

(7/06/21 –8/13/21)

CAMP PHONE NUMBER (914) 232-6162

Summer 2021

Dear Parents:

We are so excited to be able to offer a summer camp program for the Town of Lewisboro. However, the 2021 camp season will again be different from previous years. Many restrictions have been lifted but we will keep some in place as measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and to protect our campers and employees especially those who are not vaccinated.

With safety mind, we stress the following points:

Safety in fewer numbers: the number of campers per group will be restricted to 15 campers.

Safety in consistent campers: campers will be assigned to a group, and that assignment will remain consistent with the camper's enrollment period.

Safety in consistent staffing: each group will have the same two staff members for much of the camp program.

The summer camp season is scheduled to run for six weeks from Tuesday July 6th to Friday August 13th from 9:15am to 3:15pm with a 45-minute drop-off schedule from 8:30am to 9:15am and a 30-minute pick-up schedule from 3:15pm to 3:45pm. Campers will be assigned to an age-appropriate pod, and we will not be able to accommodate friend requests this summer. Each pod will be assigned to their own "home base" and will be provided with a daily schedule of activities. Two pods will be assigned to interact with each other throughout the camp day, but the group size cannot exceed 36 campers.

The 2021 summer camp season will look and operate differently from previous years, but we will do our best to provide our campers with a fun, positive experience in a safe environment. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate through this unprecedented and challenging time.

TRAILBLAZING TEEN CAMP

Curiosity: We seek knowledge and wisdom in all forms, so that we may become lifelong learners, practitioners and teachers.

Acceptance: We foster and celebrate the diversity of individuals, our community, and our world.

Integrity: We are honest as we grow into whole selves as we act out of a sense of identity and purpose.

Respect: We value the persons and the property, both physical and intellectual, of others.

Kindness: We show charity to one another.

Self-confidence: We persevere in the face of our own limitations and those of others.

All camps operate Monday through Friday

Camp starts Tuesday, July 6th and ends Friday, August 13th

TRAILBLAZING TEEN CAMP (entering grades 7th - 9th)

Will meet at Onatru Farm Park from **9:15 AM - 3:15 PM**

All children will be screened with a temperature check, hand sanitizing station, and COVID-19 questionnaire with parent/guardian present daily. These check ins will occur from 8:30am-9:15am. Late campers will be accepted after 9:15am when prior notice is given. Onatru Farm Park and the parking lot will be closed off to the public for the camp day.

Staggered AM drop-off schedule:

Groups 1 & 3: 8:30am to 8:45am – check in with Nurse

Groups 2, 4 & 5: 8:45am to 9:15am – check in with Nurse

Staggered PM pick-up schedule:

Groups 1 & 2: 3:15pm to 3:30pm

Groups 3, 4 & 5: 3:30pm to 3:45pm

STAFF

The Town of Lewisboro Day Camp Program is run under the direction of a trained staff of professionals and counselors.

Our new Trailblazing Teen Camp Director is Ashley Wallace, and she will be assisted by Lori McCarthy.

Ashley Wallace is an educator, animal lover, and history buff who lives in Danbury, CT. She has been in education for over 10 years working with both middle and high school students. She loves being creative (you can catch her currently experimenting with watercolor) and finding new ways to get inspired even if she does end up curling up with a good book instead. Ashley is very excited to be the camp director for the teen program this year and cannot wait to share memories of her own camp experiences as a kid!

Our specialists have experience in their area of specialty as well as working with children. Most have some experience in working with children and are required to attend a mandatory staff training program as mandated by Westchester County and New York State Board of Health.

Under New York State and Westchester County Health Department regulations, we must have one staff member per 200 campers certified in American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies First Aid and one staff member per 200 campers certified in CPR for the Professional Rescuer. The Town of Lewisboro Day Camp exceeds these requirements.

PERMIT

The Town of Lewisboro Day Camp Program:

- 1) Must have a permit to operate from the Westchester County Health Department
- 2) Is required to be inspected twice yearly

Inspection reports and required camp written safety, medical, and fire safety plans are on file at the Westchester County Health Department, Bureau of Public Health Protection, Mt. Kisco, NY and are available for your review.

RAINY DAY/THUNDERSTORM PROCEDURES

Due to COVID-19, we do not have a rainy-day location, as a result, camp will not be offered on days when severe rainstorms/thunderstorms are predicted. We will cancel camp due to rain reports by 7:15 a.m. We will delay morning drop-off if storms are predicted during the drop-off schedule and, conversely, we will call for an early dismissal day if severe storms are predicted for the afternoon. We do have some shelter at the park and will do our best to have camp if it happens to drizzle.

- If it is raining and/or lightening and thundering in the morning prior to camp, **PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT www.lewisbororecreation.com** or visit our Facebook Page.

DISMISSAL

Counselors should have their campers at the dismissal area by 3:05 pm. For this summer, each group will be assigned to a pick-up location that will respect the social distancing requirement of 6ft. (Groups 1 & 3 will be assigned to a pick-up location that is 6ft away from groups 2 & 5) Counselors **MUST** remain with their group until they are dismissed by either the director, assistant director, or counselor supervisor. One counselor or C.I.T. will be assigned to the campers who are dropped off/picked up by car. Parents **MUST** drive up to the designated pick-up area. When possible, one counselor will escort the camper to the car and the other counselor will stay with the group.

NOTES

Campers **MUST** have written parental permission for the following:

- If they are not to participate in a certain activity due to medical reasons
- Early pickup request
- For playdates or if a camper is going home with someone other than their parent

The original note will be read by your counselor and turned into the respective director (i.e., camp director, aquatics director, or medical director).

