



May 30, 2022

Dear Campers and Parents,

Welcome to Star Makers Camp! Our hope is that throughout the summer your children will have fun singing, dancing and acting as they learn choreography, songs and blocking all in preparation for the "big show" at the end of camp. They will also have a blast participating in many fun arts and crafts projects, games and other camp activities. Below you will find some useful information campers and parents need to know.

- ☺ Our camp orientation is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, from 11am – 12pm at the Community Arts Center, 225 McHenry Road in Buffalo Grove. This will be an open house format and a chance for you to come meet our staff and ask any questions you might have.
- ☺ All further correspondences from camp will come through email using the main contact email you indicated on your registration form. If you wish to change that email, or are unsure what email we have on file for you, please let your Head Counselor, Maggie Kirkham, know at starmakers@bgparks.org.
- ☺ Please fill out the mandatory pick up permission form/self arrival and release form and print it out. You can locate this mandatory form on our website <https://www.bgparks.org/programs/camp/>. All campers will need to be signed out at the end of each day by someone listed on the pick up permission form. **If you would like your child to leave camp without being signed out, you need to fill out the bottom portion of the form titled "self arrival and release form"**. If you would like your child to be in the pick-up line and escorted to your car, please sign the bottom of the form and make a note of that request.
- ☺ If you have any friendship requests, please submit them in writing by Monday, June 6. We will only be allowing one request and it must be a mutual request from each party. Please keep in mind that camp is a place to meet new friends and to have a great time socializing with others in a positive environment. You can email friendship requests to starmakers@bgparks.org.
- ☺ Each camper needs to supply their own jazz or ballet shoes. You can purchase shoes at Toe the Line in Buffalo Grove or any other dance supply store.
- ☺ We will meet every day at the Community Arts Center. Drop off and pick up will be in the back of the building. There will be one line for drop off and pick up. We will have plenty of staff available directing traffic for the first few days. Please do not bring your camper any earlier than 8:50 am and please be sure to pick them up promptly at 3 pm. If you want to escort your child to the door, you must park your car in the parking lot in the front of the building, and join us in the back of the building.
- ☺ Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt and backpack during the first week of camp.
- ☺ If your child has any dietary restrictions, and /or if you have any concerns please address them in writing, to the Head Counselor.

- ☺ If your child will need to take medication during the camp day, please use the link below to get a medication dispensation form prior to the first day of camp.
<https://www.bgpd.org/programs/camp/>
- ☺ Every day, your child will need to bring to camp:
 - Dance shoes (ballet or jazz)
 - Camp attire comfortable enough to allow full movement.
 - A water bottle.
 - The BGPD provided camp backpack.
 - Healthy snack for mid morning.
 - Sack lunch and a drink. We have no access to refrigeration for lunches so please plan accordingly.
 - Closed toe shoes. This is a Park District policy. If your camper does not come to camp with closed toe shoes, you will be called to bring them a pair.
 - Please label ALL items that are brought to camp (shoes, shirts, etc).
- ☺ We will have swim lessons Tuesdays and Thursdays at Willow Stream Pool. Please make sure your camper has a swimsuit and towel as well as a full change of clothes. Campers can wear flip flops only at the pool. They need to have closed toe shoes for the rest of the camp day. All campers will be swim tested the first day at the pool and placed into appropriate swim lesson groups.
- ☺ We will also be visiting the Spray N' Play on 6/17, 6/24 and 7/1 (during first session), and 7/15, 7/22 and 7/29 (during second session). On these days, guardians will drop campers off at the Spray N' Play (951 McHenry Road) directly at 9 am. From there, a bus will take them back to site when they are done splashing, playing at the park, and enjoying a snack outside.
- ☺ Campers will be putting on a musical revue the end of each session. The performances will take place during the camp day:
 - The final performance for 1st session will be Friday, July 8 (during the day, time TBA)
 - The final performance for 2nd session will be Friday, August 5 (during the day, time TBA)
 - Campers who are attending camp for both sessions will be in both performances.
 More information will be sent home in the weekly camp letters.
- ☺ We have a wonderful staff of counselors/dancers/actors this summer! We welcome back Gia Burlini as our site supervisor, and we have a whole bunch of new and familiar faces as our counselors.
- ☺ We will have a camp cell phone should you need to reach our staff during camp hours. Please make sure you call the camp cell phone if your child will not be at camp for any reason. The cell phone number will be available at Meet and Greet on Saturday, June 11 from 11 am – 12 pm.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at 847.850.2152 or send us an e-mail. We are looking forward to a fun and fabulous summer!

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