LITTLE EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP

Session 3: July 27th-August 7th



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 5th.



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.

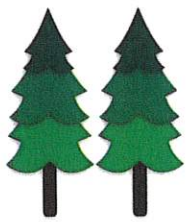
Late Pick-up Policy Any child not picked up at their scheduled pick up time will be charged a $10.00 late fee for every 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes that you are late. This fee will be due immediately payable to Branford Parks & Recreation Department.

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 reapplying.

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 your camp issued t-shirt EVERYDAY to camp.

Campers should bring a nut free lunch & water bottle with them every day.

Check the schedule daily.

Important dates to remember:



July 27th : **First Day of Camp/ Blackstone Library** Little Explorers will take a walk up to the Blackstone Library for a book reading, an arts and craft project and more



July 28th: **BHS Musical SHREK:** Campers will get the opportunity to view a portion of the Summer Musical "SHREK:

July 29th: **Cooking with Chef Mary :** Campers will get a chance to learn and explore their culinary talents with Chef Mary.



July 30th **Science in Motion: "Bubble-ology";** The Ct Science Center will be on hand to share their fun with bubbles.

July 31st: **Crafts with Courtney:** Little Explorers will do a fun arts and crafts project with Miss Courtney and take it home with them.



August 3rd: **Stony Creek Museum:** A historic visit thru the Stony Creek Museum and a chance to make a small arts and crafts project

August 4th: **Fire Truck Visit:** The Branford fire Department will pay Little Explorers a visit and showcase one of their fire engines.



August 5th: **Arrow the Police Dog:** Office Melissa Carney and Arrow the Police Dog will pay Little Explorers a visit and play with the campers



August 6th: **Splash Pad/Foote Park Day :** Little Explorers will meet at Foote Park and enjoy the park and the splash pad. Drop-of and pick-up will be at Foote Park on this day. Campers can wear their bathing suits and bring a change of clothing with them.



August 7th: **Last Day of Camp/Ice Cream Emergency:** Celebrating the last day of Summer camp with a delicious ice cream treat courtesy of Ice Cream Emergency.



Branford Parks and Recreation Department

Divorced or Separated Parent Information Form

only fill this out if it applies to your family. If not please write your child's Name and put N/A

Child(ren) Names(s):_____Program: Little Explorers

(Please Print)

It is the mission of Branford Parks and Recreation Department to be a support to families and to promote positive development for children. We recognize that many families are in transition and have experienced divorce and separation. Please provide us with the following information so that we may avoid any confusion for you, your child(ren), and our staff. Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

(Please put N/A if this does not apply to your family & return with your packet).

Which parent do we contact first for general questions?_____

Which parent do we contact first in an emergency?_____

What are the custody arrangements?

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Please list below any persons NOT AUTHORIZED to pick up the child(ren) from a Branford Parks and Recreation Department Program. Please attach any legal papers or court documents stating the restrictions regarding contact with the child(ren) while your child(ren) are in our care. (You may include a photo and general description of this person(s).

NOT AUTHORIZED:

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What is the visitation schedule which involves pick-up of the child(ren) at Branford Recreation programs? ***Information should be written out on a separate piece of paper and attached to this form.***

It would be helpful to know the other significant adults that are in your child's life and what their relationship is to the child, especially if we will have contact with them through our programs.

_____ _____

Name Phone Relationship to child

_____ _____

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Thank you for helping us provide the best possible care for your child(ren). Please feel free to contact the Branford Parks & Recreation Department office (203)488-8304 with any concerns or questions.

Name of Parent filling out this form: _____

Signature(s) _____Date: _____

Program Supervisor:

Camp Staff:
Julia Ferraiolo
Emma Reynolds
Natalia Frangipane
Amanda Medina

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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 First Day of Camp Blackstone Library 	**28** BHS Musical  	**29** Cooking With Chef Mary 	**30** Science in Motion "Bubble-ology" Connecticut Science Center	**31** Crafts with Courtney 
August 3 Stony Creek Museum  	**4** Fire Truck Visit 	**5** Arrow the Police Dog 	**6** Splash Pad Foote Park Day 	**7** Last Day of Camp Ice Cream Emergency 

For more information: 203-488-8304 www.branfordrecreation.org