LITTLE EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

Session 1: June 29th-July 10th

No Camp July 3



Little Explorers ~ WELCOME



Welcome to Little Explorers! Your child will enjoy a fun, educational experience with other campers. Our camp mission is to respect each other, learn and have fun! Each week will consist of fun games, field trips, arts and crafts, water games and MORE!!! We are looking forward to a fun camp with your child!!

Please read this packet and pick up t-shirts between May 18th-June 1st.



Check List:

- ☐ Parks & Recreation Camper Information Forms
- ☐ Final Payment
- ☐ What to Wear / What to Bring
- ☐ Read the Basic Information
- ☐ Read the Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct with your child

Little Explorers

Please make sure children are prepared for a fun day of camp.
Make sure to bring these items each and every day of camp!

What to Wear



- Weather appropriate clothing that can get wet or dirty
- A hat or visor
- Waterproof sunscreen lotion (NO SPRAY) (SPF 15+ apply at home)
- Closed-toe shoes, sneakers, (NO flip flops, sandals or CROCS allowed)
- Little Explorers T-Shirts must be worn EVERYDAY to camp



(T-Shirts can be picked up at the Parks and Rec. Department between May 12th-June 6th.)



What to Bring



- Nutritious bagged lunch. No nuts of any kind please.
- Backpack containing: Waterproof sunscreen (lotion NO SPRAY), a REUSABLE water bottle, and a change of clothes (shirt and shorts. Sweatshirt or light jacket

****Please No glass bottles, candy or caffeinated beverages****

Label all items with your child's name

Little Explorers ~ BASICS

First Day: Please bring your camper to camp at **8:30 AM**. Make sure to pick up your parent agenda which is a tentative schedule of weekly events, the names of your child's counselors, and important phone numbers. You will be asked to confirm who is authorized to pick up your camper.

Daily Schedule: Campers should be signed in each day at **8:30 am at The Joe Trapasso Community House.** Staff will not be able to check in your camper prior to this time. Campers MUST be signed in each morning and signed out each afternoon by an adult that is authorized. **DO NOT** leave your child without signing in.

Drop Off / Pick-up Policy: We ask that you park in designated areas and please walk your child to the appropriate sign in/ sign out areas. Child must be signed in and out each day to ensure the safety of each camper. All people picking up children will be asked for ID to confirm that they are the person listed as an authorized pick-up person. If someone is not listed (including another parent), staff will be required to contact you by phone to confirm that your child can be released to that person. If you are unable to be reached, your child will not be released to them.

Late Pick-up Policy Any child not picked up at their scheduled pick up time will be charged a $10.00 late fee for every 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes that you are late. This fee will be due immediately payable to Branford Parks & Recreation Department.

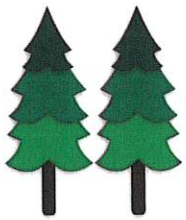
Inclement Weather Plan: Please call (203) 488-8304 the morning of camp if the weather looks doubtful. This applies to the days that we will be taking field trips.

Absences: The Safety of your child is our number one priority. If you know that your child will not be attending Camp as scheduled it is **IMPERATIVE** that you call the Parks and Recreation Department at **(203)488-8304** or email **recreation@branford-ct.gov** to report your child's absence for that day.

Behavior Plan: Our camp is designed to provide a supervised, fun and educational program. Staff members are all trained to maintain the situations that are engaging and safe for all our camp- ers. Each camper is expected to behave in a fashion suitable to the program. Please review the Parent/Child Handbook with your camper.

Accident/ Incident Procedures: Staff members are required to make a note of any incidents or accidents that occur during camp. This information is communicated to the parents as well as the Camp Director on a daily basis either at the end of the day or, if warranted, at the time of the incident or accident. All staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR and will administer as needed.

Health Form Policy: We require that all campers have their Branford Parks and Recreation Information/Medical Form completed in full, including a list of authorized people to pick up your child. Please review your form when you pick up your T-Shirts and supplies. Children must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to camp. A doctor's note may be required.



