit in their seats on all bus trips and any child that cannot listen will sit in front of the bus with a staff member.
- 17. Toys from home are not permitted at camp. (If you bring them, the camp is not responsible if anything happens to them, best to leave them at home.

Disciplinary Action Procedure for ALL Campers

First Offense: Verbal Warning on paper Second Offense: Written Warning in file

Third Offense: Meeting / Dismissal from Camp (Any camper dismissed from camp will not be eligible to register the fol-

lowing year.)



Just a reminder that campers should wear sneakers and comfortable clothing to camp each day!

No Sandals or Flip Flops! Reminder on bad weather days Barrett Playground may not open! The number to call if the weather is poor by 7:45AM is 203-977-5214!

BARRETT PLAYGROUND INFO

Permission Slip for Child Pick- Up 2024

The Stamford Recreation Services Division requires all parents/guardians to fill out the following permission slip if your child will be picked up by anyone except the parents. We will not allow a child /children to be released from any playground, activity or day camp program; or preschool program this year to anyone besides the parents/guardians, unless the following form is completed and turned into the DIRECTOR. **All persons given permission to pick up the child/children will be required to show a PHOTO I.D.** The department would like to thank you for your cooperation with our system and feel that this will make our summer camp programs safer for your child/children. If you have any questions, please call Scott Kassouf (Asst. Superintendent of Recreation) at 203.977.5018 or speak to the site director.

| I | give my permissi | on to: |
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| Mr. / Mrs | Dates: | Entire summer: |
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| | | Playground/Activity Program/Preschool Program by p that I am releasing the City of Stamford Recreation |
| LIST THE CHILD / CHILDRENS NAME: | | |
| 1 | | 3 |
| 2 | | 4 |
| PARENT SIGNATURE: | | DATE: |
| CAMP DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: | | DATE: |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION