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Dear Day Camp Parents:

June 10, 2019

It is my pleasure to welcome you and your child/children to the 2019 Rye Brook Day Camp. The camp will take place at Crawford Park (122 N. Ridge Street) and will operate from July 1st (off the 4th of July) through August 9th. Morning drop-off is between 8:30am ó 9:00am and afternoon pick-up is at 3:30pm-4:00pm under the pavilion. After Care will go from 4-6pm and pick-up will be under the pavilion unless instructed otherwise.

This year Rye Brook Day Camp will once again swim at the Carver Center pool, located on Westchester Avenue in Port Chester. All campers will swim 2 ó 3 times a week under the supervision of a Waterfront Safety Instructor. In order to swim, your child/children are required to wear swim caps. Rye Brook Recreation will supply your child/children with latex swim caps. As a safety precaution regarding any allergic reactions to latex, I am asking you to supply your child/children with the appropriate swim cap if need be. No child/children will be allowed to swim without a swim cap. Each child will be tested on their first day of swimming by a certified water safety instructor. The Carver Center will be supplying this year's camp with a water safety instructor and lifeguards.

Memorable Moments will be taking camp pictures again this year. The Date of the pictures will be Tuesday, July 9th. Camp T ó shirts will be given out during the first week of camp. T ó shirts are to be worn on **Picture Day and on any trips** that your child/children plan on attending. Picture order forms will be attached to this email.

We have planned for your child/children four fun filled trips. On trip days, Drop off and pick up will take place at Harknees Park Located at Blind Brook High School(the tennis courts at BBHS).They include Dorney Park, Dave & Busters, SplashDown Beach, and The Castle Fun Center. **A blank trip form is posted online and needs to be filled out if your child/children plan to attend any of the trips.** If you choose not to send your child/children on any trip, you must keep your child/children home on trip days. Camp will not be held at Crawford Park for those not going on trips. No refunds will be issued for non-participation on any trips. A brown bag or plastic bag lunch for trip days is best. This will allow your child/children to throw away their lunches when finished, which will lower the risk of them losing lunch boxes on the trips. If you wish to send your child/children with spending money, please place the money in a small plastic bag with their names on it. This will allow the counselors to keep better track of their money.

The camp will be back at Blind Brook High School by 3:30pm on all other trips (Depending on Traffic Conditions). Should the campers be arriving late, the Recreation Department will send out an e-mail.

There will be five entertainers at the camp this season. These entertainers are chosen from recommendations made by the Westchester Recreation and Park Society Summer Day Camp Auditions.

All lunches will be refrigerated in a designated room under the pavilion and juice will be given to all campers at the end of the day daily. All lunches should be clearly labeled with your child's name. Campers should come each day with **sneakers**, (each day all campers have activities that involve physical activities and children may be at risk if they come to camp in sandals or Crocs), a bathing suit and a towel. A water bottle is also recommended. Although each group does not swim each day, a slip-n-slide or other water activities may be set-up for all campers on hot days as long as water restrictions allow. **A great way to prevent lost items is to label as many things that you can with your child/children's name. I would strongly advise not to allow your children to bring any electronic devices to camp in order to prevent items being lost or stolen.**

Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up will take place under the pavilion. Cones will be set up for both the morning and afternoon, allowing (3) cars at a time for drop-off/pick-up to the left and through traffic to the right. **Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the traffic line. Please park your vehicle in an available spot along the outside of the road if you have any questions or concerns. This process takes time and abandoned vehicles in the traffic line causes more delays for drop-off and pick-up.** Counselors will be waiting for the campers at which time attendance will be taken. It is very important (for record keeping and board of health policies) that you notify the camp whenever your child/children are unable to attend, or if you need to do an early pick-up. Please call 914-438-2086 (camp director's cell phone number) and help keep us informed with your personal scheduling for your child/children.

Activities returning this year include **Theme Days**. Every Friday, we will have a Theme Day. For example, *Jersey Day*. Make sure that your child/children feel comfortable in what they wear on theme days.

The end of the summer camp show will also take place this year. The camp talent show will be held on Friday, August 9th @ 1:00 pm. All parents, family and friends are welcome to come and watch your child/children perform that day. More information will be given out to all parents at the start of camp.

New York State has passed legislation that requires you to sign a permission slip in order for your child/children to bring and apply Insect Repellent and/or Sunscreen at camp. The permission slip is enclosed please return it via email or drop off at the rec office.

A major concern in Westchester County is Lyme Disease. Lyme Disease is a tick borne disease that is spread by the deer tick. As most of our activities take place outside, our counselors have been instructed to perform occasional tick checks. It is important that you, as a parent, also check your child occasionally for ticks. If you should happen to find a tick on your child or yourself, grasp the tick with fine-tipped tweezers as close to the skin as possible and pull slowly, steadily, and firmly. Place the tick in a zip lock bag and bring it to your doctor to be checked.

Over the past couple of years, West Nile Encephalitis has become prevalent in this area. The West Nile is a mosquito borne illness that is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes are most active between dusk and dawn when the air is calm. Mosquitoes are most prominent around standing water; therefore activities will be prohibited in those areas. Your child/children will be more than adequately safe with a common bug repellent containing a small percentage of DEET.

With the largest measles outbreak in the U.S underway since 2000, Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD urged unvaccinated children who will be attending summer camp to registers for a vaccine.

In order to run a safe and successful camp, it is important that we have knowledge of your child's health. The health form allows our Medical Director to know if your child has any medical conditions. If you have not yet submitted your medical forms, please do so prior to camp, so we can prepare for your child properly. Once your physician has completed the form and **signed it**, you may fax it to 914-937-7438 or you may drop-off the health form at our Recreation Office. **Your child/children will not be permitted to attend camp unless we have the appropriate paper work.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 914-438-2086. You can also contact me at rfurano@ryebrook.org. Lauren and I are looking forward to meeting all of you on the first day of camp (July 1st). Thank you for your continued cooperation. I look forward to a fun and safe summer!

Sincerely,

Rocco Furano
Day Camp Director

RYE BROOK RECREATION
DAY CAMP

2019 – Day Camp Trip Form

TRIPS

Dave & Busters

Castle Fun Center

Splashdown Beach

Dorney Park

DATES

July 11th _____

July 18th _____

July 23rd _____

August 1st _____

All children in camp will participate in the trips that are initialed by their parents. *For those that do not wish to participate must stay home.* There will be no staff members at Crawford Park to accommodate campers staying back from trips.

Please initial next to the trip(s) on the space provided that you wish your child/children to attend. Also, please fill out the bottom portion of the trip waiver and return the entire form before the first day of camp (July 1st, 2019).

I, _____, give permission for my child/children,
parent(s) name

_____, to participate on the Rye Brook Day Camp trips.
child/children name & grade

Parent/Guardian Signature