



SUMMER • ART • PLAY CAMP

PARENT MANUAL



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Mission Statement

The North Berwyn Park District is an autonomous governmental entity established by the residents in 1976 to provide outdoor recreational areas and leisure service opportunities which foster community growth, family values, and enhance the quality of life.

Program Goals

- To provide a quality and affordable extended day program within our district.
- To provide a structured and safe environment for all participants in our program.
- To provide enrichment activities and socialization that promote health, teamwork, and the social emotional growth for our young campers.

Summer Camps Overview

The North Berwyn Park District operates and manages the Summer Camp programs. The Summer Camp programs consists of a Before Camp session (7:00am – 9:00am) Fun in the Sun Camp (9:00am-3:00 pm), Art Camp (9:00am-3:00pm), and an After Camp session (3:00pm – 6:00pm) for campers between 6-12 years of age. The Before and After Camp is available for both the Fun in the Sun and Art Camps. We also offer a Play Camp from 9:30am-1:30pm for children ages 3-5 years old who are restroom independent.

The Recreation Supervisor manages and oversees the daily operation of the programs. The on-site staff lead the campers in activities that emphasize teamwork, leadership skills, limited academics, and much more. Appropriate supervision is available for all levels while campers have the opportunity to build social skills and relationships.

It is vital that parents/guardians, staff, and campers are aware of the policies and procedures in place that allow the program to function smoothly. The purpose of this handbook is to provide a description of policies, and payment procedures. Please review this information carefully. Failure to follow procedures and policies may result in dismissal from the program.

Questions regarding the operation of the Summer Camp programs should be directed to the Recreation Supervisor:

- (708) 749-4900 x16

Important Phone Numbers

North Berwyn Park District 708-749-4900

Prairie Oak Summer Camp Direct Line (during program hours) 708-749-4980

****The North Berwyn Park District reserves the right to make changes to the handbook. The full cooperation of parents/guardians is always appreciated.****

PREPARING YOUR CAMPER FOR THE DAY

- Each camper should bring a reusable water bottle labeled with their name to camp each day to ensure they stay hydrated.
- Please ensure that sunscreen is applied to your camper at home, staff are not permitted to assist children with sunscreen. Campers are able to re-apply sunscreen throughout the day, so they may pack additional sunscreen.
- Please ensure that your camper is wearing comfortable clothing and foot wear, gym shoes are highly recommended as the children will be engaging in a variety of activities throughout the day, including sports.
- Please be sure to pack your camper with a nutritious lunch each day. Lunches will be stored in our on-site refrigerator, however on field trip days, please be sure to use cold packs if necessary.
- Kids Summer Camp Campers will visit our spray pools weather permitting on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so please send your camper with a swim suit, towel, and sunscreen on those days. As the summer weather grows hotter, we will visit the spray pools more often, so please look for signage regarding upcoming spray pool days when picking up your child(ren).
- Play Camp participants visit the spray pools every day, weather permitting, so please send campers with a swim suit, towel, and pre-applied sunscreen each day.
- Please ensure that your child does not bring any valuable items (including cell phones) from home as the North Berwyn Park District is not responsible for such items.
- Be on the lookout for signage regarding the week's field trip at the sign in/out table. Our field trip departure and return times vary week to week, and it is imperative that your camper arrive on time on field trip days as we do not return to pick up and transport late campers, nor do we provide child care for campers whom have missed the field trip bus.
- Campers must wear their field trip shirts (issued on their first day of camp) on field trip days- no exceptions. If a camper arrives without their field trip shirt, parents will be asked to go home to retrieve the shirt.

GENERAL CAMP RULES REGARDING COVID-19 SAFETY

- The safety of our campers and staff is our top priority and we take this responsibility very seriously. Our safety protocols and policies follow local county and state rules and incorporate the latest recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The North Berwyn Park District will also enforce any rules or mitigations deemed necessary to protect our campers and staff.
- Policies and procedures are subject to change prior to/and or after the start of camp as guidance evolves to fit the current situation. Registered families will receive updated communications from the North Berwyn Park District.
- Campers must wear their face masks covering both the nose and mouth at all times.

GENERAL CAMP RULES REGARDING COVID-19 SAFETY CONT.

