



2024 Readington Rec Camp Parent Packet

Dear Camp Families,

Welcome to our **2024 Readington Rec Camp!** We are excited to offer a fun and exciting summer program for your child this summer.

Please read through this Parent Packet to gain an understanding of our camp program, policies, and guidelines for this year.

While we are available to answer your questions, we kindly ask that you read this entire handbook first.

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy program for all campers and their families, counselors, and the community. To meet this goal, we need your assistance in reminding your child about health and safety precautions and to practice those at home.

We are looking forward to a fun, safe and healthy summer.

See you at the park,

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2024 Readington Rec Camp Information

Schedule & Location

Monday, June 24 through Friday, August 2

Summer Road Park

Before Care Drop-off: 7:00-8:00am (available for an extra fee)

Camper Drop-Off: 8:00-8:15am

Camp Activities Scheduled: 8:15am- 3:00pm

Camper Pick-Up: 12:00pm or 3:00pm

Extended Camp pick-up @ Healthquest 6-6:30pm (available for an extra fee)

Rec Camp Activities

Arts and crafts, games, sports, water days, dance parties, competitions, theme days, unstructured play, group contests, and more.

Camp Groups

Campers will be in groups by grade and each group will have a minimum of two counselors.

Camper Drop-Off Procedure

Camper Drop-Off: 8:00am to 8:15am

Parents/Guardians must check in their camper each morning. Parents are asked to drop off their child at their group area. A map will be provided showing where each group will meet. Camp staff will acknowledge the campers arrival each morning by checking them present on their attendance sheet for their group. As a reminder, please keep your child home if he or she is sick.

Camper Pick-Up Procedure

Camper Pick-Up: 12:00pm or 3:00pm (You can pick up earlier if needed on any day.)

At pick-up, parents/guardians or other pre-approved adults will pick-up campers at their camper's assigned area. Please refer to the camp map for the correct area.

A valid photo ID must be shown to the counselor **each day** at pick-up.

If someone other than the parent/guardian is picking up a child, that person must be indicated as an approved adult (**18 years of age or older**) before camp begins or be listed on the parent pick-up permission form.

There is no grace period for pick-up after 12:00pm or 3:00pm. A late pick-up fee of \$15 per 15 minutes (charged in full increments of 15 minutes) will be assessed for all late pick-ups.

Inclement Weather

Because this is an all-outdoor camp, **camp will be canceled in the event of inclement weather**. If camp needs to be canceled, a decision will be announced by 6:30am.

If there is inclement weather after camp begins, camp may close early.

Announcements of closures and other notifications are sent via a text messaging service. Announcements will also be posted on the Readington Recreation website, Facebook, and Instagram. Parents can list more than one phone number for text messaging.

In the event camp is canceled, campers who are enrolled in the extended day program at Healthquest have access to all day coverage at Healthquest. Parents are responsible for drop off and pick up. Parents can drop off at Healthquest as of 8:00am.

In the event camp closes early, campers who are enrolled in the extended day program at Healthquest will be transported to Healthquest.

Camper Health

Campers who are sick should stay home. A camper who experiences a temperature > or equal to 100 degrees, vomiting, or diarrhea may not attend camp until the illness completely runs its course and the camper has remained free of vomiting, diarrhea, and/or fever for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication.

Campers are encouraged to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer throughout the day.

Camp Activities and Schedule

Each group will follow a daily schedule through a rotation of activities. There will be tents and shaded space throughout the park to accommodate these activities. A typical camp day will include arts and crafts, games, group challenges, unstructured play and more. Special activities on some days include dance parties and water days. A camp calendar will be emailed to you and is on our website.

Camp Security & Visitors

Summer Road Park will be closed to the public during the camp day.

Parents/guardians are only permitted to come to camp during designated camp pick-up times. Parents who need an early dismissal time must notify the camp director at the start of the day.

What Campers Should Bring To Camp

Campers should bring the following items to camp each day. **ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE LABELED WITH YOUR CAMPERS NAME:**

- Backpack / drawstring bag
- Water bottle
- Snack (that does not require refrigeration)
- Lunch (that does not require refrigeration) for campers who stay until 3pm
- Hand sanitizer (recommended, but not required)
- Spray Sunblock
- Hat

Sunscreen should be applied before arriving at camp. Please be aware that counselors cannot apply sunscreen to campers BUT campers are encouraged to REAPPLY sunblock throughout the day.

Cell phones and other electronics are not permitted at camp. Readington Recreation is not responsible for any items brought from home.

EpiPens & Inhalers

EpiPens and/or inhalers must be in a plastic bag labeled with the child's name. The EpiPen and/or inhaler must be in its original packaging, marked with pharmacy labels. Epi-pens are kept in the camp headquarters unless the parent requires it to be with the camper at all times.

Camp staff does not administer medication(s). If your child requires medication please call the Recreation Department to discuss.

Trips

Please refer to the trip information sheet that was emailed to you and is also on the website for specific trip information. Campers must wear their camp t-shirt on trips. Trips are non-refundable.

Camp Dress Code

Campers should come prepared for activity every day. **Closed-toed, athletic shoes are the only appropriate footwear for camp.** Flip flops or sandals are not permitted at camp.

Each camper will receive one camp t-shirt. Additional shirts may be available for purchase.

Camp can be messy, so clothing should be appropriate for outdoor play. Campers will be physically active during the day, so comfortable clothing should be worn. Please also consider the outdoor nature of the camp. It is recommended that campers also wear or bring a hat and sunglasses.

On water days, campers must wear **their bathing suits under their clothes** and bring a towel to participate. Water shoes are recommended. There are no changing facilities at camp.

Four Pillars of Positive Camp Conduct & Camp Discipline

1. **Safety:** follow the rules of the camp, always leave the group with a counselor.
2. **Kindness:** use good manners, include others in games, older campers should be a role model.
3. **Respect:** respect camp and other's property, follow counselor's directions, be a good sport, share equipment.
4. **Responsibility:** use camp equipment properly, follow the rules, return property on time and in the condition you found it.

Campers who fail to act according to these four pillars may be subject to discipline, according to the camp discipline policy:

1. **First Offense:** Camper sits out of an activity for a short time and is spoken to by the site supervisor.
2. **Second Offense:** An incident report will be sent home and must be returned with the camper the next day signed by the parent/guardian.
3. **Third Offense:** A second incident report will be completed and camper has a one-day suspension on the next camp day.
4. **Fourth Offense:** Camper is suspended for 1 week and an incident report is written.
5. **Fifth Offense:** Camper is suspended for the remainder of camp and an incident report is written.

If a camper is suspended for any amount of time, there are no refunds of camp fees.

Who Are The Camp Counselors?

All counselors will be wearing orange shirts that say "STAFF" on the back. Each group will have a mix of college and high school aged counselors. Counselors are safety trained. Directors & site supervisors are CPR & First Aid Certified.

Camp Canteen

The concession stand will only be open to purchase a bottle of water at 1 dollar. On Tuesdays, pizza will be available for purchase. **Pizza lunch is only available to campers staying until 3pm.** Pre-orders for pizza will be taken online in early June.

Mandatory Pre-Camp Form

Parents/guardians are required to complete a pre-camp form, available on the Readington Recreation Camp webpage. Forms are required to be completed prior to camp.