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# WELCOME TO CAMP

# Summer 2024

## **Welcome To Camp**

First off, we wanted to thank you for entrusting us with the care of your camper. It is a trust we work hard to keep. Between all of us, we have over one hundred and fifteen years of experience working in Kids After Hours and we continually undergo training and professional development courses to improve our knowledge and skill sets in order to best serve your camper!

Most of us being parents ourselves, we understand what a big deal this is to entrust your campers with us, but we want you to know that is from this perspective we do everything we possibly can to ensure their safety while also having a ton of fun! We have been planning this Summer since last Summer and we cannot wait for all of the **FANTASTIC** fun we have planned!

# **Meet The Directors**



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# **Before Camp To-Do List**

## **1. Complete Summer Camp Forms:**

These can be found on our website at: http://www.kidsafterhours.com And, I know it stinks, but these need to be filled out even if your child is a returning camper or comes to us during the school year... OH! One more thing, you only need to fill out the Medication Administration Form and have a doctor sign the Emergency Contact form if your child will need to take medication during the camp day (this includes emergency medication like epi-pens and inhalers).

## 2. Look Over Camp Schedules!

Please double check to make sure your child is enrolled for the correct weeks! If you need to make any changes or have any questions, feel free to give us a call!

#### PLEASE CANCEL ANY WEEKS YOU NO LONGER NEED You will be charged if you do not cancel

## **3. Join Our Camp Orientation!**

We would love for you and your child(ren) to join our camp orientation! It's not mandatory, but we would love the chance to meet you all! This is a great oppurtunity to meet the camp director, counselors, and ask any questions you have before camp begins! Camp Orientation will be **June 11th at 7pm** at your camp location!

## 4. Know The Tuition Info:

We will not be able to have automatic billing for this summer. If you would like to pay in full, or need to rearrange due dates pleasee let us know! The tuition dates can be seen below:

Weeks 1,2,3 will be due June 1st 2024 Weeks 4,5,6 and 7 will be due July 1st 2024 Weeks 8 and 9 will be due August 1st 2024

## **5. Get Ready For A GREAT Summer!**

Check our "What to bring" lists on our website to see what your child will need for camp each day!



# FIELD TRIP WEEK **WEEK 9 Aug 12-16th**

MCPS is asking that we not be in the school buildings for the last week of camp. To take advantage of this, we will be going on AWESOME field trips.

We, unfortunately, will not be able to provide before and aftercare for this week.

CAMP KAH HITS THE ROAD!

### Camp Hours for Week 9 8:30am - 4:30pm



#### TRIP SCHEDULE COMING SOON!

HERE ARE SOME TRIPS WE HAVE GONE TO IN THE PAST:

- WATERMINE WATERPARK
- BROOKSIDE NATURE CENTER 
  BLANDAIR PARK
- CLARK FLIOAK'S FARM
- GUNPOWDER FALLS

- WHEATON REGIONAL PARK
- ROCKVILLE MUNICIPAL PARK
- DULLES AIR & SPACE MUSEUM



#### \*SAMPLE SCHEDULE, TIMES & ACTIVITIES MAY VARY BASED ON CAMP LOCATION

### 7:30-9:00 AM BEFORE CAMP CARE

9:00	ANOUNCEMENTS
9:30	ARTS & CRAFTS
10:00	WATER ACTIVITY
10:30	GYM GAMES
11:30	<b>APR ACTIVITY</b> (EX. SCIENCE EXPERIMENT, COOKING PROJECT, TEAMBUILDING)
12:00	LUNCH
1:00	GROUP GAMES
2:00	OUTSIDE TIME
2:30	WHOLE CAMP ACTIVITY
3:30	<b>POPSICLES &amp; DISMISSAL</b>

### 3:30-6:00 PM AFTER CAMP CARE



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#### **Everyday your camper will need**

# PACKING LIST

IMPORTANT

Bathing Suit

Towel

Bag Lunch

Sunscreen

Change of Clothes

Sneakers

KAH Swim Shirt on Pool Days

Sunscreen

Lunch

**Bathing Suit** 





#### Can my camper bring a cell phone?

At camp, we encourage campers to build connections with each other and take a break from electronic devices. We kindly request that all campers refrain from bringing their devices. Although we prefer devices to be left at home, if necessary, cell phones must be securely stored in the camper's backpack throughout the duration of camp and during before/after care. Please note that we cannot ensure the safety of these devices.

#### What if my child doesn't know how to swim?

We train our staff to assume that NONE of our campers know how to swim - no matter how many times they claim they are captain of the swim team. Campers must remain in designated areas where they can stand at all times. Older campers (2nd grade and up) have the option to take a swim test to access deeper areas of the pool. Campers must always remain in areas supervised by lifeguards and our KAH staff. Our team is actively engaged in the water with the kids, and monitoring from the pool deck. While our staff members may have lifeguard training, they serve as additional support to the pool staff and lifeguards. Swimming and water play at camp are incredibly fun, but we take safety extremely seriously during these activities.

#### Is there a camp orientation, will I be able to meet the staff before the first day of camp?

Absolutely! Join us for our Camp Orientation on June 11th at 7pm. This event is open to both kids and families, offering a chance to meet counselors and address any questions you may have. Should you have questions before the orientation, don't hesitate to contact your director (details provided in this packet) or reach out to our main office at 301-933-6888. We're always happy to chat about camp!







What is the process for drop off and pick up?

We will have greeters set out at the front of each location with staff there ready to welcome your camper! We do ask that you check-in/out your camper each day using our electronic system. This is used for security and accountability purposes. Our staff will guide your camper on where they should put their things, and help them get settled into our activities!

#### How are children grouped?

Children are usually in groups by grade, and move together with their group throughout the camp day. Groups are typically classroom-sized (around 20 - 25 kids) and supervised by two counselors. We uphold a counselor-to-camper ratio of 1:10+1 at all times, better than the state's requirement of 1:15. If you have any requests for children to be together (or not) please let your director know.

#### **Camp KAH Groups:**



What method of transportation does KAH use for field trips? Camp KAH primarily uses school buses for transportation. These are typically the same buses and drivers that MCPS uses! On occasion, we may use 14-passenger vans operated by KAH staff who are over 21 and have completed a driving background check and a vehicle safety training.





#### How and when is sunscreen applied?

We apply sunscreen 3 times a day (morning, lunch, and afternoon). Sunscreen application is done primarily by campers, staff are available to assist with this if necessary. Our staff are trained on the importance of sun safety, and the risks associated with sunburns and UV rays.

#### Sun Safety Tips:

- 1. Apply sunscreen on your camper before they come to camp
- Send sun protective gear such as long-sleeve rash guards, hats.
- 3. Label your sunscreen!

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- 4. Face sticks and spray sunscreens are easiest for campers and staff to apply.
- 5. Encourage your camper to practice applying their own sunscreen before camp starts.

My child has allergies (or will need to take medication while at camp) what forms do I need? Medication Administration Form

> If your child has allergies/asthma/diabetes you will need to complete an **Action Form** as well as the **Medication Administration form.**

Medications should be turned in to the camp director or group leader on your child's first day of camp and they will be returned to you on your child's last day of camp.