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Summer Camp



WELCOME
PACKET





Welcome To Camp

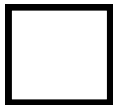
First off, we want to thank you for entrusting the Red Barn Ranch Team with the care of your camper. It is a trust we work hard to keep. Our Red Barn Ranch team continually undergoes training and professional development courses to improve our knowledge and skill sets to best serve your camper!

We have been planning this Summer since last Summer and cannot wait for all the **FANTASTIC** fun we have planned! We have been working hard during this off-season to bring out the BEST for our campers this Summer. We've expanded our petting zoo and added adorable baby cows and pigs. We have new equipment like our barrel train, tractor train, and jeeps!

Get ready for an incredible Summer at Red Barn Ranch!

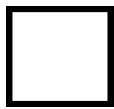


Before Camp To-Do List



1. Complete Summer Camp Forms:

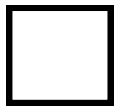
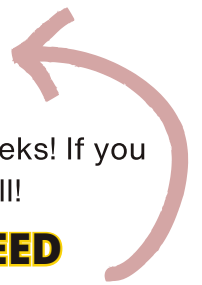
These can be found on our website at: <http://www.kidsafterhours.com> And, I know it stinks, but these need to be filled out even if your child is a returning camper or comes to us during the school year... OH! One more thing, you only need to fill out the **Medication Administration Form** and have 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!

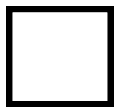
Please double check to make sure your child is enrolled for the correct weeks! If you need to make any changes or have any questions, feel free to give us a call!

PLEASE CANCEL ANY WEEKS YOU NO LONGER NEED
We don't want you to pay for a week you will not use



3. Join Our Camp Open Houses!

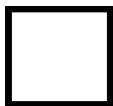
April 20th, 11am - 2pm & May 19th, 2pm - 5pm! These events are open to both kids and families, offering a chance to meet counselors and address any questions you may have. All family members and friends are welcome to come to play on the playgrounds, meet our animals, go up on the ropes course, and meet our incredible staff (even if they are too young/old for camp)!



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 please 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!

DAILY SCHEDULE



***SAMPLE SCHEDULE, TIMES & ACTIVITIES MAY VARY**

7:00-9:00 AM BEFORE CAMP CARE

| | |
|--------------|--|
| 9:00 | CHECK IN & GROUP GAMES |
| 9:30 | ARTS & CRAFTS  |
| 10:00 | SWIMMING  |
| 10:30 | ATVS  |
| 11:30 | NATURE/PETTING ZOO  |
| 12:00 | LUNCH |
| 1:00 | ROPES COURSE  |
| 2:00 | FIELD / SPORTS COURSE  |
| 2:30 | PATRIOT HILL SLIDE |
| 3:30 | DISMISSAL |

3:30-6:00 PM AFTER CAMP CARE

CAMP MAP





MEET THE TEAM



CAMP DIRECTOR

Hi! I'm Max!

I grew up in Montgomery County and enjoyed working with kids at Kids After Hours camps and afterschool programs. I graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management.

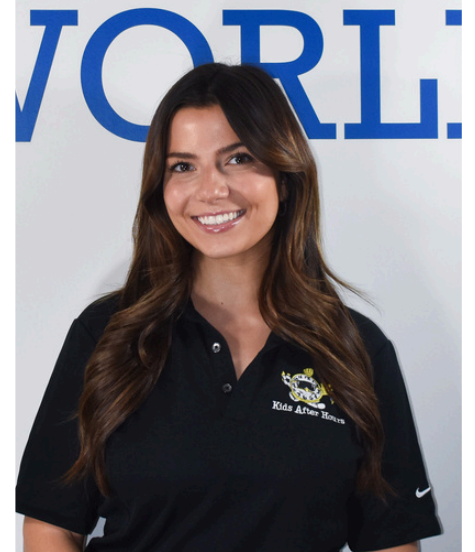
Following college, I served as a Hospital Corpsman in the US Navy for 4 years. Now, I'm thrilled to be back at camp! Whether it's games, arts & crafts, water balloon battles, or telling jokes (self-proclaimed funniest person at camp), nothing beats Summer camp. I can't wait to see all the campers this summer and make memories together!

For any questions, I am always happy to talk about camp! max@kidsafterhours or my cell at 240-678-6408.

Hi! I'm Lilly!

I'm Lilly Kosova, assistant Director at Red Barn Ranch camp in Summers, and director of our Rosemary Hills before and after school program year-round. With a background in Elementary and Special Education, I started teaching first grade but found my true passion in bringing joy to kids' lives daily.

From camp to summer schools and babysitting since age 12, I've always loved working with children. Now, at Kids After Hours, I'm thrilled to continue doing what I love. Excited to be part of the Red Barn Ranch family, I'm dedicated to ensuring your child has a fun, safe, and memorable time with us. Feel free to drop by and say "hi!" anytime!



ASST. DIRECTOR



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Hi! I'm Christian!

I'm Christian Nolan, originally from Frederick. As a former camper at Forrest Knolls Elementary with KAH, I've been part of Kids After Hours on and off since high school and college.

Making a positive impact on kids' lives has been incredibly rewarding. From creating memories to encouraging them to try new things, I've learned a lot from fellow counselors and now aim to pass that on!

Excited for another amazing summer, I'm all about welcoming every child with open arms.

KAREN



CAMP NURSE

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OFFICE ASSISTANT

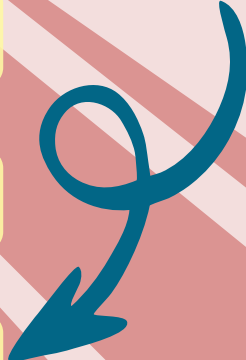


Everyday your camper will need

PACKING LIST

- Bathing Suit
- Towel
- Bag Lunch
- Sunscreen
- Change of Clothes
- Sneakers

IMPORTANT



ELECTRONICS POLICY!



Do you remember the butterflies in your stomach on the first day of school or joining a new team? Do you remember when you had to solve those little problems of childhood (where to sit, who to sit with, asking an adult for help)? Or how those jittery feelings at the beginning of the day slowly dissolved as you felt comfortable and learned that YOU could solve your own problems. These are important lessons that our children (grandkids in my case) need to learn as part of growing up. We want kids to tackle these movements head-on, without a digital crutch. Cell phones and electronics get in the way of that important growing process.

Cell phones and electronics hinder these important goals. Not to mention having to police the content kids may be viewing. For these reasons, phones and watches should NOT be brought to camp. Please don't have your child "hide" their phone in their backpack. When we see phones or electronics we will make sure they are kept safe for the day and we will return them to families at pick-up.

Devices found at camp will be collected by the KAH staff and given back to campers at the end of the day.

For campers who have been found using a cell phone (or other electronic devices) multiple times, staff may take further disciplinary action.

Electronics to keep at home include:

Phones, smartwatches, gaming devices (ex. Nintendo Switch), mobile devices, computers



FAQ'S



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. Electronic devices will be collected by staff and returned to families at the end of the day. More about this can be seen in our Electronics Policy in this packet.

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. Our campers 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.



When is the Camp Open House?

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FAQ'S



What is the process for drop off and pick up?

We will have greeters out front in our parking lots 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 campers grouped?

Campers 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 Max (the director) know.

OUR CAMP GROUPS:





FAQ'S



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
2. Send sun protective gear such as long-sleeve rash guards, hats.
3. Label your sunscreen!
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.