- Participants must maintain a distance of 3 feet between themselves and other campers at all times.
- Campers will be directed to stay within their designated, socially distant pod while they are in the gym. Campers will be provided with individual bins in which they will store water and any personal belongings. Campers will also be provided with their own supplies and equipment needed for the day.
- Registration for camp is taken on a first come, first served basis. As there is a limited amount of space for camp to accommodate social distancing there will be no registration allowed beyond the maximum capacity.
- Campers must bring a clean mask from home to wear.
- Children who are sick are not permitted to come to camp.
- Parents are expected to conduct the self-assessment located on page 7 of this manual daily and are not allowed to bring a camper if they answer “yes” to any question.
- Failure to follow these safety protocols may result in a camper being removed from the program.
- All other safety guidelines implemented by the Recreation Supervisor must be adhered to.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES & PAYMENT REGISTRATION

- All students must be registered to attend Summer Camp programs. North Berwyn Park District will not assume responsibility for unregistered children. In order to properly staff our Summer Camp programs, registration must be completed 1 week prior to the session you are registering your camper for. For example, if you are registering for week 2 of our camp which starts on Monday June 13th, payment in full must be made by Monday June 6th by the end of the business day. Registration that occurs after this deadline is subject to a \$15.00 increase in the cost of camp.
- Please note that space in these camps is limited and spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. If the maximum number of campers has been reached please ask to be added to that camp's waitlist as accommodations will be made if an available space opens up.
- Registration for Summer Camp programs is taken at the North Berwyn Park District Community Center, located at 1619 Wesley Ave, during normal registration hours. Please visit www.nbpd4fun.org to view current office hours.
- We encourage parents to register their child by emailing completed registration forms to: frontdesk@nbpd4fun.org and by calling 708-749-4900 to pay by phone. Registration forms must be submitted before a payment for camp may be made, no exceptions. Please note that a child is not registered in the camp program until payment in full for that session has been made and all registration forms have been submitted. Payments will not be accepted at the camp location.

Registration Deadlines & Payment Cont.

The Following is due at the time of registration:

- Completed Summer Camp enrollment forms.
- Payment in the form of check, cash or credit card.

The North Berwyn Park District accepts Day Care Action that is provided by the State of Illinois. Forms are available at the front desk at the North Berwyn Park District Community Center, or email Tara Tischer at ttischer@nbpd4fun.org. Please note that the summer camp programs are not licensed by DCFS.

Return Check Fee

There is a \$25.00 fee for returned checks due to insufficient funds. If this occurs, all subsequent fees for the following six months must be paid in cash.

Refunds

All requests for refunds must be made in writing by emailing frontdesk@nbpd4fun.org by the end of the business day Monday, 1 week prior to the first day of camp in which the request is being made. A \$5.00 processing fee will be assessed on all refunds.

Late Fee

Any camper picked up after hours from Summer Camp programs will be assessed a late fee. The late fees are as follows.

- \$5 for the first 10 minutes.
- \$1 for every minute after the first 10 minutes.

Parents/guardian/authorized persons will be required to sign a late notice and receive an invoice for the amount due. Late fees must be paid during normal business hours by calling 708-749-4900 before the camper can return back to the program.

Excessive late pickups may result in the child being removed from the camp per the supervisor's discretion.

If staff cannot reach parents/guardian or authorized emergency contact to pick up the participant, there will be no alternative other than to contact the police to handle the matter.

NORTH BERWYN PARK DISTRICT BEHAVIORAL STANDARDS & CONTRACT

The following standards have been adopted by the North Berwyn Park District to be used as guidelines for maintaining a safe and productive program environment. Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in disciplinary measures as indicated.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS THAT WILL NOT BE TOLRATED

1. Swearing, or offensive language.
2. Disrespectful behavior towards staff and/or other participants.
3. Aggressive behavior such as slapping, punching, kicking, biting, spitting, etc. whether it is initiated or in retaliation to others.

FIRST WARNING - The first offense of unacceptable behavior will result in the parent being notified by staff by phone to discuss the incident. If the behavior occurs again that same day, the parent will be called to remove the child from the program for the remainder of that day and sign a breach of behavior contract. This note will state the unacceptable behavior of the child and will also notify the parent that any recurring incidents may lead to permanent removal from the program.

SECOND WARNING - If a child continues to display unacceptable behavior after a first written warning has been issued, the parent will be called to remove the child from the program and the child will then receive a written note of a second breach of behavior contract. The note will be required to be signed by the parent before the child may be readmitted to the program.

