

CAMP WANNA IGUANA



2024 Summer Theme



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PARENT PACKET SUMMER CAMP 2024

Dear Parents & Campers,

Welcome to our World Famous Camp Wanna Iguana! It also happens to be the most affordable multi-week camp on the seacoast! Once again we are excited to be offering 7 weeks of camp this summer! Camp dates are July 1st through August 16th. (No camp on July 4th or July 5th)

We are very lucky to have such a large recreational complex at our disposal to run our camps. Not to mention our new Splash Pad, *Aqua Land!* Our all day M-F program will again be loaded with age appropriate, recreational based activities. They will take place in a safe environment for children to get outdoors have some good 'old fashion summer fun.

This parent packet is our attempt to cover all things camp related that you and your child should be aware of prior to coming to camp. If you have any questions, the answers are more than likely to be found in this packet.

This Parent Packet is also to ensure that you and your child/ren are aware and understand any of our rules, policies, and procedures. If your child did not attend last year, but attended in the past, please note that some things still might not be quite the same, due to constant updates on operations and logistics that come with running such a large summer camp program. If you find that we missed something or you have any questions on areas we did not cover, please don't hesitate to call our office (659-8581)

Please understand, as always when making decisions about how to run camp this summer your children's health and safety is foremost in our minds and this not only includes all health and safety preventions and/or guidelines, but your child's mental health and need for socialization as well!

Thank you again for all your support and we simply can't wait to start having some summer time traveling fun!

Sincerely,
The Rec Staff!

CAMP WANNA IGUANA GENERAL INFO:

Camp Start Date: Monday July 1st and **Camp End Date:** Friday, Aug. 16th
No Camp on July 4th or July 5th, Camp ends at 1pm on Friday, Aug 2nd

Camp Wanna Iguana Times: Monday – Friday from 8:30am - 4pm

For children entering 1st-6th Grade and Teens entering 7th – 9th

Iguana Wanna More After Care: 4pm – 5:30pm

Held at: Leo Landroche Field Complex and the Newmarket Rec Center

Located at: 1 Terrace Drive, Newmarket, NH 03857

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Iguana Wanna Summer Staff

The Recreation Summer Camp staff is composed of talented, passionate, and responsible adults, college and HS students. Rec Group Coordinators and all Counselors have all been certified in CPR and First Aid. All staff attend training sessions with topics such as conflict resolution, proper supervision, child emotional & behavior management, games and other topics related to child supervision, and similar to the last two years, training will also cover proper hygiene and sanitation. Our goal is to give the IGUANA WANNA staff the tools to ensure not only the children's experience is safe and enjoyable, but also their own.

Payment Options:

We take Cash, Check or any of the following Credit Cards: VISA, Master Card, and Discovery. Please note should you decide to register online or over the phone using a credit card, the price of camp will already reflect a non-refundable 2.79% credit card surcharge to the camp price. Should you pay by cash or check in person the additional 2.79% fee will be waived from your bill and you will not be charged.

REGISTERING ONLINE:

When choosing to register online, you will be required to PAY IN FULL as well as have an online portal ID. If you don't already have a Portal ID for Registration, then you need to set up your Portal ID prior to registering for camp. If you can't remember your ID or need help call the Rec. Be sure to allow for time to complete online forms – this can take up to 15 minutes/child. Have all medical info, emergency contacts, and authorized pick-ups handy. We recommend using a laptop NOT your smart phone. At the time of registration you are able to register for the Inclusive Field Trip Package (pay for all to guarantee your child spot) (Please see Field Trips to understand better what this *Inclusive Package* means and the rules and policies of this option)

REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE REC or CALLING TO REGISTER:

Not sure about online registration or you would like to set up in our *Pay by Installment Plan*, then we suggest you come in the Rec. We will walk you through the online registration process, and set you up for an installment option if that works better for you. You now have the ability to complete forms online at home, after registration occurs. We will instruct you how to do so. Please note: There is an additional \$15 non-refundable Administration Charge per household if paying by installments. If calling to register your child, you have the option to pay in full or register under our *Pay by Installment Plan* and you have the ability to fill out all forms online at home.

- In order to get the 15% Discount on 3rd Child, you must register over the phone or in person. 3rd child must be in same family, plus other rules apply.
- In order to register and an apply for one of our limited scholarships we have available. You must register in person or call. A \$25 deposit must still be made per child in order to reserve your child's spot in the Adventure or Teen TURF camp. Applying for a scholarship does not guarantee your child's spot in camp.

REQUIRED EMERGENCY AND INFO FORMS POLICY:

Please understand that filling out child camp emergency forms is extremely important. It takes a lot of time to sort through this paperwork to ensure your child counselors have all the proper info, etc. When registering online you will be directed to fill out all emergency forms/child at that time. Be sure to allow for time to complete online forms – this can take up to 15 minutes / child. Have all medical info, emergency contacts, and authorized pick-ups handy. We recommend using laptop NOT your smart phone, during online registration. However, if you do not have the time to do it at registration, you can go back later to fill them in. PLEASE NOTE: If your online forms are not filled out by 5/1/24, your camper(s) spot may be forfeited and you will only receive a 50% refund.

