



Hidden Pond
Day Camp AT THE **RINX**
97 ACRES OF SUMMER FUN

**PARENT
GUIDE**



SUMMER 2023



"A Summer to Remember"

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2023 H.P.D.C.

We know that camp is a place of discovery, fun, and where friendships are formed. Our staff is dedicated to modeling behaviors of acceptance, tolerance, respect, cooperation, teamwork, encouragement, and positive social interaction with others.

These along with positive energy are found all around camp. That is what makes Hidden Pond Day Camp such a special and wonderful place to call home.

We welcome you and your family to Hidden Pond Day Camp. As we do every summer, we hope to deliver a “summer to remember” for all.

Do You Have “Grit”? Positively!

This summer we will continue teaching our campers the value of determination or “Grit.” We want them to see that it is “OK” not to be able to do things the first time they try it, and if they keep trying, they will get improved results. This is a valuable trait that will help them deal with the 21st Century.

Positivity

We will also present our campers with the concept of “Positivity.” Having a “positive attitude” toward things increases the probability of success. We will teach them to expect “success,” as well as being aware when they are in a negative frame of mind.

Dear Parents / Guardians and Campers:

We are anticipating another exciting and action-packed season at Hidden Pond Day Camp this summer. Our goal is to assist you in achieving a positive camp experience for your child and your family. After reviewing the Parent Guide, if you still have any questions, any at all, please do not hesitate to call us. We will be more than happy to assist you. The Hidden Pond Day Camp Staff is very proud of the season that they have created for your child. We hope this Parent Guide will help you prepare for your child's first day, as well as provide you with a resource of camp information. We want to help you and your child to truly have *"A Summer to Remember."*

Sincerely,

Matt Pagliari (Camp Director) and The entire Hidden Pond Day Camp Staff

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Observable Behavioral Outcomes – Core Values – Mission – Goals

Core Values (Observable Behavioral Outcomes):

Caring and Respect – Campers will demonstrate ***caring and respect*** through their interaction with each other during camp activities, at lunch, and special events.

Responsibility – Campers will demonstrate ***responsibility*** at lunch, in the changing buildings and other activities in the camp, by cleaning their area before they leave it.

Honesty – Campers will demonstrate ***honesty*** by taking responsibility for their actions while at all camp functions. Our staff will model ***honesty*** in their teaching and approach to their interactions with campers.

Friendship – Campers will demonstrate ***friendship*** by helping each other overcome personal obstacles that may arise during their stay at camp and help each other meet with as much success as possible.

Self-esteem – Campers will experience ***self-esteem*** during their time at camp by finding out positive traits about themselves, through the guidance of their counselors and the help of other campers in the group.

Mission:

Through varied, safe, and age-appropriate programs, we will provide fun-filled activities consistent with our core values, that will allow our campers to learn something positive about themselves and to develop important skills that will help them be successful in life; including 21st Century Skills of Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity as well as Grit.

Goals: (Observable Behavioral Outcomes)

Hidden Pond Day Camp at The Rinx is an **“intentional, youth focused community”** that provides the opportunity for youth to come together, build community with each other, and relate to adults and each other in a non-competitive, non-graded environment. What occurs in relationship-building with peers and adults is critical to the success of our camper’s experience with us.

Therefore:

We must take a **“Camper-centered approach”** to all that we do, paying attention to **each individual child**. If we do that, we can attain the following goals:

1. Each camper will make a new friend
2. Each camper will learn something positive about his or herself.
3. Each Camper will eat lunch everyday
4. Each Camper will advance at least one swim level
5. Each Camper will feel accepted and feel a part of their group by reducing the incidences of “Bullying.”



21st Century Skills

- **Ways of thinking** – Creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making and learning
- **Ways of working** – Communication and collaboration
- **Tools for working** – Information and communication technology (ICT) and information literacy
- **Skills for living in the world** – Citizenship, life and career, and personal and social responsibility

Hidden Pond Day camp at The Rinx realizes that the world is changing and for our children to be leaders in the 21st Century they must acquire what has been identified as **21st Century Skills**. In addition to the Ways of thinking, Ways of working, Tools for working, and Skills for living in the world mentioned above we must also include “Flexibility, Adaptability, and Self-Direction. In just a quick scan of the programs that H.P.D.C. offers our campers, a parent will see that summer camp is dedicated in providing an environment for developing “**21st Century Skills**” and “**Grit.**” Every day, campers are afforded the opportunity to be creative, show leadership, experience teamwork, and develop collaborative solutions to the situations that are presented to them. Through our activities, we inspire Innovation, Self-direction and Initiative, Productivity and Accountability, as well as Leadership and Responsibility. We strive to create programming that meets the needs of today’s kids and tomorrow’s leaders. As parents, you can rest assured that in addition to tremendous fun and excitement, we are providing our campers with activities that develop the skills they will need to be successful in the 21st Century.

Full Day -ARRIVAL (Grades K-10)

(Please Call the camp office if your Child will be absent from camp.)

EARLY ARRIVAL / AM EXTENDED HOURS

7:00 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.

Please park your vehicle and escort your child to the Arts and Crafts Pavilion located behind the main office. (White Awning) Our A.M. Staff will check-in your child.

REGULAR DAY ARRIVAL (No Rain)

8:15 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.

Please drive your vehicle to the Tennis Court Area. The Hidden Pond Activity Specialists will direct the traffic flow, greet, and escort your child to his or her group. If you need to discuss a matter, please drop your child off, then park your vehicle in one of the lots. Our staff will be glad to assist you in our Camp Office.

RAINY DAY ARRIVAL

8:15 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.

Please bring your child to the Traffic Circle directly in front of the Rinx. As always, the Hidden Pond Activity Specialists will direct traffic, greet, and escort your child to his or her group.

NOTE:

All late arrivals after 9:30am should be taken to the Camp office in the lobby of The Rinx. Hidden Pond Day Camp staff will check in your child and take him/her to their group.

LATE ARRIVALS (All Campers) Regular Day (No Rain):

Until 9:30 A.M.

All arrivals after 9:00 am will be taken at the regular arrival area near the Tennis courts. Drop your child off with our staff. They will be checked in, their lunch order taken, and brought to their group.

After 9:30 A.M.

Please bring your child to the Camp office in the lobby of The Rinx. Hidden Pond staff will check in your child and take him/her to their group.

Rainy Day Late Arrival after 9am (Grades Pre-K through 10th grade)

All late arrivals should be taken to the Camp office in the lobby of The Rinx. Hidden Pond staff will check in your child and take him/her to their group.

Full Day—Dismissal (3, 4-year old's and K-10th grade)

REGULAR DAY (No Rain)

4:00 P.M. - 4:20 P.M.

1. Upon arriving at the camp, please park your car as directed by a camp staff member.
2. Please follow the direction of our Activity Instructors who will direct the flow of traffic for a smooth, orderly, and safe dismissal.
3. Come to the **Picnic Area (Past the Tennis Courts)** with a **picture ID**.
4. At approximately 3:45 P.M., parents will be invited to pick up their child.
5. **Please sign your child out with his or her counselor.**
6. **No child will be released unless proper ID is presented.**
7. Only authorized persons will be permitted to pick up a child. (Those included on the “Permission to Pick up Form”)
8. Please remember your ID to show to our staff.

Just a Reminder! - Between approximately **4:15 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.** the remaining campers will walk up to the main building for P.M. Extended activities. It would be a dangerous security risk for parents to take their child from these lines. Instead, go to our P.M. Extended Security Table located outside the Arts & Crafts Center, or on rainy days, under the covered area in front of The Rinx building, and as soon as the children have arrived at their P.M. locations, our staff will bring your child to you. **If you arrive at the security table before 4:30 there will not be a \$15 fee for ‘After Care.’**

Picking up your child Early: Please call the camp office at least **1 hour** before you plan to pick up your child. Without prior notice it could take up to 15-20 minutes to bring your child to the main office. (i.e.– If your child is located on fields, in the pool, ice skating, etc.)

