

2020 Summer Park - Parent Handbook

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Welcome

This Summer Park Handbook was developed as a guide for participants, parents and legal guardians. Please read, complete necessary information and sign where indicated as acknowledgement of your understanding of Summer Park policies and procedures. This handbook is part of the registration process for the Summer Park Program and is required at time of registration. All references in this Handbook to "parents" includes legal guardians.

Mission

The City of Port Washington Parks & Recreation Department is committed to providing your child(ren) with a positive, safe and fun-filled atmosphere of recreation, where rules are enforced firmly, fairly and consistently to all participants. Please note that this program is not designed or intended to be a daycare, nor should it be perceived as such. Rather, our program is an afternoon alternative of outdoor fun and structured activities for children ages 5 through 12.

Character Counts

The City of Port Washington, Port Washington - Saukville School District, and the Village of Saukville have united in CHARACTER COUNTS, an exciting program developed to promote character within each other and within the community. CHARACTER COUNTS strengthens young lives through character education. It's a national initiative in partnership with schools, communities, businesses, and other organizations helping millions of youth and adults develop universal values. CHARACTER COUNTS is two things: An educational framework for teaching universal values and a national coalition of organizations that support each other. The values of CHARACTER COUNTS will be included in Summer Park Programs.

Weekly Flyer

Each park site will have a weekly newsletter that will contain a daily listing of the week's events. This newsletter will contain a listing of the week's events, all field trips/activities away from the Summer Park Program and what times the buses depart and return to the Kolbach. The newsletter will be available on Fridays for parents to pick up. It will be located near the daily sign in/out sheet.

Hours

Summer Park hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday..... 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Drop-off and Pick-up

NEW DROP-OFF and PICK-UP POLICY WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. VEHICLE INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED. City staff is not responsible for verifying the identity, legal authority and/or custodial status of persons who drop-off or pick-up participants. Please be guided accordingly. Parents please make sure that a leader is present and on duty before leaving your child(ren) at the park. Leaders are not on duty until 12:30 p.m. and will not be available to start the day's activities or supervise children until that time. Our leaders are there early to prepare for the day. Please be considerate of this time. Parents are expected to pick up their child(ren) immediately upon the conclusion of Summer Park sessions at 5:00 p.m. Just as leaders arrive early to prepare for the day, they also remain after Summer Park closes to clean up and plan for the next day's activities. Again, please be considerate and pick up your child(ren) on time.

Late Pick-up Penalty

Penalties for late pick-ups (after 5pm) will be assessed as follows:

First Late Pickup: Verbal warning and reminder of the pick-up rules

Second Late Pickup: Participant's loss of a day of participation

Third Late Pickup: Participants' loss of a week of participation

Fourth Late Pickup: Participants' suspension from the Summer Park Program

Sign-In and Sign-Out Sheet

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SIGN IN/OUT SHEET: Each day your child attends Summer Park they will need to be signed into and out of the program by a parent by using the Daily Sign-In and Sign-Out Sheet. Once they are signed in to the park, the Summer Park Program is responsible for supervising your child(ren) until they have been signed out.

SELF SIGN-IN / SELF SIGN-OUT PERMISSION: Should you wish to grant permission for your child(ren) to sign themselves IN and/or OUT of Summer Park you can indicate this permission in the Required Information - SELF Sign-In/Sign-Out section at the end of this handbook.

Sign-In Permission: "I authorize my child to sign themselves into Summer Park and understand that if my child fails to sign-in using the Daily Sign-In Sheet that City staff will not be responsible for supervising my child."

Sign-Out Permission: "I authorize my child to sign themselves out during or at the end of Summer Park day; and should that occur, I further understand that City staff will not be responsible for supervising my child in any way after he/she does so."

Cancellation / Early Release and Pick-Up

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have an authorized person available to pick up your child(ren), if it becomes necessary to cancel Summer Park activities.

Early Release:

In the event of adverse weather or other hazardous conditions occurring after Summer Park has been opened for the day, we reserve the right to close the Summer Park at any time if we feel your child(ren) is at risk.

Cancellation Due to Rain / Excessive Heat:

When there are inclement weather conditions or warnings such as severe weather, rain or very high temperatures, Summer Park will be closed for the day. A sign will be posted at the park and/or you may call the Parks & Recreation Department office at (262) 284-5881 or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PortWashingtonParksAndRec for cancellation information.

Fieldtrips - N/A to Summer of 2020

All trips will be announced in advance. Permission slips will be available to be signed by a parent or guardian and must be returned three (3) days in advance of the trip or your child(ren) will not be permitted to go along on the trip. On days of field trips, there will be no regular Summer Park.

Snacks and Drinks

Participants may bring a packed lunch or snack if they wish; however, Parks & Recreation Department staff is not responsible for ensuring that your child(ren) consumes such food or beverages, or for allergic reactions or unhealthful effects experienced by your child(ren) due to the consumption of food or beverages provided by participants or others.

Medication

Leaders are not responsible for and will not be distributing, holding, or carrying prescribed or over-the-counter medications of any kind.

Electronic Devices

Participants will not be allowed to use electronic devices while signed in at Summer Park, except in an emergency. Any electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, hand-held games, etc.) brought to the Summer Park will be the sole responsibility of each participant. Leaders will not hold or monitor these items. The Park & Recreation Department will not be responsible for any lost items.