IMPORTANT DATES REGARDING REGISTRATION, PAYMENTS & ONLINE FORMS

- March 4th Registration Opens – 100% due if registering online. 25% due if paying in installments.
- March 11th Non-Residents Registration Opens – 25% due if paying installments. 100% due if registering online.
- April 4th 50% must be paid at this time.
- May 3rd 75% must be paid at this time. (See Forms Policy)
- June 3rd Optional Field Trips open for registration by Rec Groups.
- June 7th FINAL camp payments due. Field Trip Inclusive Balloon Payment Due
- June 27th Open House
- July 1st First day of Camp!

(For other important dates regarding cancellations and refunds – SEE CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS)

COMMUNICATION VIA SOCIAL MEDIA



In an effort to save on paper and endless phone calls; updates, cancellations, and information will be posted on a variety of platforms including the following: Webpage and under the **Summer Camp** button, Facebook, text messages, take home flyers, emails and Constant Contact notices. We suggest you request to be Facebook friends with *Aimee Atthe Rec* as well. Please make sure you check your email daily; log onto our website regularly or check out our latest posts on FB so you don't miss anything.

ADMISSION TO CAMP POLICY:

All our summer camp programs are open to all regardless of race, color, national origin, ages (1st –9th grades), sex, or disability. (Restricted to facility capabilities)



CAMP OPEN HOUSE! Thursday, June 27th from 5pm – 7pm

If after reading this packet you still have questions, than might we suggest attending our Open House Night! The Camp Open House is the perfect time to come meet administrative staff and inform us of anything that you feel we should know and/or ask any questions that you may have. We will also be offering camp ground & facility tours on the ½ hour. By this date we will also know who your camper will have as a counselor for the summer. **SAVE THE DATE!**

CAMPER'S "QUICK GLANCE" DAILY MUST HAVES!



- ✓ A large **Water Jug** - preferably insulated, with strap. Campers carry with them at all times!
- ✓ **Insulated Lunch Container/cooler:** with a morning snack, and healthy well balanced lunch and drink.
- ✓ Back pack filled with **Sunscreen, Bug Spray, Bathing Suit, Towel,** & an extra change of clothing inside.
- ✓ **Field Trip T-shirt** on field trip day's **ONLY** and only if you plan to send your child on the optional field trips.
- ✓ **ALL LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME PRINTED CLEARLY.** No "UNLABELED" Lost and Found items will be brought inside the center at the end of the day. All unclaimed lost and found items will be placed on a "Lost & Found" Table for parents and campers to retrieve on the next day.

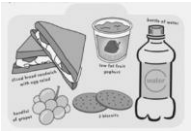
DRESS CODE SUGGESTIONS:

- ✓ Campers must be dressed appropriately for running and/or active participation in daily events. Clothing should not be an excuse for non-participation. Sneakers preferred. All sandals MUST have back straps.
- ✓ Campers should wear clothes that they don't mind getting dirty and possibly wet. We recommend sending a bathing suit, towel, and possibly an extra change of clothing. We suggest 1 piece suit. Two piece suits are acceptable as long as they are sturdy, the coverage is adequate, and they are unlikely to fall off during play or active swimming. (NO string bikinis). A camper may be asked by a staff member to put a T-shirt over swimsuit, should they feel it's best to. Although we play water games; no one is forced to get wet.
- ✓ We also recommend that parents make sure your camper has adequate sunscreen to put on throughout the day. Counselors are not permitted to apply sunscreen on your camper. They do, however, remind campers to apply their sunscreen after lunch and throughout the day.



NOTE: AGAIN - PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CLEARLY LABEL ALL BELONGINGS this includes ALL articles of clothing, towels, backpacks, lunch containers, and water bottles with their name. We can't tell you how big our Lost & Found gets by the end of the summer

SNACKTIME & LUNCH RECOMENDATION:



We would like parents to keep in mind our goal of making sure that all campers are getting a nutritious lunch each day. The following are what we consider the Do's and Don'ts for adequate snack and lunch packing. We ask that you remember that campers are here from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., which is longer than a typical school day. Plus they are much more active throughout the day playing sports and games in the mornings and special activities in the afternoons. Kids are extremely hungry at both snack time & lunchtime!

DONT

- ❖ Pack several snack foods instead of a snack and a main course for lunch. Campers tend to eat all snack foods at snack time and then have nothing left for lunchtime.
- ❖ Pack your camper's lunch in brown bag/plastic lunch box.
- ❖ Pack lunch **WITHOUT** ice packs in coolers.
- ❖ We recommend that you do not use mayonnaise on sandwiches.

DO

- ✓ Snacks and lunches must always be packed in a well-insulated thermos container or cooler.
- ✓ Include an ice pack in the cooler.
- ✓ Pack both a nutritious snack and juice for snack time, in addition to a well-balanced lunch for lunchtime, which might include: a juice box or juice container, a couple of snacks (grapes, apple, crackers etc.) and a sandwich or other main course.
- ✓ Should your child be attending our after-care program, please include an after-noon snack as well.

