



BUFFALO
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DISTRICT

General Day Camp 2024



Dear Camp Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Camp 2024! We hope everyone is excited to begin another fun and safe summer with our fabulous day camps. There are a few things that need to be highlighted for you prior to camp starting. Elizabeth Quinzio, Recreation Supervisor is the direct supervisor of the following day camps: Kinder Camp, Adventure, Fun & Games, Grove and Discovery Camp!

The following are important camp information and policies/procedures. Please carefully read and keep all the information for future reference.

Kinder Camp - Willow Grove: 9 am-2 pm

Discovery Camp - Prairie Elementary School: 9 am-3 pm

Fun and Games - Prairie Elementary School: 8:30 am-2:30 pm

Grove Camps - Cooper Middle School: 8:30 am-3 pm

Adventure 1-2 - Cooper Middle School: 9 am-3 pm

Adventure 1-2 & 3-4 - Kildeer: 9 am-3 pm

Adventure 1-2 & 3-4 - Willow Grove: 9 am-3 pm

Every day your camper will need:

- Gym shoes and socks
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses and/or hat, if preferred
- Lunch and a snack
- On field trip days – campers must wear their camp t-shirt (you will get one on the first day of camp)

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent:

- Camp will spend a great deal of time outside. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to apply and supply sunscreen and/or insect repellent for the camper prior to coming to camp.
- Camp staff will assist in reapplying with sunscreen/repellent provided by the parent/guardian, to campers' face, neck, back, shoulders, and arms. It will be your camper's responsibility to reapply to other areas such as chest, abdomen and legs.

Behavior Policy:

- Part of the Mission of the Buffalo Grove Park District is to provide safe and wholesome programs, parks, and facilities for our residents and guests. The Behavior Policy has been established to help fulfill this mission. We ask all staff, participants, and guardians to help us in our effort to provide the best possible environment to enjoy our recreation activities.
- You will find the link to our behavior policy located under the camp page on our website.

Pick-up:

- For all camps, campers must be signed out by an authorized adult at the end of each camp day.
- Authorized adults will include the parents/guardians found on the original camp registration form as well as persons who are added to the pick-up permission form.
- A downloadable form is available online on the camp page at bgparks.org.
- Camp staff will ask to see picture identification of anyone picking-up a camper, including parents until staff begin to recognize you. This is for the safety of your child; please be patient with the camp staff
- If you would like your camper to be able to walk/bike home from camp without an authorized person at pick-up, you will need to authorize it by filling out the self-arrival & release permission form, found on the bottom of the pick-up permission form.
- If your child is in afternoon Camp Connection, a Camp Connection staff will release the camper from the camp and escort them to Camp Connection.
- Site specific pick-up and drop off maps will be emailed to participants prior to camp starting.
- The pick-up permission form is due no later than Thursday, June 6, 2024. The Pick-Up Permission Form 2024 can be filled out on google docs here: <https://forms.gle/h5kjbqYd8KE8K3B89>. If you would rather fill out the paper form, please turn it in to the Buffalo Grove Park District's Alcott Center, located at 530 Bernard Drive in Buffalo Grove, 60089 (Attn: Elizabeth Quinzio).

Absences:

- On days your child will be absent from camp, please call/text your site supervisors phone number, preferably prior to the start of the camp day.

Arrival & Departure:

- Children should arrive at camp no earlier than 5 minutes prior to the camp start time, as staff will be busy prior to that preparing for the day's activities.
- Children must be picked up promptly after camp.
- If you are more than 15 minutes late, your child will be taken to the nearest Camp Connection site and a childcare fee of \$14 will be assessed.

Swimming:

- All campers that did not attend camp 2023 will be swim tested on Thursday, June 6 at Willow Stream pool on Farrington Drive. Information regarding what time will come out in the aquatic newsletter. If your child can't attend this date, they will be swim tested on their first day at the pool during camp.
- On swim days, please send your camper with a swimsuit and a towel.
- Please see the parent camp handbook at bgparks.org for in-depth information regarding open swim and swim testing.

Camp Groups:

- Camp groups are designed for attendance purposes and accountability during transition periods.
- Camp lunch, crafts, games, and activities are done as a large group, not with your camper's smaller group.
- 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.

Lunch:

- All campers are required to bring a lunch and beverage daily.
- We encourage campers to bring their labeled lunch and beverage in a reusable lunch container.
- Lunches are kept in the camper's backpacks until lunch. Refrigeration is not available.
- We will inform families weekly if there is lunch provided on an upcoming field trip.

Medication Dispensing:

- If your child needs to take medication during camp or camp connection hours, a medication dispensing form needs to be completed and submitted.
- Medicine must be in the original bottle.
- A downloadable form is available online at bgparks.org.

Newsletters:

- Newsletters will be created weekly by the camp site supervisor and will be sent out via email.
- Please read them as they will have photos and highlights from the week as well as reminders for the upcoming week.
- If you do not receive an email at the end of the first week of camp, please call front desk Alcott Center to update the household account.

Camp Supervisor Contact:

- The site supervisor cell phone number will be emailed to everyone, and also listed on the camp site calendar should you need to contact your supervisor during camp hours.

Camp Meet & Greet:

The Camp Meet and Greet for these camps will be Thursday, June 6 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Willow Stream Pool, 600 Farrington Drive

Save the date for CAMP FAMILY FUN NIGHT on JULY 9 from 6 - 7:30PM

The camp staff and I are looking forward to another fun summer!

Sincerely,
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