PM Extended - After Care Policy

1. The camp day ends at **4:00 pm**.
2. H.P.D.C. will provide **After Care** for your child from **4:00 pm until 6:00 pm**. (Our PM Staff must leave at **6:00 pm**, so it is important that you pick up your child by that time.)
3. All children will sign up for “After Care Activities” and leave the dismissal area at approximately **4:15 pm**, to travel to these activities. **No child may be picked up or taken off the lines as they travel at this time.**
4. If you arrive at approximately **4:15 or later**, please bring a picture ID to our **Security Table** located near the Arts and Crafts Center, located to the **right** of the Main Entrance of the Rinx building. On Rainy Days, the Security Table will be at the Main Entrance to the Rinx.
5. Our staff will get your child for you, after all children have arrived at their “After Care” location.
6. The daily fee for “After Care” is \$15.
7. You will be charged for “After Care” starting at **4:30**. (The grace period is from **4:00 pm – 4:30 pm**).
8. Please remember, that once you purchase “After Care” in advance, we must hire staff to supervise the children. Therefore, there will be **NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS** of P.M. Extended After Care payments. **Please purchase only the amount of days you plan to use or pay as you go.**
9. Payment is due when you pick up your child. Payment may be made by Cash, Check, or Credit Card. There is also an ATM Machine in the lobby of The Rinx, across from Skate Rentals, for your convenience as well.

RAINY DAY - DISMISSAL

REGULAR AND AFTERNOON CAMPERS:

4:00 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.

1. Please park your vehicle in one of our parking lots and enter the Rinx building.
2. At approximately 3:45 P.M., parents will be invited to pick up their child.
3. **Girl Groups** dismissed from the **South Rink**.: Oneida's, Seneca's, Cayuga's, Iroquois'
4. **Boy Groups** dismissed from the **North Rink**. Oneida's, Seneca's, Cayuga's, Iroquois'
5. **(Boys and Girls)** Mohawk A, A2, B, B2, D, D2, E, E2 will dismiss from the **Pool Pavilion Area**
6. **CIT 9&10 Boys and Girls and** Mohawk C, C2 and F will dismiss from the Lunch Tent
7. If you have any questions about your child's location, ask our **HPDC Staff** located at the entrance to each rink.
8. Only authorized persons will be permitted to pick up a child. (Those included on the "Permission to Pick-up Form")
9. Please remember your **PHOTO ID** to show to our staff.

*****No child will be released unless proper ID is presented*****

Just a Reminder! - Between approximately 4:15 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. the remaining campers will walk to the P.M. Extended activities. It would be a dangerous security risk for parents to take their child from these lines. Instead, go to our P.M. Extended Security Table, located under the covered area in front of The Rinx building, and as soon as the children have arrived at their P.M. locations our staff will bring your child to you.

Early Pick-up

Early Pick-up (Before 3:30 P.M.)

The best way to request an early pick-up is to **send a note** to your child's Division Head in the morning. You can also **call the camp office**, before **1:00 P.M.** or at least **1 hour** before you plan to pick up your child. Without prior notice it could take up to 15-20 minutes to bring your child to the main office.

(i.e. – From locations such as the Fields, Challenge Course, or in the Pool)

Your child will be brought to the camp office at the specified time for Pick-up.

*****Please Remember:**

Early Pick-up arrangements must be made before a child will be dismissed prior to 3:30 pm.

Please remember your PHOTO ID to show our staff.



Dear Parents,

In our continuous efforts to provide the best possible care to our campers and staff, Hidden Pond Day Camp at The Rinx is partnering with CampDoc.com again this summer.

CampDoc.com is an electronic health record system for camps and will help us consolidate and integrate camper health information into a centralized and secure location. Their system will give our doctors and nurses instant access to camper health information, a key component in providing quality patient care.

The security, confidentiality and privacy of your camper's personal health information will always be protected. Only Hidden Pond Day Camp health staff will have access to camper health information, and the CampDoc.com site is secure, encrypted and password protected.

If you are new to our camp this year, you will receive a "Welcome E-mail" from CampDoc.com with information about how to complete your camper's health information.

- Click the link in this email to set a new password for your CampDoc.com account.
- Follow the instructions and complete the health history for your camper. Alerts will appear for any missing required information.
- Upload any required documents to your CampDoc.com account.
- Return to CampDoc.com at any time to make changes/updates to your camper's health information before camp begins.

Please set register@campdoc.com as a 'safe sender,' to avoid accidental delivery to junk and spam folders.

If you are a returning family to our camp, you will receive an email from Camp.Doc with directions on what to do to update your medical information for your child or children. This year you will only have to update your information.

We are excited to continually evolve – building safer, more productive and more efficient systems to create the best experience for you and your family.