THIRD WARNING - Upon a third warning of unacceptable behavior, the parent will be called to remove the child from the program. A third breach of behavior contract will be issued. The parent will then be asked to attend a conference prior to the child being readmitted to the program. At this conference, the parent will be required to provide an acceptable solution to avoid recurrence of the problem. If an acceptable solution has been agreed upon, the child will be readmitted to the program at the discretion of the executive director. Any further incident will result in a minimum 1 year suspension from the program.

NOTICE - **In an extreme case of unacceptable behavior that is threatening to staff and/or other participants, the progressive warnings may be lifted and the child may be immediately removed from the program.**

Summer Camp Program Policies

Sign-in Process

- A parent/guardian/authorized person must accompany the student to the designated Drop-Off location and sign them in.
- A camper does not become the responsibility of the North Berwyn Park District Summer Camp program until he/she is signed in by a parent/guardian/authorized person.

Sign-out Process

- Parents/Guardians are expected to pick up their children no later than the designated time based on Camps registered for. Children not picked up after said time will be assessed a late fee (please see pg. 4 for details).
- For safety reasons, anyone picking up a child must have a valid ID and must be designated as authorized to pick up that child. Campers will not be dismissed to anyone not having a valid ID or that is not authorized to pick up.

Once a camper is picked up and signed out of the Summer Camp program, they may NOT return to the program.

Health & Safety

We take the responsibility for the health and safety of all children very seriously. Parents are expected to notify the Park District if their contact information changes at any time and must include phone numbers where they may be reached during program hours.

In order to provide emergency medical treatment in the event a parent/guardian or the person listed as an alternative emergency contact cannot be reached, all medical information must be provided during the registration process so that we can safely attend to your child. The Summer Camp Supervisor should be notified immediately in writing any time there are changes to a camper's medical condition.

If a child becomes ill while at the program, a quiet area will be provided where the student can rest while the Camp staff calls the parents or an authorized person to provide transportation home. To ensure the safety and health of all the campers in the program, parents/guardians are asked to make every effort to provide transportation home as soon as possible.

If a camper is being medicated, parents/guardians are required to fill out proper dispensing of medication forms. Forms can be picked up upon request at the North Berwyn Park District Community Center or email ttischer@nbpd4fun.org.

The staff will provide first aid for minor injuries. Parents/guardians will be contacted if there is a more serious injury. However, if immediate medical attention is required, the staff will call 911 and make every attempt to notify the parent/guardian immediately.

Health Questionnaire for Wellness Screen Related to COVID-19

The North Berwyn Park District is committed to the safety of employees, patrons, and community, including during the COVID-19 pandemic. Employees and patrons will be required to self-assess using these questions each day prior to coming on-site. If the answer is "yes" to any question, please do not come on-site to prevent the spread of illness.

- Do you have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher?
- Do you have a cough?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Have you been experiencing difficulty breathing or a shortness of breath?
- Do you have muscle aches?
- Have you had a new or unusual headache (e.g., not typical to the individual)?
- Have you noticed a new loss of taste or loss of smell?
- Have you been experiencing chills or rigors (i.e., a sudden feeling of cold with shivering accompanied by a rise in temperature)?
- Do you have any gastrointestinal concerns (e.g., abdominal, pain, vomiting, diarrhea)?
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Is anyone in your household displaying any symptoms (as listed above) of COVID-19?
- To the best of your knowledge, in the last 14 days, have you come into close contact with anyone who has tested positive for or been diagnosed with COVID-19?

Prior to entering a park district facility/program, you acknowledge that you have in fact conducted this self-assessment and the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of your current knowledge and beliefs.

* Close contact includes household contacts, intimate contacts, or contacts within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer (10 minutes or longer for ambulatory care services)*

The park district is following all CDC and IDPH guidelines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>

General Policies

Personal Belongings

Personal belongings (i.e., backpacks, books, coats, etc.) must be taken home each day. Personal property that remains at the camp location will be taken to the lost and found. The Summer Camp staff will attempt to help campers stay organized; however, the program is not responsible for lost property.

Children are strongly discouraged from bringing toys, games, and electronics to the program. The Summer Camp staff is not responsible for any personal belongings brought to the program. Additionally the North Berwyn Park District will not provide reimbursement for items that may be lost, broken, or stolen. If a personal item is deemed inappropriate for the program setting and becomes a distraction to the program or to other children, staff members will request the item be stored. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in removal from the program.

