



Wheaton Park District

Summer 2018

Welcome to Camp I Don't Know! Staff has been working hard to finalize plans to make this summer fun and educational for all campers! If you are returning, we are so excited to see you again! If you are new to Camp I Don't Know, we can't wait to meet you and help you make some new friends! Please see below for some important information to ensure a successful start to camp!

Forms

The information enclosed will help finalize first day preparations. Forms are available on our website at wheatonparkdistrict.com. Look for the camp button on the homepage to help direct you. Please complete and return the necessary forms prior to or on your child's first day of camp.

1. Health History Emergency Card (two-sided)
2. Field Trip Waiver and Release
3. Aquatics Trip Waiver
4. Movie Permission and Interest Form

- Independent Release Form (as needed)

If your child will be biking or walking to camp, please complete and return this form so your child may leave camp without a parent signature.

- Inhaler/Epipen Waiver (as needed)
- Dispensing Medication Waiver (as needed)

Your child will not receive medication if this form is not completed and returned at the start of camp.

Your child's medication should be labeled and will be stored in a locked safe throughout the day. Children requiring medicine that is not needed on a daily basis, such as Tylenol, Claritin, etc. will need a parent to complete the medication waiver on the day medications are being brought to camp.

Camp Hours

Camp hours are 9:00 am-4:30 pm. Campers are not permitted to leave prior to 4:30 pm unless cleared in advance with Camp Directors.

If your camper is not authorized for Independent Release, campers must be signed out by a parent/guardian in the Zone (dismissal location) at 4:30pm each day.

Early and Late Care is available for campers needing to come in prior to 9am or stay later than 4:30pm. Punch Cards can be purchased online or at the WPD front desk to utilize this service. Early care begins at 7:30 am. Please do not drop off campers prior to 7:30 am. Staff will not be available to supervise. Late care ends at 6:00 pm, fees will be assessed for campers left past 6:00 pm.

What to Bring

Campers need to bring lunch and enough fluids to keep hydrated. Please help us build an eco-friendly environment by using plastic containers or reusable lunch bags and water bottles. Tips for packing a "No Waste"

lunch are available on our website.

iPods/iPads, gaming devices, cellphones, and other electronic equipment are strongly discouraged from coming to camp. PLEASE NOTE: THE WHEATON PARK DISTRICT AND STAFF ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CAMPER'S ITEMS. Fridays will be spent travelling and enjoying field trips. (One Wednesday for Teen Camp Challenge) If your child feels responsible enough to take care of their device and would like to use it on the bus, they are welcome to bring it. Cell phones must be turned off if brought to camp (except during field trips).

Activities and Daily Schedule

Campers will participate in regular activities and should bring alternate clothing/shoes if needed on theme days. Theme days will be announced in the weekly camp newsletter. Campers will benefit from many activity choices this summer. As a group, we will work on a service learning project for the community. There will be daily large and small group activities based on themes, as well as regular activity choices.

Campers will sign up for their AM/PM classes each Monday morning of each week of camp. New lessons will be taught each day per activity.

Allergies

The Wheaton Park District requests the cooperation of parents with children in our programs to partner with us in promoting a safe environment for children with allergies. The district will attempt to accommodate each program participant who has such an allergy within each camp. Please refer to the park district's camps page at wheatonparkdistrict.com/programs/camps/camp-forms/ to review the agency's allergy guidelines.

Field Trips

Letters will be sent home early each week with details for upcoming Friday field trips. Camp t-shirts will be provided for field trip days and must be worn during the entire trip. Camp t-shirts should not be altered in any way. Each camper will receive ONE t-shirt for the summer, regardless of how many weeks they are signed up for.

Our camp staff has been working hard to establish goals for campers this summer. We hope to keep kids learning all summer long, especially in the following areas: respect, leadership, teamwork, math & science and leading a balanced life.

We look forward to seeing you soon! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 630.510.5132 or email chandlon@wheatonparks.org.

Sincerely,

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