CAMP STORE:

If you do not have time to make your camper a lunch and they will be onsite that day, we will again be offering our very popular hot dog/snack/drink package for a minimal fee of \$3.00/meal at our onsite Camp Store. However, if you feel you might use our camp store more often you may purchase our **10 Lunch Punch card for \$27.50** which equates to \$2.75/meal (a .25 discount per meal). No cash back or credits on Camp Wanna Iguana Lunch Punch if your camper does not use all the punches by the end of the summer. Other miscellaneous items (variety snacks, candy, freeze pops, ice cream, etc.) will also be sold a la carte. These items will only be sold for cash only. Please make sure your child's money is in an enclosed container or zipped up pouch (LABELED) and placed in a secure location in their back pack.



MEDICATION POLICY

Campers will not be allowed to carry over the counter (OTC) OR prescription medications on their person or in their bags/fanny packs. All over the counter (OTC) and prescription medication will be kept in the Recreation Office, this DOES NOT include Epi-Pens or Inhalers. If your camper needs to take medication throughout the camp day, please contact the office right away. DO NOT SEND MEDICATION TO CAMP WITH YOUR CAMPER. Parents and/or guardian are required to fill out the Medical Information Form and drop all medication off prior to your camper attending their first day of camp. ****Epi pens and/or inhalers are preferably kept on the child and in certain situations after discussed with staff will be kept on their counselor.**



WATER BOTTLE POLICIES:

Campers must come to camp with a jug of water. It's a long hot day and they tend to get very thirsty. No water bottle, No Camp! We recommend that you purchase a thermos jug, preferably one with a strap hooked onto it. Campers are required to carry it with them at all times. Both the community center, round house have water fountains available for kids to fill up their water bottles. Our new splash pad and restroom facility also has 2 water bottle filling stations. We also recommend that you fill it up with ice water each day your child comes to camp. **CLEARLY PRINT YOUR CHILD'S NAME** on their water jug as the water bottle/jugs are the items most frequently lost.

CAMPER FORGOT THEIR WATER BOTTLE AT HOME? If a camper forgets their bottle, a parent will be called to bring one to camp. If no one can bring in a water bottle that day, a bottle will need to be purchased from the Rec. These are reusable, will be labeled by the office staff with your child's name and will be for your child to keep.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT POLICY:

We recommend that your children NOT bring any electrical devices in camp. We are NOT responsible for any misplaced or stolen items. This includes cell phones. However, if you would prefer that your child carry a cell phone to communicate with you after the camp day, then we will need campers to follow all the rules regarding the use of cell phones during camp. No cell phone is allowed out and about during the camp day. If your child does not follow this rule they will be written up. The device will be confiscated until the end of the day.

Teen Turf policy: It is with the permission of a staff member ONLY that a camper may text/call their parents/guardian ONLY to communicate and/or receive an important message. At times we may let your camper play appropriate music from their device if approved by counselor, (for example, on the bus going on field trip). This is a privilege of teen turf. If the privilege is abused, it will be taken away. Expectations and rules regarding cell phone use will be given to the teens when they arrive at camp. If they are not following the expectations, then the cell phone will be taken away.

CAMP FACILITIES WHERE CAMPERS PLAY:

Our goal is to keep kids outside playing and having fun most of the day. However, we do understand that kids need an occasional break from the hot sun and/or when inclement weather pops its head up, we do bring them inside. The following areas are where your camper will travel and play throughout the day and the week. Campers will not go to each location each day, these are just the options locations where Rec Groups will travel together on any given day.

- Volleyball court and Basketball court
- The Rec Center
- Outside Community Center & Parking lot
- The Community Garden
- Estuary behind the Stage
- Stage and amphitheater Hill (opening and closing)
- Gazebo and fenced in Aqua Land area
- Both A and B1 & B2 fields
- Small Playground
- Large playground and swing set area
- Flag Pole large grassy area
- Groups may take nature walks on the trails behind the fields at times as part of the specialized program curriculum.
- Any camper found outside of camp boundaries has committed a serious offense and will be disciplined accordingly. Campers must stay within the confines of the Leo Landroche field and are not allowed inside the Community Center without a counselor.
- Note the Teen Turf group will on occasion venture out on supervised walks or bike rides in the local area.
- The NJSHS (rainy days only)

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

If a family should decide to cancel their children out of our camp program after registering, the following policies apply:

- Up until April 5th: To receive a Full Refund of what they have paid (minus the \$25 nonrefundable deposit)
- April 6th – May 3rd: To receive 50% Refund of what they have paid. (minus any installment fees)
- May 4th - June 7th: To receive 25% Refund of what they have paid. (minus any installment fees)
- After June 7th No refunds to be given if notified after June 7th, 2024.

Other NO Refund Policies or Credit Policies:

- No refunds will be given if your child has been suspended from camp due to repeated behavior incidents and/or the nature of one incident.
- No Refunds should anything unforeseen happen (sickness, injuries, moving, child doesn't want to come) which prevents a camper from coming to camp after camp is in session.