Campers are NOT permitted to use their cell phones while in the program. Parents/guardians may contact the Summer Camp program by calling the numbers listed on Page 1 of this manual.

Parent/Guardian Concerns

In order to achieve our goals it is important that staff and parents/guardians work cooperatively. We understand that your child(ren) are your highest priority, and that issues that affect them can elicit strong emotions. Please do not hesitate to discuss any issues or concerns directly with the Summer Camp Director. The Camp Director is your main point of contact and oversees the program and staff on site.

Parents/guardians should refrain from disciplining their own child(ren) in the Summer Camp program setting. Parents/guardians may not have contact with other campers and under no circumstance may a parent discipline, interrogate or reprimand another child. Any threat of physical violence toward a child, staff member or another parent, explicit or implied, will be reported to the appropriate authority and may result in the child's dismissal from the program. While we welcome open discussion regarding any concerns about our programs, respectful speech and behavior is expected at all times.

For information on fees, policies or procedures that are not outlined in this book, please contact the Summer Camp Supervisor.

Suggestions for improving the program are always welcome and will be considered.

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

Child's name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Birth date: _____

Guardian 1 name: _____

Place of employment: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work hours: _____ Mobile phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Guardian 2 name: _____

Place of employment: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work hours: _____ Mobile phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

In the case of an emergency which parent should be contacted first? _____

_____ After Camp

_____ Before Camp

_____ Summer Camp

_____ Art Camp

_____ Play Camp

Approximate pick up time: _____

Please list the following information for emergency contacts for your child:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Doctor's full name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate any medical information (Allergies, disabilities, illnesses, allergies to insect bites, and behavior problems, etc.)

EMERGENCY E-MAIL AND TEXT REQUEST FORM

Being prepared in the event of an emergency or disaster is a responsibility the North Berwyn Park District has to the participants and families of our community, and is a responsibility that is taken very seriously.

In the above mentioned situations, we need to be able to reach parents and or guardian’s as quickly as possible, therefore we are requesting you provide an email address and a valid cellular phone number which can receive text messages.

Your email address and cellular phone number will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

If you do not have access to email or text, please indicate so below.

<p>Child’s Name: _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Name: _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Text Number: _____</p>

I do not have access to email _____

I do not have access to text _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date:

CAMP DROP OFF & PICK UP

For security reasons, the North Berwyn Park District requires all parents/legal guardians to specify authorization of individuals 16 yrs. and older to pick up or drop off their child at the Summer Camp program, or to authorize their child to individually sign in and out.

Please list all authorized persons including self.

Drop Off Authorization

I give authorization to the following persons to drop off my child:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Pick Up Authorization

I give authorization to the following persons to pick up my child:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WALKING PASS

I _____ grant permission for my child _____
_____ to sign themselves in and/or out of the Summer Camp program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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PARENTAL WAIVER

I have read, understand, and accept the above Behavioral Standards and Procedures.

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

**NORTH BERWYN PARK DISTRICT
WAIVER & RELEASE**

Activity/Trip Name: Summer Camp Programs

Important Information

The North Berwyn Park District (NBPD) is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. NBPD continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this program/activity must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational activities/programs.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

Warning of Risk

Recreational activities/programs are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreation activity/program. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers and injuries due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction or officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to indoor and outdoor recreations activities/programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for NBPD to guarantee absolute safety.

Waiver And Release Of All Claims And Assumption Of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program/activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or losses which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program/activity (including transportation services/vehicle operation, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program/activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or losses, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have(or accrue to me or my child/ward as a result of participating in this program/activity against the NBPD, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as "North Berwyn Park District")

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the North Berwyn Park District from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this program/activity.

I have read and fully understand the above important information warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering on-line or via fax, your on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Print Participant's Name: _____
Participant's Signature*: _____ Date: _____

*(If under 18 years old Parent/Guardian must sign)

PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED if the signature of adult participant or parent/guardian and date are not on this waiver

**NORTH BERWYN PARK DISTRICT
PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT**

I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed the North Berwyn Park District Summer Camp Parent Manual and fully understand the contents of the manual.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that a copy of this receipt will become a permanent part of my child's file and will serve as verification of my signature to the above acknowledgment.