We can't wait to see you this summer,

Matt Pagliari
Hidden Pond Day Camp Director



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Health Records

Camper Health History/Medications

(Required by N.Y.S. Dept. of Health and The American Camp Association)

1. According to N.Y.S. Public Health Law Article 21-Title 6 Section 2164, all campers are required to submit a Camper Medical History.
This includes a Current Health History regarding the general health of your child and ability to participate in activities, and a Physicians Certification of Required Vaccinations.
2. Three registered nurses and two NYS Certified E.M.T.'s staff the camp Health Office during camp hours. You will receive an Email notice from the nurse any time your child is treated for any reason. If there is anything serious the nurse will call you.
3. Every year our camp nurses must be advised of any medical restriction and medications.
4. All Medication (Prescription and Over the counter) must be in the Original Bottle with the Doctors name, prescription and Dosage on it and be accompanied by an ADMINISTRATION of MEDICATION FORM filled out by you and your Doctor. (Can be downloaded from CampDoc or our Website)
5. All Medication must be self-administered.
(ONLY CAMP NURSES MAY RECEIVE AND DISPENSE MEDICATIONS.)

Food - Yum, Yum!

Lunch

1. Hidden Pond Day Camp will provide lunch for our campers.
2. Campers will have the choice of a hot or cold lunch. These choices will vary. (Refer to Lunch Menu)
3. For those campers who do not like the hot or cold selection, there is always the choice of peanut butter and jelly (Uncrustables), a cheese sandwich, or a bagel. There is always fresh fruit and salad available at each lunch period as well.
4. A complete Lunch Menu and Camp Calendar is listed on our website and will be mailed with other forms that have to be returned to the office in April.
5. The drinks available are: Fruit Punch, Pink Lemonade, Iced Tea, Crystal Lite, and Water.
6. H.P.D.C. will do its best to accommodate children with allergies, but because of the makeup of our facility, we can make no guarantees of an allergy free environment.
7. **A separate table will be available for children that require separation due to peanut and other allergies.**

Snack

1. Each camper will receive a snack at the end of each camp day.
2. Snacks will vary on special event days.
3. For those groups that are assigned the last lunch, a morning snack will be provided.

What to Bring to Camp

All campers are given a camp shirt and a Camp Backpack on the first day they attend camp. They should use the backpack to bring the needed items to camp each day.

Key Items to Bring Each Day

1. **Two Bathing Suits (Zip Lock Bag for Wet Suits), Towel, and Sunscreen (If you wish your child to put on sunscreen or have one of our staff put on sunscreen, the NYS Dept. of Health requires us to have a signed written permission from a parent or guardian.
Please sign the sunscreen permission section in CampDoc.)**
2. **Sweatshirt, Sweatpants, High Socks, Gloves, Helmet for skating
(Gloves and Helmets are mandatory for ice skating safety.)**

A Few Tips About Dressing for Camp

1. Wear washable, light, inexpensive play clothes. We play hard here, and campers tend to go home dirty.
2. Short pants and short sleeve shirts will probably be the most comfortable clothing for most of the summer. If it should get chilly, dress appropriately.
3. Sneakers or Tennis shoes are the best footwear for camp. **(Sandals, open-backed sneakers, sneakers with wheels, and flip-flops can cause tripping accidents when participating in certain activities.)**
4. Dress appropriate for rainy weather.
5. Label everything with your child's full name and group name with an indelible marker in large letters.
6. We find that it is easier for most children to come to camp dressed for the first swim with sunscreen already applied.
7. Please do not allow your child to come to camp wearing clothing depicting adult behaviors or language. Those items, images, and language are not permitted at camp.
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Lost and Found Articles

1. There will be numerous "Lost and Found" bins in the Changing Room.
2. The Division Heads will examine all the items found at the end of each day.
3. If there is a name in/on the article, they will return it to your child's group.
4. If there is no name in/on it, the article will be shown at dismissal for it to be claimed.
5. On the last day of camp, all lost and found items that are non-identifiable are washed and given to Good Will.