A TYPICAL CAMP DAY

REC GROUP HOME BASES & MORNING ACTIVITIES



After arriving to camp, Rec Groups will immediately go to their assigned Home Base areas to drop off their belongings. Morning activities will vary each day for each group. Each Rec Group will have pre-assigned areas on the Leo Landroche complex that they will rotate around to each day. This could be the swings, the sandbox, the basketball court, the stage, the fields, etc. Once they arrive to their designated location campers will be able to participate with their Rec Group. General activities will be a combination of sports, creative games, and other recreational hobbies or activities. Similar to last year all Color Teams and Rec Groups will be required to sit in their designated areas during Camp Hill times. These are scheduled times in the morning and at closing where we bring the entire camp together to the hill to make AM announcements and/or to watch some fun closing games, prior to check out. At times we may gather the camp together for special events like our annual talent show, etc. Color teams within a Rec Group are required to sit together on the Hill during camp opening and closing to allow for easy check-in and check-out procedures.

SNACK TIME & LUNCH TIME:

- Midway through the morning Snack time (½ hr.) occurs this is usually around 10:30 a.m. Parents, please make sure your camper has several snacks choices in their lunch containers – often times campers are only given a sandwich and if they eat that for snack they then have nothing significant for lunch to help them last through the day.
- Snack time and Lunch time will occur outside unless inclement weather prevents this from happening.
- Staff and campers will eat with their own Rec group when eating. There is to be no sharing of food, drink, or utensils.
- Again, please pack an additional snack for your child if they are scheduled for our after camp care program.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES – is our thing!

Every afternoon we will offer special events and other activities for the day. This is the time where kids may participate in a variety of creatively themed activities that are all geared toward that group's theme week. We have always been considered a special events camp and truly these themed afternoon activities is where we shine! In 2019 Camp Wanna Iguana actually "declared" National Water Balloon Day, which is pretty cool, because it is now being celebrated all over the world on the first Friday of August! In 2004 we got a Guinness Book of world Record in building the largest game of Pick-Up Sticks! That's Right! WE ARE A WORLD FAMOUS CAMP! This summer our theme is Newmarket's Amazing Race Summer! In other words, we have lots of Action & Adventure Activities planned throughout the summer!

SPECIAL EVENTS, TEAM COLORS & POINTS:

Our Camp Wanna Iguana Summer program prides itself in running a creative and fun summer program for kids. We encourage active participation and the use of creative play and imagination. We also throw in a little friendly competition between colored "Rec"tile groups. At the beginning of camp your camper will be placed on a color team within his/her grade. Throughout the summer, campers are encouraged to earn points for their team in many creative and interesting ways. All of the friendly competitive fun usually takes place during our afternoon special events time-frame. So if your camper comes home and states that their color team won that day... you'll know what they are talking about! At the end of the summer the color team within their Rec Group with the most points earned is awarded a prize. Campers also have the ability to earn individual points for other special awards at the end of the summer.

IGUANA WANNA PROGRAM

Iguana Wanna Mondays! For those who are new to our camp, our *Iguana Wanna Programming* is where we incorporate more specialized options than what we typically offer through the week. For example, rather than just the option of playing soccer like the other days, it will be a soccer clinic, where the campers will learn soccer skills by some of our counselors who are amazing soccer players. Other examples are; drama, cooking classes, etc. this summer the *Iguana Wanna Programming will change throughout the summer so each Rec Group will have several options to choose from and vote on.*

COOL KID CAMPERS:

Three COOL KID CAMPERS are nominated at the end of each week from their perspective counselors. These nominations are based on things like good behavior, good sportsmanship, etc. This is a big deal and campers look forward to Friday's to see who in their Rec group was nominated. Campers can be nominated as many times as a counselor see fit.



AQUA LAND - SPLASH PAD & RESTROOM FACILITIES:

Campers will have plenty of opportunities to cool off at Aqua Land during the summer! In fact, each Rec Group has specific reserved Camp Wanna Iguana splash pad times during the week. This does not mean that campers will have access to the splash pad all day every day, but only those times we have reserved and any time we decide to run the campers through to get wet and cool off. Our restroom facility about the Aqua Land Splash Pad has 4 single use restrooms. These are also used for changing rooms. Two are located on the outside of the Splash Pad area and two are located inside the fenced

in splash pad area for those actively playing in the water play area. Campers will also have access to use the bathrooms located inside the Community Center when their Rec Group is near the building.

ARRIVAL TO CAMP PROCEDURES/POLICIES

1. This summer the drop off for camp kids will once again be behind the High School (near the emergency access road and opening between the HS and the Leo Landroche fields) the High School.
2. Please understand there is no supervision provided before 8:30 a.m.
3. At 8:30am we will have assigned staff members arrive at the opening to escort your children down to the hill. Please **DO NOT** let your children out of your car any earlier than this. If you are earlier than 8:30, you are welcome to park your car in HS lot and wait until you see our staff arrive at the opening. Again, we are not responsible for children dropped off earlier than 8:30am.
4. The Community Center parking lot will once again be blocked off in the AM.
5. Only when it is pouring down rain outside and we decide to begin camp inside are you allowed to drop off your children at the Community Center.
6. If dropping off your children any time after camp has left the hill from morning announcements (usually around 8:50 a.m.) you may drive around to the side of the community center lot, park, and walk your children into the Community Center for front desk check in.
 - **NO just dropping them off at HS road opening for your children to fend for themselves. See #6.**
 - **NO walking your children out to the field yourselves.**

OPENING ON THE HILL:

- Congregate at the amphitheater hill to take attendance and to make morning announcements about special events of the day and other upcoming activities coming up.
- Daily clue will be given based on week's theme
- Announce field trips and cross check on those kids going or not going that day.
- Campers are then excused to go to their "Rec" tile area and deposit personal belongings for the day and hear from their counselors what morning activities they will be playing that day.

