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SOMapY Camp



Summer Times

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Welcome or Welcome Back!

It's been a long, cold, and snowy winter but Hooray, summer is finally here! We hope all of you are ready for a summer full of fun and new adventures. All of our counselors and specialists have been trained and are eager for this new camp season to begin. We are looking forward to seeing all our campers from last year, and hoping to meet many new campers as well.

There are many fun and interesting activities planned for this summer. In fact, each week of camp will have its own theme. Our overall theme for the summer is Movie Magic where the theme of each week will be a popular children's movie. While the children wouldn't be seeing that movie at camp many camp activities will be based on that movie. Perhaps it would be fun for your family if you watched that movie the weekend before. Campers will even pick their group name based on a favorite movie.

WEEK 1

Toy Story: Friendship and Spirit **June 27th – July 1st**

Our first week of camp is all about making new friends, re-acquainting with old friends and creating a group spirit within each of the new camper groups. Friendship and Spirit Week activities that are designed to do this include the return of the ever favorite entertainer **Bruce Fagan** on June 30.

He will help start off our camp season with a high-energy music and dance program that will get the kids jumping up and down and excited about all the fun they will be having at camp this summer.

One of the story lines in the movie Toy Story is about making friends. So we will conclude our first week of camp with **Friendship Day**. Campers will exchange friendship bracelets with their new found friends and each group will reveal their new group name, group banner, and group song.



Coordinated Approach To Child Health

Throughout the summer we will be involving our campers in a variety of fun healthy lifestyle, fun food and high energy activities. (Supporting our CATCH program www.catchinfo.org, take a look inside)

WEEK 2

Star Wars Games **July 4th – July 8th**

Camp will be closed on Monday July 4th, enjoy the holiday. This week, Gecko Kids Traveling Computer Studio will be visiting our camp. Using laptops, campers will bring their favorite (or least favorite) celebrity to life using the Crazy Talk or SuperGoo animation programs!! They will create their own movie clip with music and add a dramatic twist to their clip. A couple of weeks afterwards they will be able to go to the Gecko Kids website and view their clip. This class promises to be full of excitement and laughter.
www.geckokids.com



On Friday our campers will feel the "Force" and have a blast as, our games specialist, Mr. Shaun, will lead our camp-wide Star Wars games.

WEEK 3
The Perfect Game: Sports Challenge
July 11th – July 15th



On July 13, our campers have an exciting day ahead and will be taking a trip to the **Prudential Center** in **Newark** for a NY **Liberty** Basketball Experience. After the game the kids will be up and jumping around as they will participate in the physical fitness activity "Leaps and Bounds" (time permitting).

TRIP REMINDERS:

- 1. Campers must wear their Camp T-shirts on this day (campers are given their camp T-shirts their first day at camp. Be sure to check at the end of that day that they got it)**
- 2. This is a rain or shine trip so if rain is forecasted then pack a raincoat for your child.**
- 3. This is a full day trip so there will be no swimming this day so there is no need to pack a swimsuit.**
- 4. Pack a regular lunch and drink.**

Sports Specialist Coach Fred leads our camp with an exciting "The Perfect Game" Sports Challenge event on Friday the 15th.



Greetings from Camp 2010
They had a great time at camp
& so will you!

Important Information
to Know

A special word now about a program that we will be discussing at camp this summer, we believe in teaching campers, and have them live by, the four core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We will be recognizing campers in a variety of ways throughout the summer who demonstrate these qualities while at camp.

We will be giving special attention to educating children about bullying, how it's wrong and how to deal with it. It is also a program designed to raise children's awareness and teach social skills and compassion when dealing with conflict and diversity. I encourage you to support this program and inquire of your children on a regular basis how they have done with it and/or benefited by it.

To get bus schedule info go to our SOMapY web page on our website, you will find the camp pick up and drop off bus schedule for session I. Please read it carefully. Buses are frequently late on the first day, so bear with us as the children learn the bus routine. In addition, you will find a calendar that can easily be posted on your refrigerator to help you remember any special needs for each day.

Also on the SOMapY web page you will find these newsletters, Event/Theme schedules, Authorization to Medicate and Alternate Pick-Up forms. You will find there directions to Maplecrest Park, our rainy day site at Marshall Elementary and to the pool at the JCC. Please be sure that you have read your Welcome to SOMapY Camp letter and the Parent Information Guide prior to the first day of camp. Share with your camper important details. **All** of your answers to logistical questions about camp are contained in it. However, if you should have a question, give us a call at (973) 762-4145.

We have found that in the past the items listed below from the Parent Information Guide are things most often overlooked. Please make note of them.

Helpful Reminders!



- Please label with their full name all of your campers' belongings that are brought to camp.
- Bathing caps or tied back hair is required at the JCC pool for campers whose hair is below their shoulders.
- Be sure to check your email or camper's backpack each day for camp notes or Ouch Reports.
- Do not put medications in your camper's backpacks. Give medications directly to the bus counselor or camp director.
- If your child is to be absent from camp, please be sure to call in their absence prior to 8:30AM. Call 973-762-4145 X110 to report the absence.

- Please do not allow campers to wear sandals. They are potentially dangerous due to the wide variety of terrains at camp.
- Campers are not allowed to bring electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, iPods, Game Boys, etc.) to camp and any Yugioh or Pokemon type playing cards.
- Lost and Found: Items that have campers' names on them that have been found usually get them returned the same day or the next day. For items that have no name on them, after the morning and after afternoon roundups, all campers are paraded past the found items pile and encouraged to look to see if their belongings are there.

Every Friday, all items not claimed are taken to the Lost and Found box at the Program Center at the YMCA on Jefferson Ave. Additionally, items lost at the JCC pool may be in their Lost and Found box. This is because if your camper's name is not on the item we do not want to take an item possibly belonging to another JCC camper.

- Please be sure to keep our office informed if any of your contact information changes over the summer. This also includes changes to persons authorized to pick up and medication changes

We are looking forward to seeing you at camp this summer!



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