SPOTLIGHT ON CAMP SAFETY

Regarding Personal Property and Items from Home

Many items that children enjoy playing with at home can be a safety issue at camp. For this reason, parents are asked not to send any of the following items to camp with their child:

Books	Toys/Personal Sports Equip.	Animals
Trading/playing cards	DVD players	Any Electronic Games or Electronic Accessories
**Cell phone	<u>Guns or Weapons of any kind</u>	Money
Drugs/Alcohol/Vaping Devices	iPad/Laptop/Tablet	Walkie Talkies

1. **Hidden Pond Day Camp provides all necessary athletic equipment. (Except Skating Helmets and Gloves)** There is no need to bring items such as Baseball Bats and Gloves, Soccer Balls, or Lacrosse Sticks, etc.
2. **Money** is not needed at camp. Please do not send money with your child unless specifically requested to do so by a Division Head.
3. Jewelry can be a hazard for your child and other children participating in athletic events. Please do not send your child with necklaces or other jewelry that can get caught on clothing or strike an eye.
4. **H.P.D.C. is not responsible for any lost cell phones, jewelry, clothing, money, athletic equipment, or other articles brought to camp.**
5. Smoking, the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or the use of drugs and controlled substances are strictly prohibited at Hidden Pond Day Camp.
6. **Guns, Knives or Weapons of any kind, Alcohol, or Drugs of any kind** that are brought to Hidden Pond Day Camp will be confiscated and result in immediate expulsion from camp.
7. Please do not wear sandals, open-backed sneakers, sneakers with wheels, and flip-flops to camp. They can cause tripping accidents when participating in activities.
8. All camp bags and items from home should be kept in your child's changing area and are subject to inspection.

****Your child's cell phone will be taken away and returned at the end of the day at dismissal.**

“SECURITY CODE WORD/NUMBER”

We would like all our families to look for the information field on the application that says **“Security Code Word/Number.”** To enhance the security of the communication between Hidden Pond Day Camp and our camp families, we would like you to choose a **“Security Code Word/ Number.”**

If you should have a need to adjust your enrollment, or change information on the Permission to Pick Up Form, or when you call for early pick-up, we will ask you for your “Security PIN/Word.”

Please pick a word or number that you will remember and keep stored in a safe place. If you should forget your “Security PIN/Word,” please come to the camp office, show picture ID, and we will be able to give it to you. If you call the office, we will e-mail it to the e-mail address recorded on your application.

Please remember, a picture ID will still be required for camper sign-out.

We thank you for your understanding and feel this small addition will enhance the security and safety of all our children.

In Case of An Emergency

An email, text, and a phone call “Blast” will be sent from our emergency system for you to come pick up your child. Please make sure you go to your CampDoc, and Active System accounts and select allow to accept text messages

Please make sure you provide our camp office with up-to-date and current phone numbers and E-mail addresses.

Contacting the Camp - “We love to hear from you.”

If you have a concern or a question regarding your child, we encourage you to call and speak with his or her Division Head or make an appointment to meet.

Your call will be returned on the same day.

If you have an idea that you think might enhance our camp, we would love to hear from you.

If your child will be absent or late to camp, or needs to be picked up early, please call the Office. This can also be conveyed through a note to your child's Division Head.

Important Camp Numbers:

Camp Office - (631) 232-3222 Ext. 201

Camp Fax - (631) 232-3228

Nurse's Office - (631) 232-3222 Ext. 258

Emergency number (If Camp Office cannot be reached) (631) 232-3222 Ext. 0

Special Event Days

1. Everyday has a special theme during the summer.
2. Check your “Camp Calendar” daily to see what special theme or event is scheduled each day.
3. Full day special events will say “Special Event” on the calendar.
4. For special days, we encourage all our campers to come dressed according to the theme of the day.

Gratuities

Towards the end of a child’s stay in camp, the Office and Division Heads receive numerous inquiries about gratuities for Camp Counselors, C.I. T’s, and Activity Specialists. We pride ourselves in providing a high-quality program for our campers. Our Counselors, C.I.T.’s, and Activity Specialists are an integral part of that service. It is against our policy for any member of our staff to solicit gratuities. If that should happen, please contact us immediately. However, if you should desire, quality service is customarily acknowledged by a gratuity of about two to three dollars per day, per counselor, for each child’s stay in camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

If Your Child Will Be Absent from Camp

Please call the camp office and inform them that your child will be absent from camp. They will in turn get the message to your child’s Division Head and Counselor.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