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Clothing and Personal Belongings

Please send your child(ren) dressed in cool, comfortable clothing that can get dirty (such as shorts and a shirt), socks and tennis shoes. We play games and sporting activities that require running and physical activity, and we want all kids to be able to participate. Flip-flops or sandals are not allowed at the park sites with the exception of the pool. Participants are responsible for belongings brought to Summer Park. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please label all personal belongings with your child(ren)'s full name, in permanent ink.

Sunscreen

Please send sunscreen for your child(ren) daily. We are not responsible for providing or applying sunscreen. Participants are responsible for applying their own sunscreen as we will not be able to assist them.

Accident or Injury Policy

It is our policy, in the event of serious injury or illness, to contact Port Washington EMS/Fire Department, and if necessary, to have them transport the participant to the nearest hospital or medical facility for treatment. Parents will be called if an injury requires immediate parental attention after first calling EMS. All accidents and injuries will be documented with an accident report. Parents will be asked to sign the report and a copy of the report is retained in our accident file. If a participant cause's injury to another, both parties' parents will be notified. DISCIPLINE: Any disruptive, violent or threatening behavior will be dealt with appropriately. Please take time to read the Discipline and Behavior Policy below with your child(ren). If problematic behavior is not corrected, it may be cause for dismissal from Summer Park. We will not tolerate language or actions that are inappropriate or harmful.

Discipline and Behavior Policy

Parents, please review these positives with your child(ren). All Summer Park participants, they will be expected to follow these basic rules:

- Use your manners and treat staff and fellow participants with respect.
- Listen to and obey your leaders and follow their instructions.
- Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Respect the property of other participants and that of Summer Park.
- Always stay with your group.
- Be responsible for personal property brought to Summer Park.
- Be on your best behavior on field trips and during special events and programs.
- Have tons of fun, make new friends, enjoy the field trips and laugh with your leaders...have a great summer at Summer Park.

The following behaviors will not be tolerated and will result in a participant's suspension or termination from Summer Park. If such behaviors occur, parents will receive a Disciplinary Action Notice and will be expected to support and work with the Summer Park leaders:

- Profanity or vulgar language.
- Hurting others and/or oneself.
- Threatening violence.
- Stealing.
- Jeopardizing the health and safety of others.

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- Disturbing programs and special events with inconsiderate behavior.
- Destruction of property.
- Weapons of any kind.
- The presence of drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol or tobacco.
- Bullying (any unwanted aggressive behavior including threats, rumors, excluding others from a group, etc.)

Park Leaders will strive to prevent problems by keeping participants busy with organized activities. Additionally, leaders will use alternatives to deter unwanted actions and encourage appropriate behavior. Our policy for disciplinary measures is as follows:

- **FIRST INFRACTION** - a verbal warning and reminder of the behavioral rules.
- **SECOND INFRACTION** - or repeated disobedience will result in a Disciplinary Action Notice. Parents will be notified by the leader in charge and will have to sign the Notice at the time of pick-up. The Notice will detail how the leader in charge will handle the next infraction.
- **THIRD INFRACTION** - or repeated disruptive behavior will result in a one week suspension from the Summer Park. Parents will be notified by the Summer Park Program Coordinator. A written suspension form will be filled out and must be signed by the parent at pick-up.
- **FOURTH or ANY "SERIOUS" INFRACTION** - automatic expulsion from the Summer Park Program. All enrollment and participation fees paid will be forfeited. Parents will be contacted by the Summer Park Program Coordinator for a conference.

We consider any of the following to be a "SERIOUS" INFRACTION: Stealing; possessing weapons of any kind; possessing drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol or tobacco products; profanity; causing harm to another child(ren) or to a leader; and two (2) or more of the Third Infractions, described above.

The City of Port Washington Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to terminate a participant from the Summer Park Program if there is a discipline problem. Refunds will not be given for participants required to leave the Summer Park Program for disciplinary reasons.

Required Information

Summer Park registration requires the parent to read handbook and complete the Participant Information below.

The Summer Park Handbook can be viewed, downloaded and or printed from our website:

portwashington.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=16382#SummerPark

Participant Info

**Participants Name
(Required):** _____

Please check off all allergies here:

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- None Bees Peanuts Tree Nuts
 Other

If Other, please explain: _____

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- SIGN-OUT Permission: I authorize my child to sign themselves out during or at the end of Summer Park day; and should that occur, I further understand that City staff will not be responsible for supervising my child in any way after he/she does so.
- NO PERMISSION: I do not authorize my child to SIGN-IN or SIGN-OUT of program by themselves.

ALTERNATE CONTACT #1

NAME (Required): _____

RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT: _____

PHONE (Required): () - _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT #2

NAME (Required): _____

RELATIONSHIP to Participant (Required): _____

PHONE (Required): () - _____

VEHICLE INFO #1

Model: _____

Make: _____

Color: _____

License Plate: _____

VEHICLE INFO #2

Model: _____

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Make: _____

Color: _____

License Plate: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature: signing here confirms that parents, legal guardians and participants have read, understand and agree to the contents of this Handbook.

**Parent/Guardian Signature
(Required):** _____