DISMISSAL FROM CAMP PROCEDURES/POLICIES:

- ✓ Campers must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. as their counselor is scheduled inside at this time for end of camp staff meetings and/or other misc. camp related or cleanup activities.
- ✓ Parents/Guardians must come down to the hill and sign their campers out of camp from their counselor. If we are in the middle of a closing game that involves your camper, we ask that you wait until the game is over before trying to sign out your child if you can.
- ✓ If your child is leaving before 3:00 p.m. Please call desk and/or notify their counselor that day if you know ahead of time. We will call down to the field and have your child brought up to the community center where you can pick them up. Be sure to allow extra time for this. All early dismissals are to be checked out @ Community Center.
- ✓ Please note that if you try to pick up your child any time after 3:00 p.m. you will be instructed to wait on the hill until your child's Rec Group arrives which is usually between 3:30 p.m. & 3:40 p.m. NO extra staff is available to bring your child to the center after 3:00 p.m. nor are you allowed to go onto the field to retrieve your child yourself. Please understand that this is a critical time for all staff to be available to assist campers retrieve their backpacks, tie shoes, and/or put away camp equipment from the day. Please make arrangements to pick your child up before 3:00 p.m. if you absolutely need them before 3:30 p.m.
- ✓ Please be sure to write down on your online forms any adults that are authorized to pick up your child other than the parents.
- ✓ Our counselors **ARE REQUIRED TO SEE A PHOTO ID** from anyone (including the parents) before they will let the child go. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** This is for the safety of your children.
- ✓ Also in the Forms there is an area where parents may give permission (**On Own Policy**) to allow a counselor to excuse a child from camp "on their own" once camp is officially over. We do not **ALLOW** this for children in Rec 1 and under. If permission is given, this does **NOT** mean that campers have the freedom to come inside or just "hang out" and wait in front of the center until you pick them up. This is too confusing for all staff to see a child all alone and not being supervised.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

- All Rec groups report back to the hill anytime between 3:30 and 3:40 p.m.
- We usually end the day with a combination of skits, counselor competitions, game show like activities, and birthday water balloons! Friday's closings are reserved for giving out *Cool Kid Camper* awards.
- Campers are dismissed at 4:00 p.m. (see Dismissal Policy above).
- Only during Rain Days will the campers be dismissed elsewhere. (See Rainy Days).

CAMP LOCATIONS FOR RAINY DAYS:

On rainy days we will be using a combination of the Community Center and the High School Gym.

- Rec 1 and Rec 2 will be in the Community Center most of the time and Rec 3 and Teen Turf will be at the High School most of the time, however this is subject to change! Text alerts will go out regarding location changes.
- Please drop your camper off at the location listed above if it is raining when camp starts. There may be days in which we will not be able to use the gym, in which case Rec 3 and Teen Turf will also be at the Community Center.
- Please be sure to like us on FB Camp Wanna Iguana where we will post the location if we cannot use the HS, we will also email you as soon as we know we are starting inside that day or ending the day inside. Please know that this happens only a few times each summer. You can always call the Rec center with questions regarding rainy days.

LATE PICK UP POLICY: Bring in your ID & Wallet



If you have NOT picked up your camper on time and you have NOT granted permission per your signature (On Own Policy) for your camper to be dismissed on their own. Please note the penalty fee schedule (below) for late pickups. **There will be NO WARNINGS.** We highly suggest you have a backup plan if you think you are going to be late. Check out our Iguana Wanna More – After Camp Care program:

- ❖ **At 4:10 PM you will be charged a \$10 flat rate.**
- ❖ **\$5 for every 5 minutes after that. Even if you are only 20 minutes late you will pay a \$20 penalty.**
- ❖ **These fines are high to discourage repeat occurrences.**

OPTIONAL IGUANA WANNA AFTER-CAMP-CARE PROGRAM:

We are happy to announce that this summer we will once again be able to offer our aftercare program. We will not be offering a before camp care option. We understand this may be problematic for early working parents, however, our camp program per day rate is still under \$29/day so finding a baby sitter for just an hour before is still cheaper than having to hire someone all day to supervise your children.

The after-camp care program will only be \$10/day for up to 5:30pm M-F. You can register your child into the program for the whole summer and have the additional fee added to the overall price of camp. Again, a bigger tax credit. Or, you can sign up each week for as many days as you need. Please understand that we staff this program based on anticipated numbers the week prior. Although we have no problem you picking up your child earlier, please understand there will be no credit applied should you decide to pick your child up earlier. Also if you think there is a chance you might be running late on any given day the week prior, we highly suggest you register your child in the after-care program to avoid the late fees. Registering your child in the after camp care program must be done the week prior – please plan ahead.