1. If a child, prior to the commencement of his/her enrollment period, is unable to attend camp because of an **appropriately documented illness or injury**, all monies will be refunded, less the \$300 nonrefundable deposit/administration fee.
2. No refund will be made for late arrivals, early departures, or dismissal for cause. Tuition and fees are agreed to be the reasonable amount as and for liquidated damages.
3. If tuition is not paid as per the schedule of payments set forth on the application, early enrollment credits and or discounts will not adhere, and enrollment may be cancelled, and no refund made.
4. There will be no refunds or make-up days for **non-consecutive** missed days of camp. If a camper is absent consecutively for **three days** or more, **due to medical reasons only**, a refund, or credit towards an additional week or next year’s enrollment will be made for each day missed, **provided a physician’s note is submitted appropriately evidencing medical reasons for the absences**.
5. Due to camper security and enrollment, no makeup days will be permitted.
6. If the camp is forced to close due to COVID-19 restrictions set by the State or County, we will issue a credit for the days that we are closed. That credit can be used for the following Summer towards camp and/or events that take place at The Rinx in Hauppauge or The Rinx at Harborfront Park located in Port Jefferson.



Changing Weeks and Enrollment Extensions

1. If you wish to change any weeks of your enrollment, ***Before Camp Begins***, there will be no charge. Please send an email or note requesting your change. We need this in writing for our records. If the week you desire is available, a change will be made.
2. If you wish to change any weeks of your enrollment, ***After Camp Begins***, there will be a **\$75** charge. Please call the office. If the week you desire is available, a change will be made.
3. If you wish to add weeks to your enrollment later, the cost will be calculated based on “**Existing Enrollment Rates**” at the time of your extension.

NOTE:

For the general welfare of all campers, the Camp reserves the unrestricted right to dismiss any camper whose conduct or influence, in the opinion of the Camp Director, is not in the best interest of the other campers and the camp.

PARENT CUSTODY POLICY

Each year our camp is confronted with child custody issues. Please understand that our first obligation is to the safety and well-being of all the children in our camp. Sometimes these issues can be harmful to our camp atmosphere, as well as to the child involved. It is to this end that we require you as parents, to come to an agreement prior to the beginning of camp and follow it throughout the summer.

1. We will allow **each parent** the same access to the child regardless of who has enrolled the child unless there is a **specific court order** to the contrary
2. **Our “Permission to Pick-Up” form** will include any other person that will be picking up the camper that is mutually agreed upon by the parents.

2023 TRIP SCHEDULE



C.I.T. Trip Schedule

Weds. June 28 th	Bowling	Bowlero Commack
Weds. July 5 th	Splish Splash	Splish Splash Water Park
Weds. July 12 th	Adventure Park	Adventure Park of Long Island
Weds. July 19 th	No Trip	
Weds. July 26 th	Charter Fishing	Yankee III - Captree
Weds. Aug. 2 nd	Adventureland	Adventureland
Weds. Aug. 9 th	Island 16 Movies	Island 16 Cinema
Thurs. Aug. 17 th	CIT Fun Fest on Camp Grounds	
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8th Grade Trip Schedule

Thurs. July 6 th	Bowling	Bowlero Commack
Thurs. July 13 th	Tiki Mini Golf	Tiki Action Park
Thurs Aug. 10 th	Xplore	Xplore Family Fun Center
Thurs. August 17 th	Island 16 Movies	Island 16 Cinema

7th Grade Trip Schedule

Thurs. Aug. 10 th	Bowling	Bowlero Commack
Thurs. August 17 th	Island 16 Movies	Island 16 Cinema

Please Note: The camp will provide lunch with a drink on all trips.

Campers should bring money if they desire additional snacks, drinks and souvenirs.



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Camper Behavior Awareness for Parents

Hidden Pond Day Camp has been successfully providing a summer of safe, age appropriate and memorable experiences for children for many years. We have been pleased to be able to serve generations of families, as well as multiple siblings from the same family. With few exceptions, Hidden Pond Day Camp has been able to serve all children accepted for our program, and year after year, parental praise for our work has been the rule. We are grateful for all your letters of appreciation and expressions of satisfaction with our efforts. We have every intention of continuing to care for your children with the same concern, interest, and energy as we prepare for this summer.

