

EPRD SUMMER DAY CAMP
CAMP GUIDELINE FOR PARENTS & CAMPERS:
Helpful reminders for daily camp activities, field trips and more...

Welcome to EPRD 2024 Summer Day camp! To make everyone's summer camp experience safe and memorable, we have created this list of helpful tips for parents, campers and staff. Parents, we ask that you please review all this information carefully and share it with your child.

OVERVIEW:

EPRD Summer Camp will be held at Pierce Field, 201 Mercer St. This 6-week camp will run Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm, June 24 – August 2, 2024, (No camp July 4th)

EPRD Summer Day Camp will feature a day full of camp activities that include special events, arts and crafts, sports, games, and field trips for children ages 6 – 12 (age as of September 1, 2024). Important information regarding Summer Camp is outlined below. Please feel free to contact the Department's main office at (401) 435-7511 or the Recreation Center Supervisor at (401) 270-1769 if you have any questions.

- ❖ Camp registration is available online <https://eastprovidence.recdesk.com>
Phone registrations, mail in or faxes are not accepted.
- ❖ The registration fee will be \$600 for the 6-week session per child. \$300 deposit /payment is required at registration. Final payment is due by July 8, 2024. You can make payments online at <https://eastprovidence.recdesk.com>
- ❖ **NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CAMP WITHOUT AN EPRD MEDICAL FORM COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN.**
- ❖ *Transportation is not provided to and from the camp. Children must be dropped off and picked up. East Providence Recreation is not responsible for participants until they are signed in with staff.*
- ❖ EPRD Summer Camp is not a licensed day care nor is the City of East Providence licensed to provide childcare services through the Department of Children and Youth and their Families (DCYF).

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES:

DROP OFF:

- ❖ Parents will drop off their Camper at their designated camp area. No camper can be left at the camp site without being signed in with their recreation camp staff.

PICK- UP:

- ❖ Parents will pick up their camper at their designated camp area. All campers must be signed out with a recreation camp staff for dismissal.

ILLNESS POLICY:

- ❖ Please be advised that the EPRD Summer Day Camp will follow all RIDOH Covid-19 guidance including quarantine, and mask requirements. If RIDOH guidelines change, adjustments to the program will be made as needed.
- ❖ Do **NOT** send your child to camp if he or she has any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting, and /or diarrhea as a result of COVID-19 or other illness.
- ❖ Should a child be observed at the time of drop off to exhibit any signs and/or symptoms of illness, they will not be admitted to camp.
- ❖ Parents/Guardians will be notified to pick up their child should the child become ill while at camp.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- ❖ In the event of rain or other severe weather-related conditions camp will be moved to Agnes B. Hennessey Elementary School cafeteria, located at 75 Fort St (across the street from Pierce Field). All indoor field trips will still go on as scheduled. Some groups may be transported to an indoor facility (i.e.: library, Rec. Center etc.) and returned to the main site by the end of camp.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Campers will be separated into groups by color.
- ❖ **Campers will be given 2 T-shirts in their group color. That group color MUST BE WORN EVERY DAY TO ATTEND CAMP!** This will help the staff keep the group together for safety.
- ❖ Visitors and/or observers must check in at the supervisor's table before entering the campsite area.
- ❖ Hand washing will be done throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be available in each group area and encouraged to be used regularly.
- ❖ Cleaning and disinfection of all play surfaces and equipment will be done throughout the camp day.
- ❖ Free lunch is provided Monday – Friday.
- ❖ If your child is not going to get the free lunch, please be sure to send your child with a full lunch, plenty of snacks and drinks for the entire day. We suggest that you use an insulated bag or small cooler since there is no refrigeration on site.
- ❖ **All children are required to bring enough drinks for the entire day and a reusable bottle to fill as needed.**
- ❖ If your child is getting a free lunch, it is still suggested that you send extra snacks and a reusable bottle that can be refilled at the water fountain when needed.

- ❖ **Children are NOT allowed to share food.** There are campers who have allergies and could get very sick if you do!
- ❖ Children should come to camp with proper footwear and clothing for the planned activity. If it's a "water day", we suggest a towel and bathing suit, as well as dry clothes to change into. Don't forget a sweatshirt if it's cold.
- ❖ Please be sure to write your child's name on all his/ her belongings, including clothes, water bottle, lunch bags, coolers, etc. (this will help identify items left behind at camp).
- ❖ Children should have sunscreen applied before camp and bring a bottle of sunscreen to use throughout the day. Hats are suggested as well.