DISCIPLINE POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

All parents are required to sign the Camp Discipline Policy prior to their camper entering camp. On the first day a camper goes to camp, the discipline policy will be read aloud to them. They will also be asked to sign this policy. If there are any questions, please ask. If prolonged disciplinary problems continue with a camper, the Newmarket Recreation Dept. has the right to deny the camper participation in the Summer Camp program during the day. If there is a serious discipline problem, the Camp Administration can send a camper home after parents have been notified. If the parents cannot be reached, we will try to reach the other people listed on the emergency form. The camper will wait in the Community Center to be picked up. Please be aware, given the number of behavior incidents and/or the nature of one incident can result in your child being suspended from camp permanently. (This policy is attached at the end)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE for REC GROUPS:

This year each Rec group will once again have only one field trip per week in addition, we are currently working on adding 2 Durham Pool trips during the summer for each Rec group. Field Trips list will be available on June 3rd for each Rec Group. As always, there are additional fees per field trip. Please note the when a “Rec” tile group is scheduled to go on a field trip for the day, their day will vary in activities offered depending on how long their field trip is scheduled to last. Each Rec group will have a designated day each week that they go on field trips. Which day of the week your child’s field trip day is still being determined. This information will be provided later on. **Please Note:** We reserve the right to merge field trips depending on the number of campers signed up. This could alter the day that your child is going on a field trip. Starting June 3rd, If you have not signed up for field trips and wish to do so, you can sign up online or call the Rec Department. (See field trip schedule for details on specific field trips per Rec group) Also please note the last week of camp field trips may be in different days than usual.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION & POLICIES:

- ✓ For all field trips, children will be transported by a school bus and/or by our recreation vans.
- ✓ Transportation departs from and returns to the Newmarket High School parking lot or Community Center parking lot.
- ✓ All field trips are optional, this means that should parents decide they do not want their child to go field trips, your child will remain back at camp with other campers in their Rec Group who also are not going on field trips.
- ✓ All Rec Groups 1,2,3,& 4 finalized field trip schedules including a la carte pricing and other details for each Rec group will be available on Wednesday, June 1strd
- ✓ In order to receive a refund or credit for a field trip that your child does not go on. We must be informed of the cancellation by 3 p.m. the day before. No voice mails left after 3:00 p.m. will be credited or refunded. This includes unforeseen illnesses.
- ✓ Check in Policy: All children who are scheduled to go on the field trip must report to camp or the office must receive a call by 8:45 a.m. to confirm their attendance and hold their spot on the bus. All campers should plan on being at camp a minimum of 15 minutes before scheduled departure. If we do not receive a call or a camper has not arrived at camp by 8:45 we a.m. – we reserve

the right to fill their seat with someone on the waiting list. No refunds will be given. Please understand, this policy has been put into place to ensure field trip buses are leaving on time and we are not holding up a bus (filled with children) waiting to see if a child may or may not show up to camp that day who are scheduled to be on the trip.

- ✓ We do not allow parents to pick up the children during a field trip unless it is an emergency. No one but the child's parents may pick up the child during a trip.
- ✓ Each camper must wear Camp Wanna Iguana field trip t-shirt on all fieldtrips or they will not be permitted to go. Please note: Campers are required to wear them in the water as well. If your child does not want to wear a wet t-shirt for the rest of the day, we recommend you purchase two t-shirts, so that they have a dry one packed with them that they can put on after water play. (see Camp T-shirts below for pricing and other info)

FIELD TRIP T-SHIRTS:

Camp field trip t-shirts are prices are TBD and will be sold at a later date. Shirts will be sold off the shelf at the Rec; however, you must come in to purchase (not available online). We will not mail t-shirts. Size choices are on a first come first serve basis. Let us know if you need a specific size before **June 3rd**. **TEEN TURF T-SHIRT NOTE:** If this is your camper's first year in Teen Turf they will not be able to use their last years Rec 3 field trip shirt as they are different colors.

FIELD TRIP LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS:

However, we are not advertising where or what weeks we may add another field trip until we get more information in several areas as the following factors will play a role in our decisions on where to send campers this summer:

- Will the field trip location be open and to what extent will they allow "groups" to come at one time?
- What is the distance in drive time to a particular field trip location? We take this into consideration for the younger campers.
- What ages are appropriate for this type of field trip?
- Is the field trip location following safety guidelines that are congruent with our camp policies?
- Will the field trip be cost effective? For example some field trip locations are not as popular as others.

FIELD TRIP LISTS & EXAMPLES

Below we listed examples of Field Trips planned for Rec groups. These field trips DO NOT apply to all aged Rec groups. They are examples that may be offered this year for any given Rec Group, based on the above considerations. Again, your camper may still come to camp even if they do not go on the field trip.

