

CAMP CHIPPEWA PARENT'S HANDBOOK 2016



**Tues., July 5th – Fri.,
August 12th
*No Camp July 4th***



NORTH CASTLE RECREATION

WELCOME TO CAMP CHIPPEWA!

Dear Parents and Campers,

We are very happy that you have chosen Camp Chippewa as a summer program for your child. Our objective is to provide campers with a high quality, safe, fun and exciting summer day camp experience. We have developed an environment for your child to feel special, succeed, flourish and make friends. Camp Chippewa provides a well-rounded and well-organized program that offers various activities for all children. The activities have been planned to be fun and exciting, safe and wholesome, allowing children to further their growth and learning. In addition, we aim to bring about lasting memories of both peers and staff by fostering just plain fun as well as new experiences and friendships. We look forward to watching your children discover new skills and talents and rise to new levels of accomplishments. We are very eager for the camp season to begin and look forward to meeting you and your children.

Keri Buonassisi

Camp Director

This year we will have a Parent Orientation Day on Wednesday, June 29th from 6:00 – 7:00pm at the Wampus School Multi-Purpose Room / Cafeteria. Parents can ask questions and meet the leadership staff at this time. You will also be able to pick up schedules and other pertinent information at the orientation.

Camp will begin Tuesday, July 5th and run through Friday August 12th; there is NO CAMP Monday, July 4th. Camp hours are 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday. The camp will be held at Wampus School; we will be using the classrooms in the 5th Grade Wing in the back of the school.

This manual is designed to answer all of your questions about Camp Chippewa. However, if you require additional information, please feel free to speak to your child's group leader, Camp Director Keri Buonassisi, Assistant Director Stefan Birek, or Aquatics Director Meghan Basher.

We are looking forward to a great summer!

Matt Trainor – Superintendent of Recreation and Parks

ABOUT CAMP CHIPPEWA

Camp Philosophy

We aim to provide campers with a positive, creative experience with an emphasis on fun, not winning. We strive to develop teamwork and good sportsmanship free from excessive competition. We will provide campers with an exceptional social, creative and physical outlet.

Location

The camp is located at Wampus School in Armonk. Camp Chippewa will utilize its classrooms, nurse's office, fields and camp office in the back of the school.

Camp Leaders

Superintendent of Recreation and Parks	Matt Trainor
Camp Director	Keri Buonassisi
Assistant Camp Director	Stefan Birek
Camp Pool Director	Meghan Basher
Nurse	Fran French

Staff consists of Head Counselors, Assistant Counselors, General Counselors, Junior Counselors, Counselors-In-Training, Waterfront Instructors and Special Instructors.

Staff Training

In addition to having a registered nurse on campus, the camp director and assistant camp director are also certified for CPR/AED and RTE (Responding To Emergencies) in case of a camp emergency. Also, all staff members are required to attend a pre-camp orientation consisting of safety rules, swim and trip procedures, and first aid, including detection of Lyme disease-spreading ticks. All counselors are instructed in how to deal with emergencies.



GOING TO CAMP

Dropping Off And Picking Up Campers (camp hours 9a – 3p)

- Parents who need to park may use the parking lot near the back of the school. Parents are not allowed to park in front of school or other areas near the school. They may drop off campers in the back of school. Do not park in other areas near school.
- Parents who drop their child at camp should follow the map on the back of this manual indicating the correct traffic pattern to ensure the safety of the campers. Please follow the directions of the counselors so that traffic flows smoothly. Please do not drop off your child before 8:45am! We will not be responsible for any child dropped off before this time.
- Camp is over at 3pm each day. Please be prompt! Counselors have other commitments after camp. Parents who pick up their children must sign their child out at a location outside the new wing classrooms. If you pick up the child early, sign out will be in the camp office – you will also have to sign your child out at that time.
- If someone other than a parent will be picking up the child, permission must be given in writing, which may be submitted to the Camp Office.
- If it is necessary for you to park when dropping off or picking up campers, please do so in the designated areas. You are not allowed to park in the arrival or departure area or on the road around the school. If you must park, use the parking lot near the back of the school.

Sending Campers On The Bus

Seven buses will run each day for limited pickups. It is recommended that campers be at the bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled time in the morning for assured pickup. At the beginning of camp, please send a note to your child's counselor indicating which bus number and bus color he or she will be riding. On the first day of camp the children will be given tags the color of their bus route. Please attach the tag to your child's backpack. This will help the counselors ensure that the campers get the correct buses at dismissal.

Early Dismissal

If a camper needs to leave camp early for any reason, a parent or guardian may pick him up at the camp office. You must sign your child out! Remember, if someone besides a parent or guardian will be picking up the child, written permission must also be presented.