The success of our program is based, in part, on:

- High standards of care for your children
- High expectations of ourselves and our staff
- A value system explained to staff, campers, and families
- Boundaries clearly defined for campers and staff

Hidden Pond Day Camp is a community and a family. The well-being of your children, both physically and emotionally, continues to be our number one priority. For us to continue to be successful, we need to make you aware of the observations and incidents we have been experiencing the last several years. We believe that many children have been negatively influenced by song lyrics, sexually erotic television programming, movies, books, DVD's, computer games, the Internet, and pornography. Our society appears to be focused on sexuality and violence, both of which idealize the use of drugs and alcohol, and our young people cannot avoid seeing, hearing, and absorbing the negative influences. However, what unfortunately may be acceptable in other places and communities will not be accepted in Hidden Pond Day Camp's Community. If we are to continue to care for other people's children with the same concern, interest, and commitment to safety as we have in the past, we cannot allow those influences to infiltrate our community.

We attempt to teach campers to:

- Recognize that they have responsibility for themselves and those around them
- Learn to make choices, which are good for themselves and others, and to take responsibility for the choices they make
- Respect themselves and others regardless of differences
- Accept that they are accountable for their actions and the consequences for inappropriate behaviors

It is essential that all parents communicate to their children that we will not accept behaviors such as: bullying (including cyber-bullying and sexting); violence; possession of weapons and drugs of any kind; repeated profanity; disrespect; bigotry; homophobic comments; inappropriate sexual behavior; drug and alcohol use; hurtful Internet, cell phone, instant messaging, or blog use, (or any other inappropriate use of electronic devices – before, during, or after camp); or any other unsafe behaviors that are potentially harmful to

themselves or others. They must understand that a consequence of unacceptable behavior can mean their removal from our program.

Our demonstrated interest is to offer only pleasant memories for every camper. It is not our intention to exclude any child. It is important to discuss, in detail, your expectations with your child and that parents and camp management are in total agreement. A child or children asked to leave camp, because of behaviors detailed above, may not be permitted to return in future sessions or summers. There will be no refund of tuitions.

Another area of concern has been our experience with some children who have been sent to camp with "family secrets." Specifically, campers:

- With psychiatric problems, including suicide gestures or ideation
- With secret medical problems
- With organic problems, who are off medication for the summer
- Who were hospitalized for physical or emotional reasons since last summer
- Who are experiencing traumatic reaction to family issues, such as parental separation, divorce, illness or death

In fairness to our counselors, staff, and campers, we need to make decisions about all the young people we invite into our community and family. "Family secrets" serve no one. Our purpose in having pertinent health information, both physical and emotional, is to better serve each child. We must expect that all parents or guardians have provided Hidden Pond Day Camp with all the necessary information we need to keep all children safe.

With these facts in mind, as owners and directors of Hidden Pond Day Camp, we must reserve the right to ask that a child at risk to oneself or community be picked up and removed from camp immediately. There may be a circumstance where we have agreed to accept a child with full knowledge of his or her problems/concerns and have attempted to take all necessary steps of making the experience successful but find that we are unable to do so. For the good of the child and /or community, the child may have to leave.

This letter would have been unheard of fifteen years ago, however, the world has changed, and we need to accept the effects of some of those changes. As caretakers of your children, we accept the responsibility of partnering with you and simply ask for your full cooperation. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this communication or any other matter.

We look forward to providing your child with another "*Summer to Remember.*"



Half Day 3 & 4-year old's or Full Day Program for 3-year old's

“WE FIT OUR CAMP SCHEDULE INTO YOUR SUMMER PLANS”

You may now enroll your child for as little as **1 week, up to 8 weeks** and you may also choose from the following:

- 5-day enrollment (Monday through Friday)
- 4-day enrollment (Monday through Thursday) or (Tuesday through Friday)
- 3-day enrollment (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
- ½ day program or full day program:
 - Full Day - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (**Enroll in AM and PM**)
 - Half-Day - 9:00 am- 12:30 noon or 12:30 noon – 4:00 pm

Hurons: 3-year old and 4-year old attending ½ day camp (coed grouping)

When dropping off your child in the morning, just drive up to the tennis courts and we assist you children getting to their groups. You may also park and walk them in if you want.

When picking up your child from camp from the AM program at 12:30 pm, just drive up to the front of the building and your child's counselor will be there to assist you in getting your child into the car.

When picking up your child from camp in the afternoon from the PM program, please park your car in the parking lot and pick up your child at the picnic area.

Please have your ID available every day when you pick your child up. You must show your ID every day to the staff.

3-year old (coed group) attending a full day of camp:

For a **child that is enrolled in a full day program**, the drop off is at the tennis courts.

When picking up your child from camp in the afternoon, please park your car in the parking lot and pick your child up at the picnic area.