State Parks/ Beaches:	New Castle Commons
Amusement Parks:	Canobie Lake Park
Complex/Arcades:	Hill Top Fun Center
The Movies:	Cinomagic in Epping
Water Parks:	Water Country, Durham Public Pool, Aqua Land Splash Pad
Outdoor Adventure:	Local hikes, Kayaking

BE COOL AT THE POOL – DURHAM POOL TRIPS:

We feel confident that our new onsite Splash Pad now covers our previous need for extended water time play during the week. As we attended the Durham Pool multiple times last year, we are again working on adding the pool trips into our lineup for this summer. Stay tuned.

FIELD TRIP FEES & REGISTRATION TIME FRAMES:

All field trips must be paid for in advance. After **June 3rd** you will be able to pay for field trips online with a credit card. For registration at the Rec Center, we accept cash, check and most credit cards and debit cards. Checks should be made out to the Newmarket Recreation Department.

We are back to offering 2 OPTIONS regarding payment of field trips. Keep reading for Option A: "pay one flat rate" or Option B: "a la carte." Please note that we set a limited number of seats per field trip and once a field trip is 'filled' campers will be placed on a waitlist. We use the waitlist option because the number of campers able to fit safely on a bus will change from trip to trip simply because the bus size can change from day to day. There is no cost for waitlist entry and will be charged only if camper is able to go on trip. We have to assume we are getting a smaller bus in order to not oversell a trip. Once we have determined how many campers are able to safely fit on a bus, we begin to load the waitlist campers. The office staff will contact parents to let them know their camper has made it on the field trip and to collect payment.

FIELD TRIP PAYMENT OPTIONS:

OPTION A – Pay ONE FLAT RATE for all Field Trips:

Why not pay for all field trips and day camp in one payment and you will be eligible for a bigger child care tax credit? This must be paid in full prior to start date of camp in order to take advantage of this tax credit during the 2024 tax year. By paying for all the field trips it will also ensure your camper's spot on all field trips as sometimes we sell out and have to limit how many campers can go on a trip. At this time we do not have the exact breakdown for the inclusive rate for each Rec group. Therefore, we will be asking \$265/per child in Rec 1, \$275/per child in Rec 2 and \$325 for those campers in Rec 3 or Teen Turf which is a close estimate. Your last payment will be the "balloon" payment or household credit of any additional fees. You may refer to last year's breakdown to give you an idea of what it may be for each Rec group.

PLEASE NOTE THE FINE PRINT ON THIS OPTION:

- Due to the nature of this offer, **NO REFUNDS** will be allowed for any missed trips regardless of reason.
- There is a limited # of Inclusive packages sold per Rec group. It's a 1st come 1st serve basis.
- Lastly, once you make this advance inclusive reservation purchase you can **NO LONGER** change your mind and revert back to a la carte purchases. **This purchase is final,**

OPTION B - Pay A LA CARTE for each Field Trip:

On **June 3rd** we will have our finalized Field Trip lists for each Rec Group. At this time you may pick and choose the field trips you would like to sign up for. If you would prefer to purchase your field trips on a weekly basis you are definitely able to do that as well; however, some field trips can sell out quickly and may not be available if you wait too long. You can only sign up your child if a payment is received (this can be done online, in person, over the phone with a credit card).

FIELD TRIP CANCELLATIONS POLICIES:

- If you have paid for an a la carte field trip and your child is NOT able to attend, **you must contact us before 3:00 p.m. the day before a scheduled trip to receive a credit***. Cancellations made after 3:00 p.m. the day before a field trip will not be refunded. ***PLEASE NOTE**, if a field trip required the advanced purchase of a ticket to a specific venue and & we are unable to fill the spot - then we cannot provide you with a credit.
- Participants that purchased an INCLUSIVE FIELD TRIPS package may not receive refunds for any trips that your camper is unable to attend.
- If cancelled due to weather, we will make every effort to reschedule but no guarantee and no refunds available.
- Occasionally, the morning of a scheduled field trip we have campers who decide they want to skip the field trip and stay on camp. In this case, if there is sufficient staffing scheduled at home base for additional campers to stay behind and time to make the change; parents will be notified of their camper's request. If there is space in home base and parents give approval, the camper may stay on campus; **however, there will be no refund available.**
- If there is not sufficient staffing at home base, campers will be sent on the field trip. If we are unable to reach a parent before the trip is scheduled to depart the camper will be sent on the field trip as planned.

CHILD SMILE CAMP FIELD TRIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Each summer we try to raise additional monies for our *Child Smile Field Trip Scholarship "Fun"ds*. It should be noted that we already gratefully receive monies from numerous donors such as NCEP in an effort to ensure all children have an opportunity to attend camp regardless of their parent's current financial status. However, monies donated from these sources do not include any field trips as they are not considered a necessity. We feel that fieldtrips are a memorable, growing part of the camp experience; therefore, we do accept donations for field trips for those children who might otherwise not be able to go on any field trips. If you would like to donate to this field trip fund, please stop by the Rec. for more information on how you can help.



SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS REGARDING OUR CAMP COUNSELORS:

Often times, as parents, we tend to forget the age and nature of a camp counselor. Summer camp is NOT as STRUCTURED as a school environment. Please remember that these counselors are with your teen from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day with no breaks, and more so then ever with the past two years we have had... Camp Counselors are a much needed socialization commodity for kids! We strongly believe it takes a special kind of person to be a camp counselor. And in realizing this, you'll understand why we have so many procedures and policies in place. The following poem pretty much sums up a typical day for one of our wonderful camp counselors... we thought you would enjoy reading it.

ODE TO A CAMP COUNSELOR

Somewhere between adolescence and adulthood there occurs in human development an age which is physically and psychologically impossible. It is that unfathomable stage known as the camp counselor, a creature undefined by psychologists, misunderstood by camp directors, worshipped by campers, either admired or doubted by parents, and unheard of by the rest of society.

A camp counselor is a rare combination of Doctor, Lawyer, and Indian Chief. He is a babysitter with neither television nor a refrigerator. He is a strict disciplinarian with a twinkle in his eye; a minister to all faiths with questions about his own. He is a referee, a coach, a teacher, and an advisor. He is the example of adulthood in worn out tennis shoes, a sweatshirt two sizes too big, and a hat two sizes too small. He is a humorist in a crisis, a doctor in an emergency, a song leader, an entertainer, and a play director. He is a teacher of outdoors.

Counselors dislike meetings, waiting in lines, bathroom runs, and rainy days. They are fond of sunbathing, exploring, teaching new games, their old car, and days off. They are handy at patching up friendships, bloody noses, and torn jeans. They are good at locating missing bathing suits, fixing equipment, singing songs, and comforting a teen. They are poor at being on time, remembering to sign in, and getting to bed at a reasonable hour.

Who but a counselor can cure homesickness, get as wet as the campers, play sixteen games of Bingo in succession, carry everyone's lunches, do a back flip, sing "Reese's Pieces", and eat more than all the kids put together?

A counselor is expected to repair ten years of damage to Tommy in ten days, make Danny into a man, rehabilitate Susan, allows Katherine to be an individual, and help Peter adjust to the group. He is expected to lead the most prized possessions of 20 adults much older than he. He is expected to lead them in fun and adventure—even when his head hurts; to teach ingenuous activities—even when he hasn't reached the voting age; to ensure safety and health— even with a sunburned nose, a band aid on his thumb, and a blister on his heel. For all this, he is paid enough to buy the second text in Psychology, some Aspirin, some new socks, two tires for the old car, and some new tennis shoes. You wonder how he can stand the pace and the pressure. You wonder if he really knows how much he is worth, and somehow, you realize you can never pay him enough when, as he leaves in August, he waves good-bye and says, "See you next year!"

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call and ask @ 659-8581 or mail us at recdesk@newmarketnh.gov Having said all that, and we know it was a lot, we truly are looking forward to a safe and fun summer camp experience with your child!

Newmarket Recreation Department

Behavior Management Policy

Parent/Guardian and participating child must read, understand and sign this form.

Discipline will be constructive in nature and include techniques such as:

1. Using limits that are fair, consistently applied, appropriate and understandable to your child's level
2. Providing your child with reasons for limits
3. Giving positively worded directions and redirecting your child to acceptable behaviors
4. Helping your child to constructively express his/her feelings and frustrations to resolve conflict

****The program staff will not use any type of physical or verbal abuse as a disciplinary measures. The following are the offenses and consequences that will be taken.*

Offenses	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Breaking Rules	Verbal Warning	Write Up Parents Notified	Write Up Parents Notified Discussed of Suspension	Write Up Parents Notified 2 Day Suspension NO REFUND	Expulsion from Program NO REFUND
Not Listening					
Inappropriate Language					
Careless Damage to REC Property	Write Up Parents Notified Damage Restitution	Write Up Parents Notified Damage Restitution 2 Day Suspension NO REFUND	Expulsion from Program Damage Restitution NO REFUND		
Cursing					
Found Out of Program Boundaries					
Disrespect of Staff					
Bullying (Physical or Verbal)	Write Up Parents Notified 2 Day Suspension Damage Restitution	Expulsion from Program Damage Restitution NO REFUND			
Physical Fighting					
Physically Harming Another Person					
Willful Destruction of Property					
Stealing	Immediate Expulsion from Program NO REFUND				
The Use of Drugs and/or Alcohol					
Possession of a Weapon					
Verbally Threaten to Use Guns, Knives or Any Weapon to Harm Another					

Bullying: Bullying includes a wide variety of behaviors, but all involve a person or a group repeatedly trying to harm someone who is weaker or more vulnerable. It can involve direct attacks (such as hitting, threatening, or intimidating, malicious teasing and taunting, name-calling, making sexual remarks, hazing and stealing or damaging belongings) or more subtle indirect attacks (such as spreading rumors or encouraging others to reject or exclude someone).

Physically harming another person: includes but not limited to – hitting, biting, kicking & slapping

Breaking program rules: includes but not limited to defiance, uncooperativeness, insubordination, unruliness

I have read and understand the above policy. I assume the responsibility for insuring that my child is aware of this policy and the consequences of his/her actions should there be any such offenses.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Participant Name:	Age:
Participant Signature:	Date: