



WELCOME TO SUMMER 2024 AT TINY TOTS CAMP

Welcome Newsletter June 24, 2024 - First Day Of Camp

STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We are thrilled to have you as a part of the Stamford Recreation Tiny Tots Summer Program

RECREATION STAFF:

Director: Beth Covino

Director of Parks & Recreation

Kevin Murray

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Recreation Supervisor Dante Statum

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Special Education Supervisor

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Special Education Assistant Supervisor

Tori Rothschild



We are so excited for another amazing summer at Tiny Tots Preschool Camp! This summer the director will once again be Beth Covino. Beth has been working with recreation the past eight years and is currently one of our preschool teachers at the Recreation Star Center. *Beth is excited to work with our staff and has a lot of fun activities planned for the summer.* Our Site Supervisor will be

Dante Statum, Recreation Leader. He can be reached with any questions or concerns at **203-977-4644**. Our director has been working hard planning a balance of recreational and educational activities for our campers. We are excited to have some of our veteran staff returning this summer as well as the new staff that have been hired. Please feel free to stop in the camp office

with any questions you may have. T-shirts will be passed out to campers and we ask that they wear them on any special event days at camp. Camp will start on June 24, 2024 for session 1. The entrance to the camp is located inside the gates of the front playground at Roxbury School. **Please see page three for parking information.** Finally, please make sure you send your child each day with an extra change of clothing in their back pack!

General Information

Reminders are always helpful whether you're returning to Tiny Tots or joining us for the first time. Here are some things to help make the transition to camp easier:

Safety is our number one priority at camp and we have specific policies during drop off and pick up to ensure each child's safety. **First, we require written and signed drop off/ pick up information in advance.** This includes carpooling, babysitter, or play-date permission. Also, if anyone other than yourself is picking up your child, we must have that in writing at DROP OFF. **Permission Slip forms available in each classroom and our website www.stamfordrecreation.com.** Please tell babysitters, grandparents, etc., even your spouse, that until we know them, we will check ID's, so please have a picture ID on hand for pick up time. Without proper documentation/permission forms, we will not release **any child for any reason.** If you need to make last minute arrangements or you'll be late, please contact the Recreation Office and the message will be forwarded to us. **We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation for the safety of all our campers.**

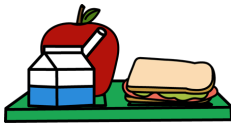
- Each day your child must be signed in and out of camp in their assigned classroom following the camp procedures. We will also be available to collect any permission slips/notes that need to be handed in each morning. All children and parents entering the building should make sure the door closes behind them after they enter.
- We provide snack, juice and water daily, so there's no need to bring snacks from home. **We're peanut/ tree nut free in everything we eat and cook.**

We know that some of our campers are having their first experience separating from Mom & Dad and we're on hand to help with this very big transition. If your child has a tough time separating, please let me know and we can work together to create a happy drop off. Tears can cause a domino effect, so we ask for your help to make the drop off transition as smooth as possible. To establish a solid routine, please walk your child to their class, come in as they get settled, give a big hug and kiss, then promptly leave the class. Each counselor will take those extra steps to ensure your child will be actively engaged and happy in a few minutes. You are more than welcome to wait outside as they get settled or I can call you to let you know your child is fine. We find most tears are short lived, frequently ending by the time you reach your car!

- **Sprinkler Day Will Be Every Wednesday!** Campers are required to wear their bathing suits to camp. Please send your child to camp WEARING their bathing suit **with a full change of clothes and a towel**. Water shoes are a great item to pack for your camper, since the sprinklers will be set up on a grassy area. To avoid changing, we will be playing in the sprinklers just before pick up at the end of the day. This way, campers do not need to worry about changing in or out of their bathing suits. Please pack your child's belongings in a backpack or bag labeled with his or her name. We thank you in advance for your help!
- **Newsletters** will be sent home weekly highlighting things we've done, upcoming themes, and any other special events.
- While we try to accommodate every request, we cannot guarantee that specific groups of children will be placed together. We divide the campers into groups by age. Children of different ages requesting to be placed together most likely will not be in the same group. We understand that some preschools offer mixed age classes, but at camp we create groups based on age to best accommodate the needs of every camper especially with this years state guidelines.

We build Tiny Tots to be a camp community for all children. Even though your child is placed in a specific age group, all groups come together during the camp day for various activities. We encourage friendship and teamwork. Each session can provide a wonderful opportunity to spend time with new and "old" friends.

If there's anything you need or would like help with, please don't hesitate to ask! Again,



What's for lunch?



Once again this summer lunch will be offered to the Tiny Tots Campers through the Chartwells School Lunch program. The lunch program will cover the entire duration of camp. A menu for each upcoming week will be posted each Friday at the camp. **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 on the first day of camp.

Camp Special Events To End Each Session At Tiny Tots

Friday, July 5, 2024 - Foam Party

Thursday, July 9, 2024 - Mr. Bungles Show

Friday, August 2, 2024 - Animal Embassy & Kona Ice Truck

Friday, August 9, 2024 - Talewise - Adventures of the lost treasure.



Tiny Tots Camp Session Dates 2024

Session 1: June 24 - July 5, 2024 (No camp July 4)

Session 2: July 8 - July 19, 2024

Session 3: July 22- August 2, 2024

Session 4: August 5- August 9, 2024



Summer Fun at Camp!

**Camp hours are Monday through Friday from
9:00 AM - 1:00PM
WELCOME TO CAMP!**



Camp Counselors

Vickainia Louis

Tallulah Lintern

Kathy Miranda

Mia DiPreta

Arya Mahole

Ariana Latorre

Michaela Duke

Kaitlyn Fochs

Important Camp Parking Information!

When arriving at Tiny Tots camp each morning, all participants need to park in parking lot in front of the playground program. Please enter the open gate to the playground area and walk up the entrance ramp to the portable classroom for sign in. Please do not park in front of the building or the fire lane at Roxbury school. We will also be running a Day Camp program in Roxbury School and children for that program will be using the front of the building for drop off at the same time each day. We thank you for your cooperation regarding this parking situation and if you have any questions please see the director on the first day!



Important Camp News 2024

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: _____

PRESCHOOL CAMP DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