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

New York State and Westchester County Health Department regulations require that all children attending private or public day, travel, or sleep away camps must have their immunization record on file **BEFORE** they may start camp. If your child's record is not on file prior to the start of camp, your child will not be admitted into camp. If your child is required to take any type of medication during camp hours, a Medical Authorization Form **MUST** be filled out by the parent **AND** physician and handed in with the medication the first day your child attends camp. This includes inhalers that may only be needed on an as needed basis. Medication will be left with the camp's health director who will oversee and supervise the child in self-administering their own medication. By law, camp personnel cannot dispense internal medications to the child unless they are a NYS licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or registered nurse. Written permission can be given by both the physician and parent to allow the camper to carry medication that is needed for emergency purposes (i.e., epi-pen; asthma inhaler).

SWIMMING

Trailblazing Teen campers will swim at the Lewisboro Town Pool and swim periods will be assigned for free swim. All campers will be tested the first week of camp to determine their level of ability. Late entering campers will be tested prior to their first swim session.

Under New York State and Westchester County Health Department regulations, all non-swimmers must be readily identifiable. The Town of Lewisboro Day Campers will be using neon orange wristbands to identify our non-swimmers. Wristbands will be given to each non-swimmer at the beginning of their swim time and collected at the conclusion of their swim time. In addition, our campers who are classified as swimmers will be wearing different neon green colored wristbands. This has been added as an extra level of safety to ensure that a non-swimmer cannot take off their wristband and proceed to a swimmer area (which formerly did not use wristbands). Therefore, all campers must wear a wristband to swim. Any swimming concerns/notes should be sent in writing to your child's counselor. The note should be placed in an envelope and marked on the outside: Attention – Mary Kohn

SWIM ATTIRE/GEAR

Campers should wear their bathing suit under their clothing and bring their change of clothes in their bag/knapsack to change into after their swim time on their regularly scheduled swim days. This will alleviate the need for two complete changes which is extremely helpful. **On days that your child is not scheduled to swim, a bathing suit and towel should be sent as they may be using sprinklers, particularly on hot days.** The following items are necessary for swim time: bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, and hair ties (for children with long hair). The following items are optional: goggles, bathing cap, brush/combs, and ear plugs/wax.

All towels, clothes, lunch boxes/bags should be clearly labeled with your child's name to prevent their valuables from ending up in the lost and found.

We suggest you apply sunscreen to your child prior to going to camp each day and send sunscreen with your child to camp. Counselors will be asked to remind their campers to apply sunscreen throughout the day.

RELEASE FORM

When you registered your child for camp, the release form you signed indicates that your child(ren) will participate in regularly scheduled camp activities (i.e.; arts & crafts, swimming), special events (i.e.; water carnival, moon bounce) and off-site trips which includes the Lewisboro Town Pool. If there is an activity you do not wish your child to participate in, you should notify the Camp Director Ashley Wallace in writing.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Check-in:

All children will be screened daily with a temperature check with their parent/guardian present. These screenings will occur from 8:30am-9:15am. Late campers will be accepted after 9:15am when prior notice is given. Onatru Farm Park and the parking lot will be closed off from the public throughout the day.

No child(ren) or counselor should come to day camp if they exhibit signs of illness or symptoms related to COVID-19. If a child becomes sick at camp, they will immediately receive isolation from the other children. Parents will have one hour to arrange pick up after notification by the camp directors. Failure to pick up your child promptly will forfeit attendance at day camp for the rest of the season.

Face Masks:

Campers must bring a face covering daily. We will encourage campers to wear their mask, but they are not required to wear one.

All unvaccinated counselors will wear a face covering except when swimming and playing games where the covering inhibits breathing. If masks are removed all unvaccinated counselors will maintain the safe social distance of 6ft.

Sanitization:

A hand sanitizing station will be available at the entrance of camp, and around the campsite. Campers must apply sanitizer when they enter the camp site. In addition, following NYS guidelines, the practice of hand washing and hand sanitizing will be required between all program activities, after using the restroom, before eating, and before departing the last program activity.

END OF CAMP DAY

No child may remain at the campsite after the camp program ends. Please be sure to check your child's bag/knapsack daily for any camp memos or projects that may be coming home with your child.

LATE PARENTS

Parents are expected to be at the campsite promptly at the dismissal time. If a parent will be late, please call and notify the camp director and try to have a neighbor/friend pick up your child. We realize there are sometimes unforeseen circumstances; however, **repeated lateness will not be tolerated. To compensate camp staff, who need to remain after camp beyond the time stated in their contract, a \$20 fee will be charged each time a staff member must remain at camp with a camper whose parent is continuously late (more than twice).**

CLOTHING

Campers should come to camp as comfortable as possible. Shorts, short sleeve shirts, and sneakers should be worn. Sandals are **NOT** recommended. Raincoats and rain gear should be worn in rainy weather. Swimsuits and towels should be brought daily. _

LUNCH AND DRINK

All full day campers should bring their lunch and drink each day. In addition, you may want to send a separate snack and drink. For bagged lunch, lunch boxes or insulated lunch bags with a freezer pack should be used. To ensure a cold drink, you may want to freeze your child's juice box/water overnight and allow it to thaw during the day. There is no refrigerator at Onatru Farm Park Camp; therefore, lunches should contain non-perishable food items. **Please, no glass containers!**

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

We ask that parents do not allow their children to bring their own personal belongings to camp (i.e., cell phones, toys, iPods, iPad, books, etc.). We cannot be responsible for their safekeeping, and it sometimes causes friction within the groups.