



WELCOME TO SUMMER 2024 AT DAVENPORT DAY CAMP

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More Counselors will be added to the staff before the start of camp!

Welcome Newsletter

June 24, 2024 - First Day Of Camp

STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES

We are excited for the summer to begin!

We are so excited for another amazing summer at Davenport Day Camp! Our returning Director this summer will be **Ms. Shannon Wade**. This will be Ms. Wade's twenty sixth summer as a Stamford Recreation employee, and she is once again ready for an exciting and fun summer. Davenport is thrilled to welcome back the assistant director, Molly Magarian. This will be her fourth summer as the assistant director and

brings several years of camp experience. Molly currently teaches in the Stamford Public Schools. Both directors are looking forward to seeing old faces and meeting many new ones this summer! Our Site Supervisor will be **Scott Kassouf, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation**. He can be reached with at Skassouf@stamfordct.gov Our staff this summer returns a mixture of vet-

erans and first year staff that are excited to begin the summer. **Camp will start on Monday , June 24, 2024, and run until Friday, August 9, 2024.** Once again sign in & sign out will be done each day at the entrance of camp at the door located on the side of the gym located across from the side Playground. **Campers must be signed in and out each day from the camp.**

General Information

All parents/guardians must sign your child in each morning, and out each afternoon. **Camp starts at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm.** No one is to be dropped off before **9:00am unless they are registered in AM Care.** 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 has been paid. It can be done online at www.stamfordrecreation.com through your household**

account. A receipt must be shown to the director that payment was made. 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. Camp doors will be kept locked at all times and please notify your counselors in writing if you will be picking up your child/children early on an

given day. By doing this, we can have your child/children ready for you when you arrive. The Davenport Camp office phone number is 203-977-4132. Please note that our directors are not always in the office and it is best to communicate with them at drop of or pick up each day. **Also, parents should not park in front of the gates that lead into the camp and should be parking in the lot. Please also pack extra set of clothes each day for your camper!**

WELCOME TO SUMMER 2024



Will the Lunch Program Run This Summer!

Once again this summer we are scheduled to have the food program for lunch at Davenport Camp. The lunch program will be available the first day of camp June 24, 2024. A weekly menu will be available the first week of camp and passed out. 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. If you have any further questions about the lunch program, **please see the camp director!**

Aquatics /Swimming

Davenport Day Camp will be swimming at Westhill Pool this summer on Tuesdays and Fridays. On the first day of camp you will find out what days your campers group has been assigned to swim . Please have your child bring his or her bathing suit, towel (Name on it) & other supplies they may need on days that they're assigned to go swimming. **Campers must wear a bathing suit to be allowed into the water. Your child may also bring a life jacket if necessary. If you have requested that your child does not go swimming on the registration form they will sit out during the swim period. For more information on swimming, please see your child's counselors.**

Field Trips & Special Events:

Wednesday, July 3, 2024 - Kona Ice Truck - 1:30PM

Thursday, July 11, 2024 - Nutmeg Bowling Trip - Depart at 11:30am

Thursday, July 18, 2024 - Rockin Jump - Depart 11:30am

Monday, July 29, 2024 - Foam Party - 10:00am

Thursday, August 1, 2024 - Chucky Cheese - 10:30am



Summer School Parents

If your child will be attending summer school during the month of July, please notify the camp director in writing the first day of camp. Also, parents must arrange with the Board of Education to have their child/children bused from summer school to the Star Day Camp program each day. The Stamford Recreation Department does not supply transportation to camp!

Attention Parents

If you need to pick up your children early from camp, please supply a note that day to the campers counselor. When you arrive please call **(Davenport #) 203-977-4132** and the director will bring you children to the door. Please also send a water bottle to camp each day!

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 following year.)**

Davenport 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 the camp t-shirt on all field trips.
15. 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.
18. Wear sun screen at all times and bring a reusable water bottle to camp with campers name on it.

Also, pack a snack each day for your camper!

No Camp July 4, 2024!

Weekly Themes and Family Day

- Week 1:** We ar Family (Teamwork) Week
- Week 2:** Stars & Stripe Week
- Week 3:** Treasure Hunt Week
- Week 4:** Splish Splash Week
- Week 5:** Director’s Choice Week
- Week 6:** Olympic Week
- Week 7:** Camper Got Talent Week



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 any one 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 permission to:

Mr. / Mrs. _____ Dates: _____ Entire summer: _____

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I authorize my child / children, to be picked up from Day Camp/ Playground/Activity Program/Preschool Program by one of the persons above. I realize by signing this permission slip that I am releasing the City of Stamford Recreation Services Division of all responsibilities.

LIST THE CHILD / CHILDRENS NAME:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

CAMP DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Free Weekend Food For Your Child Available through Filling in the Blanks!

Filling in the Blanks (“FITB”) is a local nonprofit agency, located in Norwalk, CT that provides food on the weekends to children between the grades of prekindergarten and 12th grade. We are teaming up with the staff at **Stamford Recreation Summer Sites** to offer a supply of nutritious meals and snacks to your child over the weekends and extended breaks, **FREE OF CHARGE**. The goal of the Filling in the Blanks Program is to help children thrive in school by offering additional nutrition on the weekends.

Sample bag of food can include:

- 2 Breakfast items (cereal or oatmeal packets)
- 4 snacks (Goldfish, fruit cup, apple sauce, granola bar)
- 1 individual sized beverage • 1 can of vegetables or rice and beans
- Combination of two items: Tuna, Soup, Mac & Cheese, or Canned Chicken
- Bags are distributed by your child’s teacher on the second to last and/or last school day before the weekend or break. Any child enrolled at a Stamford Recreation Summer Site is able to receive these weekly bags of food.
- If you believe your child could benefit from this program, we encourage you to sign them up by Registering online.
- https://fillingintheblanks.my.site.com/FIBRegistration/s/?language=en_US&SelectedProgramId=a0vRQ000004tB29YAE. Please register each child separately enrolled at Stamford Recreation Summer Site to receive their own weekend meal bag. If you are registering siblings, there is an “add student” feature on the registration which will allow you to add each child. This information is kept confidential, and only the school and FITB will know the children’s names that are signed up.
- Once your child is signed up, they will receive a bag of food each week until they leave the school or until you no longer wish to participate.
- **We encourage you to take vantage of this program for your child(ren).**
- **Questions or concerns? Please visit www.fillingintheblanks.org for more information**
- If you have any further questions, please contact Filling in the Blanks at **203-750-0019** or email them at **info@fillingintheblanks.org** and let them know your child is attending a Stamford Recreation Summer camp

Camp Drop off & Pick Up Reminder For Parents



Once again this summer campers will be entering Davenport camp through the doors behind the gym and across from the playground. Parents/Guardians please park in the marked parking spots in the lot and do not park in front or block the gate entering the loading dock area. At no time should a car be driven through the gate if it is left open to bring a child up to the check in area behind the gym.

We thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter and assisting us in keeping all of the campers and their families safe during camp.