FIELD TRIPS:

- ❖ Field trips and special activities may be limited due to bus size and specific age group. Field trips will be publicized in advance and reservations made on a first come first pay basis. **Space on each field trip cannot be guaranteed.** Field trip fees and special activity fees are **NOT** included in the registration fee. Fees must be in cash and correct change would be greatly appreciated. **CHECKS WILL NOT** be accepted.
- ❖ Please send your child with appropriate clothing for the field trip as well as a full lunch with enough drinks for the entire day.
- ❖ We suggest that if you send your child with "spending money" for a trip that you place all money in a zip lock bag, small envelope or wallet with your child's name clearly printed on it. Please note that children are responsible for keeping their own money with them.
- ❖ As a safety measure, the "BUDDY SYSTEM" is implemented on all field trips. Campers will have a specific partner or "buddy" to discourage children from wandering off or swimming alone. One buddy should always know where the other is. Groups of three are acceptable if one child is unable to find a buddy or if there are an odd number of campers. If a camper is unable to find a buddy, a supervisor will assign one for him/her.
- ❖ When scheduling allows, local field trips will be offered to each individual group throughout the camp season.

BUS RULES:

*** Please note: these are basic rules to abide by – Individual drivers may have additional rules to follow.**

- ❖ Children must always remain in their seats while the bus is moving and until it is time to get off the bus.
- ❖ Never throw anything out the window or inside the bus.
- ❖ Children are not to make any gestures to passing vehicles or persons.
- ❖ Children are to keep their hands inside the bus.

BE SAFE:

- ❖ Campers will be required to stay in the supervised group area. If the campers are intentionally leaving the area, parents will be notified, and the disciplinary procedure will be followed.
- ❖ Please do not climb trees, on the outside of playground equipment or along any fencing.
- ❖ When indoors, walk to and from the bathroom- floor may be slippery.
- ❖ Listen to counselors – if they are telling you to do or not to do something it is for your own safety. We are here to make sure you are safe and have fun!
- ❖ If something happens that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, if you notice something that looks unsafe, please tell a counselor right away.
- ❖ Shoes must be worn at all times while at camp (this is at the discretion of the Recreation Supervisor during water play).
- ❖ Children should not share hats.

BE KIND:

- ❖ Be respectful – Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
- ❖ Use kind words – no negative talking. NO TEASING!
- ❖ NO BULLYING!
- ❖ NO VIOLENCE! (Hitting, slapping, kicking, biting, etc.)

- ❖ PLEASE NOTE: In the past staff have noticed that there has been an issue with children using inappropriate language/ gestures while at camp. It is for this reason that ANY child whose language or gestures are rude, crude, inappropriate, or in any way hurtful or harmful to another, will face an automatic 1 day suspension from camp.

- ❖ Include everyone in your group in clubs or games.
- ❖ Do not take other people's property.
- ❖ Be kind to all Parks & Recreation Staff! Remember, it is a privilege to use the playground!
- ❖ Clean up your messes.
- ❖ Use the bathroom in the proper way.
 - Put paper towels in the garbage.
 - If you spill water on the floor, clean it up.
 - If something is broken, please tell a staff person

PLAY FAIR:

- ❖ Follow the rules for the game you are playing – If you don't know the rules, ask someone to explain them.
- ❖ Be honest at all times – If you get out, you're out.

- ❖ Be a good sport – That means a good loser and /or a good winner.
- ❖ Share and take turns.
- ❖ Don't take advantage of other people.
- ❖ Don't blame other people without reason.
- ❖ Be open-minded.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED AT CAMP:

- ❖ **ELECTRONICS** – Children are not permitted to bring any electronics to camp. This will help prevent items from being lost, stolen or broken.

CELL PHONES:

- ❖ While we can certainly appreciate the need for children to have cell phones to use in the event of an emergency, we ask that they are kept in their backpack and **NOT to be used for texting, emailing, taking pictures or videos or “just because”**. They have become a distraction for some. Should staff determine that cell phones are becoming an issue, they will take them for the day and hand them back when the child leaves. Campers are allowed to use the Recreation department phone in an emergency.

DISCIPLINARY PROCERURES:

Our camp follows our own 3 –step disciplinary process (as stated in the Camp Guidelines when you registered). Children will be given warnings by staff should their behavior be deemed unacceptable. It is the policy that after 3 warnings, a child will be disciplined, and parents will be informed. Children will lose privileges to field trips, camp events and will be suspended from the program for a determined amount of time as needed. If the problem persists, the child will be dismissed for the remainder of the program.

The staff may limit or exclude participation in activities based upon stamina, maturity and/or age restriction. Due to the number of participants, Camp cannot provide individualized attention and supervision. Campers will be asked to stay within the supervised area.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping make this summer a great one for campers and staff! Should you have any questions please feel free to speak to the Recreation Supervisor on site or you may call the Recreation office @ 401-435-7511.