

Welcome to Environmental Arts/Science Camp

Dear Parents,

The first day of Camp is just about here and we are all very excited because we have worked really hard over the past six months to ensure that your child has a wonderful experience here at Environmental Arts & Science Camp.

Before starting camp, there are a few items we would like to share that will ensure that we have a smooth first day of camp as well as a fun & safe camp season.

Camp Hours and Dropout/Pick up

Camp begins at 9:00 am each day and ends at 3:30 pm. with the exception of those who are registered for morning and/or evening extended care. Morning extended care begins at 7:15 am. Evening extended care begins at 3:30 and ends at 6:30 pm. All campers are picked up and dropped off at **Temple Sharey Tefilo Israel at 432 Scotland Road, South Orange, NJ.**

Camp Counselors

This summer your child will share his/her camp experience with wonderful camp counselors. Their hours are as follows:

Ms. Kathleen	7am - 3:00pm
Ms. Maggie	8am - 5:00pm
Ms. Diondra	9:30 - 6:30pm (Afternoon supervisor)
Ms. Sherby	9am - 4:00pm
Mr. Dustin	7am - 3:00pm
Mr. Justin	3pm - 6:30pm

H1N1 Virus

The South Mountain YMCA along with the State Department of health as well as the local health department has adopted a policy to help keep all the children in our care healthy. Please read the Camp Policies and Procedures with regard to the H1N1 Flu Virus carefully. You will find the document attached to the Camp's web page. We will be following these procedures strictly.

Swim Schedule

The Environmental Arts/Science Camp will swim two days per week at the South Orange pool. We will swim Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 am -11:15 am. The campers will have 30 minutes of instructional swim followed by 15 minutes of supervised free play. We will be walking to and from the South Orange pool. **All campers should come to camp with their swim gear under their clothing on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.** Please send a plastic bag for wet swim wear. All necessary sun block should be applied prior to coming to camp. Please label all items of clothing brought into camp. The staff is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Field Trips

There is a field trip scheduled each Wednesday with an extra trip on Monday, July 26. Each child will be given a camp T-shirt on the first day of camp. **T-shirts must be worn on each field trip. NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Please see our website for the trip and activity schedule. Some trips will require insect repellent.

Recycle Club

Because we believe strongly in reduce, reuse, recycle, we are asking that the campers recycle plastic bottles, newspaper and paper rolls at camp. We will use these items for various projects.

Weekly Newsletter

A weekly newsletter will be posted on our Camp's Web Page each week. We will send an email out by Friday with a brief recap and important reminders for the following week. Please be sure to read these letters for updated information or any schedule changes that might come up.

Toys

No toys are allowed in camp!! No exceptions!!

We look forward to spending a fun summer with your little explorer.

Sincerely -Your partners in a happy camping experience-

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