Sunscreen: Please apply sunscreen on your child daily. Sunscreen lotion **(NO SPRAY)** should be brought to camp each day. Counselors will help campers reapply their sunscreen throughout the day if needed. You must grant permission using the Sunscreen Policy form for our staff to help with re-applying.

Little Explorers ~ Code of Conduct

Participant Code of Conduct

During the camp we have developed a code of conduct to make sure that everyone has a positive camp experience. This means that all participants, campers, parents/ guardians, and staff, shall respect the individual rights, safety and property of others.

Parents: Please review these rules with your child.

I will:

Respect the differences in other people, and make an effort to include everyone , and refrain from behaviors that may hurt another camper or staff member's feelings.

Be mindful of my counselors and respect their requests and follow their directions.

Pick up after myself and throw away all trash.

Respect other people's property.

Let my counselor know if I am or if I am not having a good time at camp.

Respect the staff, animals and places that we visit.

Have fun at camp in ways that are safe to others and myself.

Have a positive attitude.

I will Not:

Fight with other campers with my hands or my words.

Bring candy or soda to camp.

Share food with another camper.

Go anywhere without permission and accompaniment of my counselor.

Use derogatory terms or offensive language when talking to or about other campers.

Tease or bully other campers.

Bring inappropriate items (includes electronics, weapons, drugs, etc) to camp.

If I choose not to follow the code of conduct:

First Time: I will be given a verbal warning explaining the problem and the expected behavior.

Second Time: I will be removed from the activity and my parent will be called; The Camp Director or their designee may call home to discuss the behavior plan.

Third Time: The Camp Director will be notified and my parents will be called to pick me up.

Little Explorers ~ Things to Remember



Campers must wear their camp issued t-shirt EVERYDAY to camp.
Campers should bring a nut free snack & water bottle with them every day.
Check the schedule daily.

Important dates to remember:

June 29th : **First Day of Camp:** We are looking forward to a fun session! Bring a **NUT FREE** snack
The Branford fire Department will visit and Little Explorers will get a chance to sit i
Inside a fire truck



June 30th **Curious Creatures** Little Explorers will get a visit from some furry and friendly Curious Creatures.





July 1st **Cooking with Chef Mary** : Chef Mary will be on hand to make a delicious treat for all the campers.



July 2nd **Splash Pad and Foote Park Day** Campers will spend the entire day at Foote Park in addition to enjoying the Splash Pad. **(NOTE: Drop-off and pick-up will be at Foote Park on this day).** Please pack a bathing suit, towel and a change of clothing. For your child.



July 3rd **Fourth of July Observance: NO CAMP** .



July 6th: **Peabody Museum**: We will be visiting and learning about Dinosaurs and other interesting fossils at the Peabody Museum.





July 7th: **Super Heroes Day:** All the Explorers are asked to bring in their favorite super hero action figure and dress up as their favorite super hero .

July 8th **Arrow the Police Dog:** Officer Carney and Arrow the Police Dog will pay Little Explorers a visit



July 9th: **Eli Whitney Museum:** Little Explorers will visit the museum and build a fishing boat to take home with them .





July 10th Crafts with Courtney: Miss Courtney will be on hand to create a wonderful arts and crafts piece with Little Explorers .

Program Coordinator:

Camp Staff:
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Natalia Frangipane
Amanda Medina

Little Explorers 2026

Camp Hours:
8:30am-1:30pm



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YOUR CHILD MUST WEAR THEIR KINDER CAMP T-SHIRT TO CAMP EVERY DAY.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 29th First Day Of Camp & Fire Truck Visit  	June 30th Curious Creatures 	July 1 Crafts with Courtney 	2 Splash Pad & Foote Park Day 	3 NO CAMP  Happy 4th of July!
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For more information: 203-488-8304 www.branfordrecreation.org