Please have your ID available every day when you pick your child up. You must show your ID every day to the staff.

Please note that swim lessons are provided for your child every day in addition to other skill developing activities.

****Please note if your child is 4 years of age and enrolled in a full day***, the child will be in our **Oneida** program with children of the same age (4 and 5-year-old) and of the same sex.

Sample schedules of the different programs are located on the next page.

Sample Schedules of 3 and 4-year-old programs

Full Day Schedule for Pre-K:

Time	A	B	C	D	E	F	
9:15 - 9:30	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	
9:30 - 9:45	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	
9:45 - 10:00	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE	BIG CITY	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER	
10:00 - 10:15	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE	BLOCKS	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER	F
10:15 - 10:30	MUSIC	CREATIVE	MD SOCCER	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES	U
10:30 - 10:45	MUSIC	MOVEMENT	MD SOCCER	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES	L
10:45 - 11:00	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	L
11:00 - 11:15	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	
11:15 - 11:30	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	D
11:30 - 11:45	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	A
11:45 - 12:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	Y
12:00 - 12:15	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
12:15 - 12:30	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	3
12:30 - 12:45	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	REST/NAPTIME	Y
12:45 - 1:00	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	R
1:00 - 1:15	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	S.
1:15 - 1:30	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	SWIM-KID POOL	
1:30 - 1:45	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	O
1:45 - 2:00	BIG CITY	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE	L
2:00 - 2:15	BLOCKS	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE	D
2:15 - 2:30	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES	MUSIC	CREATIVE	MD SOCCER	
2:30 - 2:45	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES	MUSIC	MOVEMENT	MD SOCCER	
2:45 - 3:00	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	
3:00 - 3:15	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	
3:15 - 3:30	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	
3:30 - 3:45	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	
ACTIVITY	Dream Catchers FD	Dream Catchers FD	Dream Catchers FD	Dream Catchers FD	Dream Catchers FD	Dream Catchers FD	

½ Day Schedule for Pre-K:

Time	A	B	C	D	E	F
9:15 - 9:30	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND
9:30 - 9:45	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND
9:45 - 10:00	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE	BIG CITY	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER
10:00 - 10:15	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE	BLOCKS	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER
10:15 - 10:30	MUSIC	CREATIVE	MD SOCCER	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES
10:30 - 10:45	MUSIC	MOVEMENT	MD SOCCER	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES
10:45 - 11:00	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
11:00 - 11:15	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM
11:15 - 11:30	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM
11:30 - 11:45	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
11:45 - 12:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:00 - 12:15	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12:15 - 12:30	TRAVEL	TRAVEL	TRAVEL	TRAVEL	TRAVEL	TRAVEL
12:30 - 12:45	ARRIVAL/	DISMISSAL	ARRIVAL/	DISMISSAL	ARRIVAL/	DISMISSAL
12:45 - 1:00	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
1:00 - 1:15	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM
1:15 - 1:30	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM	SWIM
1:30 - 1:45	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE	CHANGE
1:45 - 2:00	BIG CITY	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE
2:00 - 2:15	BLOCKS	MD BASKETBALL	MD SOCCER	ARTS & CRAFTS	EDIBLE ARTS	NATURE
2:15 - 2:30	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES	MUSIC	CREATIVE	MD SOCCER
2:30 - 2:45	SAND TOYS	PARACHUTE	MOVIES	MUSIC	MOVEMENT	MD SOCCER
2:45 - 3:00	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
3:00 - 3:15	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
3:15 - 3:30	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND
3:30 - 3:45	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND
ACTIVITY	Dream Catchers HD	Dream Catchers HD	Dream Catchers HD	Dream Catchers HD	Dream Catchers HD	Dream Catchers HD



Thank you for enrolling your child(ren) at Hidden Pond Day Camp! You have taken a very important step in helping your child develop to his or her full potential. We will do everything possible to make your child's experience at camp a fun, safe, and educational one!

HPDC provides a nurturing environment where children are encouraged to grow mentally, physically, intellectually, and socially. Growth is enhanced in all domains: cognitive, social, emotional, and physical.

The campers will learn through a combination of play and academics; and our program is developmentally and age appropriate for each child.

Once again, thank you for enrolling your child at HPDC.

Get ready for another "SUMMER TO REMEMBER."

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