



SUMMER DAY CAMP 2023

Parent/Guardian Manual

The Township of Old Bridge Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to have your child participate in our upcoming Summer Camp program.

The five-week day camp offers a fun-filled variety program consisting of scheduled activities, special events, arts and crafts and day trips.

The summer camp experience provides many opportunities for fun, smiles, laughs and learning. The staff and I certainly look forward to working with your child to make this summer a most enjoyable and pleasant time for all.





Camp Schedule

First day of camp: **Wednesday July 5th, 2023**

Last day of camp: **Friday August 4th, 2023**

Overview of Camp

Main camps are for 1st – 7th graders. This 5-week program will be held at the site you selected upon registration. Camp will run Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, from July 5th – August 4th, 2023.

Kiddie camp will be held at the civic center located in the municipal complex and will run Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm, from July 5th – August 4th, 2023. This camp is designated for 5-year-olds going into kindergarten in September

Important Contact Information

Recreation Office:	732-721-5600 ext 4999
Program Supervisor	bmcmamus@oldbridge.com
Deputy Director Recreation:	lvalsera@oldbridge.com
Director of Recreation:	mmercurio@oldbridge.com

General Information

- Since camp takes place both indoors and outdoors, please remember sunscreen!
- All campers must wear sneakers to camp in order to avoid injury while participating in physical activities.
- Please make sure your child brings lunch and water to camp each day. Also, be sure to write your child's name on whatever he/she brings to camp!
- Each individual supervisor will decide on a lunch time for their sites.
- Parents – go onto RecDesk and make sure **your** cell phone number is listed so we can contact you any time in the case of an emergency.
- Any special needs and/or restrictions of a camper must be put in writing by the parent or guardian and given to the Recreation Department (there was an option to do this during registration). If your child requires an Epi-Pen, please let us know beforehand and bring the Epi-Pen on their first day of camp. We will store it for the entirety of camp in the dedicated refrigerator that we have on site and will return to you on your child's last day. Please make sure the Epi-Pen is not expired.
- Any special accommodation your child needs for summer camp, must be brought to our attention prior to registering your child. Absolutely no one other than registered campers and OBP&R staff will be permitted to attend summer camp without our department's prior knowledge and consent.
- If someone other than you will be picking up your child at the end of camp, we must have a signed note from you stating the name and phone number of the person picking up your child that day.

Daily Arrival

On the first day of camp, please prepare to spend some time checking your emergency information and meeting your camp staff. Each day afterward, there will be a designated area for your child to sign in for the camp day. Drop off begins at 9:00 am sharp; no earlier. Counselors will not be available prior to this time.

Daily Dismissal

Camp dismissal is at 1:00 pm sharp. At dismissal time, children will need to be signed out by a responsible individual unless otherwise noted to our staff. Please remind your children not to run to waiting vehicles. Your child will only be released to you or whoever else has been specifically designated by you. All children must be signed out prior to being released each day. If you plan on letting your child walk to and from camp, you must provide a signed letter to your child's supervisor on the first day of camp.

Day Camp Schedule/Activities

You will be emailed the 2023 Summer Day Camp Calendars shortly and it can also be viewed on our website <http://www.oldbridge.com/recreation> once it is available. The calendar will indicate each day's special event and any trips that are scheduled. Please keep your summer calendar in an appropriate place so as not to miss any of your child's favorite activities or trips. A copy of the calendar will be available on our website.

The Summer Camp Staff encourages all campers to participate in special events, activities, games etc. Children will not be forced to participate, although the more they participate, the more they will enjoy their experience at camp.

Old Bridge Parks and Recreation will provide all equipment used for camp. We urge all children, as we do our staff, to be responsible and conscientious while using any equipment or games. There may be events where your child is asked to bring something from home. Please label all personal property (towels, clothing, baseball gloves, etc.) Old Bridge Parks and Recreation is not responsible for lost or stolen items. There will be lost and found on the premises which can be checked for and lost items.

Lunch

All children should bring their lunch or a snack (marked with their name) every day unless otherwise noted. We do not have extra lunches on site for children. There is no refrigeration on site, so using a cold pack is highly suggested. Please encourage your child to clean up after themselves after lunch time.



Trips

All children going on trips must wear the camp T-shirt. These shirts can be purchased through our recdesk site or at the camp site on the first day of camp. T-shirt distribution night will be on June 19th 6-8pm at the Civic Center. Please make all efforts to attend this night, it will give you the opportunity to meet the staff, receive your sites calendars as well as making your first day of camp drop off a much smoother experience. If your child is signed up for a trip, please be sure your child knows he or she has been signed up for the trip, you can view that information on your RecDesk account. All trip registrations must be done through RecDesk **1 week** in advance. We will not accept any additional registrations on the day of any trip.

Each camper is responsible for any money that he or she brings on a trip. Counselors and staff will not be responsible for holding campers' money and/or valuable items.

There will be NO REFUNDS issued for trips.

Trip Supervision, Participation & Guidelines

Please be on time on trip days. We are not able to wait for children if they are late to camp that day. The return times for all trips are within the regular camp day. Please be at your designated camp site for pick-up at the estimated arrival time.

We aspire to achieve a fun, safe, and educational program. We want to provide an enjoyable camp experience for all campers. Therefore, we invite you to share your observations and suggestions with us throughout the summer. It is only through the cooperation between parents and the Recreation Department that these goals can be reached.

