

Town of Poolesville Stevens Park Summer Rec. Program Policies and Procedures 2009

The Town of Poolesville Stevens Park Summer Recreation Program will operate for 7 weeks beginning June 22nd and ending August 7th. The hours of operation are 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Staff is not responsible for the children until 9:30 AM.

Admission

Children will be enrolled in the Summer Rec. Program after meeting the following criteria:

- a. They must be a Poolesville area resident.
- b. They must not be older than 12 years of age; and no younger than 6 years of age.
- c. Registration forms must be completed.
- d. Program fees in the amount of \$20.00 must be paid by cash or check made out to Commissioners of Poolesville.

Attendance

The children may use the Summer Rec. Program as little or as often as they wish. It is not necessary to contact the camp if your child is not attending.

The camp offers a morning session from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM and an afternoon session from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Children are not allowed to leave the premises during a session unless picked up by a parent. Lunch is from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM and children are allowed to leave during this time if they have parental permission.

Calendar

The Summer Rec. Program will not be open on Friday, July 3rd. During the program's operation, various sports, arts and crafts, games and other activities will be offered. The children will also be transported to the Western Montgomery County Pool once a week for swimming. There will be special activities such as "Theme Weeks" offered as well. Last year's events included Cheerleading and Skateboarding Camps, Safety Week, a Scavenger Hunt, and an end of the season Field Day and Cookout.

Lunches

Counselors are present during the noon break in case children wish to remain in the park during this time. Children who choose to remain must bring a non-perishable, sack lunch to camp. Lunches will not be refrigerated. All children must bring a water bottle with their name clearly marked on it. Water coolers will be available for the children to fill their water bottles throughout the day.

Inclement Weather

Rain

If we are experiencing rain in the mornings the Rec. Program will not open.

CODE RED

If the National Weather Service issues a CODE RED heat advisory the Rec. Program will not open.

Electrical Storms

We want to protect the children during electrical storms. Since it is impossible to call each parent or even instigate a “telephone tree” fast enough we are asking parents to organize themselves into neighborhood carpools to retrieve the children quickly in the event of an electrical storm.

We understand many of you are working parents and we encourage you to make arrangements with someone locally that could pick your child up in the event of a storm.

Clothing and Other Belongings

The Staff is not responsible for any of the children’s belongings therefore you should send as little as possible with the children.

Here are a few suggestions that may be helpful to you:

1. Have the children wear their bathing suits under their clothing on pool day.
2. It is advised children not bring any toys or other personal items to camp.
3. Please DO NOT send money to camp unless it is for admittance to the pool or for snacks purchased at the pool.

Lost and Found

Although the Staff cannot be responsible for lost items, there will be a box in the camp equipment room of items that are not claimed. If your child has lost an item, please check in the lost and found.

Parent Participation

Parent participation is important to our program. Parents are encouraged to visit and take part in any activity. If you or someone you know has a special talent, hobby or interest and would like to share it with the children, please let us know so that we can incorporate it into the program. We are always open to suggestions and parent input is always welcome. Volunteers are needed weekly to transport children to and from the pool.

Western Montgomery County Pool

On Tuesdays we will attend the Western Montgomery County Pool from Noon to 3:00 PM. Children will be driven in private vehicles owned and driven by Camp Counselors and parent volunteers. The cost is \$4.00 per child unless parents provide an original pool pass. A signed waiver is required for all field trips. No verbal permission will be accepted.

Discipline Statement

Staff will deal with normal day to day minor behavioral problems. Excessive and very disruptive behaviors include but may not be limited to the following:

- Physically or verbally hurting other children
- Property damage
- Stealing
- Use of foul or vulgar language
- Leaving camp grounds without parental permission

Excessive and very disruptive behaviors will be handled in the following manner:

The child's behavior will be logged. This will include a narrative of the incident.

- First Time – The child will be isolated from the other children
- Second Time – The parent will be called
- Third Time – The child will not be allowed to enter the program for at least 2 days.
- Fourth Time – The child will not be allowed to return to the program