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SOMapY Camp



Summer Times

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Hello everyone and welcome back to another edition of SOMapY News. Session one is near its end and both campers and counselors are still going strong.

The threatening weather last Friday didn't dampen our Star Wars celebration with Mr. Shaun, who led the entire camp in a series of Star war-themed activities.



Children ended their day with their swim lessons and free swim time at the JCC, which was especially appreciated after the full day of activity. At the end of *this* week - Week 3, all swimmers will be receiving their Swim Level Participation Certificate! Please be sure to ask about it!

This past Wednesday the Camp traveled to see the NY Liberty Women's Basketball team in Newark! Everyone had a great time and enjoyed being at "the Rock".



Now for an overview of our plans for
Session 2!

Arts & Crafts of Alice in Wonderland July 18th-July 22nd



The campers have been working very hard with Ms. B on their art projects and next week they will be able to celebrate all their work by displaying it for all the other campers to see, as well as friends and family. The **art show** will be taking place on **Friday July 22nd from 12pm-12:35.** Come one come all to experience this wonderful time with all of our young artists.

The Princess and the Frog Carnival Week July 25th-July 29th



Next week's theme is dedicated to the Annual South Mountain YMCA Camp Carnival that the Pre-Teen & Teen Adventure Campers organize and Host for all of the Camps from our Branch. The campers and counselors are extremely excited and can't wait to see what the Teens and Pre-Teens have planned for us this year.

The Science of Megamind Week Aug 1st - Aug 5th



We are eagerly waiting for our science week led by Mr. Fish. Mr. Fish has many wonderful science experiments planned for our campers. On **Friday August 5th**, all the campers get to tour the camp and see a demonstration of what all the other groups' experiments were.

Travel

On Tuesday, **July 19th**, campers will be going to **Tomahawk Lake**.

www.tomahawklake.com



TRIP REMINDERS:

- 1. Campers must wear their Camp T-shirts on this day** (campers were given their camp T-shirts their first day at camp). A hat or cap would be good to wear also.
- 2. Have your camper wear their suit under their clothes.** Pack a towel, lunch, drink, plastic bag for wet swimsuit, and sunscreen. A small amount of spending money would be ok. Campers will not be allowed to do any of the boating or water slides.
- 3. Should it rain the trip will be cancelled** and we will go to our rainy day site at Marshall Elementary. In that event there would be no swim for the day.

During our 6th week of Camp, on Wednesday, **August 3rd**, our campers will be taking a trip to The **NY Aquarium**. www.nyaquarium.com



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- 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.**

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 the answers to your 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



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