Medical Information

All immunization information on the camp medical forms must be on file with the camp director prior to the first day of camp.

Your child's health and safety is important to us! Regardless of past attendance at Camp Chippewa, all campers are required to fill out a new medical form each year.

The County Health Department requires all campers to show proof of at least one dose of live measles vaccine at or after 12 months of age. It is strongly recommended that children 4-6 years of age who are attending camp also receive a second dose of measles vaccine.

If your child needs to take medication during camp hours, please note on the medical form. Written authorization by a parent or guardian and the child's physician is required. A special blue form for this purpose is available at the Recreation Office. Bring this form, along with your child's medication, to the camp nurse on the first day of camp. All medication must be maintained in the camp nurse's office; if your child takes any medication at school or has any medication to use on a stand - by basis (such as an inhaler), it will be expected to be at Camp!

Orientation

During the first week of camp, children will be instructed on procedures concerning fire safety, trip rules, swimming safety, health regulations and general safety.

Campers will also be given rabies orientation during this time. In order to help with this serious situation, please:

- Have your pets immunized for rabies.
- Report any wild or stray domestic animals that are not behaving in a normal behavior to Animal Control.

Camp Groups

Campers are divided into groups according to gender and the grade they have just completed. Depending on the enrollment levels, some groups may be subdivided into two groups, e.g. Cobra boys A and Cobra boys B.

The groups are as follows:

Chipmunks	Kindergarten
Woodchucks	First Grade
Bears	Second Grade
Cobras	Third & Fourth Grade
Wolves	Fifth through Eighth Grade

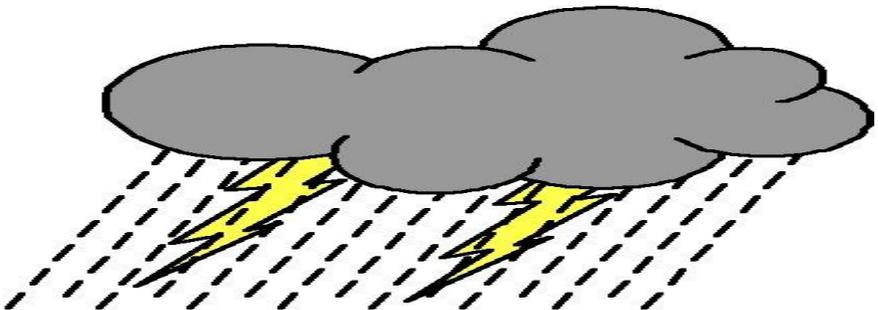
Parents Visiting Camp

On the first day of camp, Tuesday July 5th, we encourage all parents to meet their child's counselor. No formal visiting days are scheduled during the camp day, but parents are welcome to observe camp events as scheduled.

All parents of children registered for week 6 are invited to the Carnival and BBQ on the last day of camp, August 12th.

Weather Emergency

In the event of severe weather, all children will be brought indoors. If it is unsafe to load the buses at dismissal during a storm, all campers will be brought to the gym and dismissed when it is safe to do so



CAMPER INFORMATION

Clothing

- All children are encouraged to wear their camp shirts every day and must wear them for camp trips. One shirt will be provided as part of the camp fee. Extra shirts can be purchased at the recreation office while supplies last for a cost of \$6.00.
- Campers should come to camp dressed as comfortably as possible. Shorts, t-shirts and sneakers **WITH SOCKS** are recommended. **Sandals/ Flip Flops should not be worn.**
- Campers should bring a bathing suit and a towel to camp every day. It is recommended that campers wear their bathing suits under their shorts. After swimming, they may change back into dry clothes in the locker room. Parents are encouraged to apply sunblock to their child.

Attendance

For the safety of the campers, attendance will be taken at the beginning and end of the camp day. Periodic checks will also be made throughout the day. We also recommend that all campers arrive on time so they can easily locate their group and reach their first activity.

Illness

In case your child is unable to attend camp due to illness, please call the camp office after 8:45am. If your child becomes ill during camp hours, we will attempt to reach you first before calling the emergency numbers you list. The phone number for the camp office and nurse is **273-4190 option 5, or ext.2950.**

Emergency Policy

In the case of a serious accident, the North Castle Police Department will respond with trained personnel. Reports on all accidents will be filed in the nurse's office. In all cases, we will contact the camper's parent or the emergency contact person listed on the registration form.

Personal Belongings

We strongly recommend that iPods, cell phones, gaming devices and any other items of value not be brought to camp to avoid theft or misplacement of such items. Children may bring money for souvenirs on trip days and on Fridays for ice cream. The children are responsible for their own money. The staff is not responsible for anything lost or stolen.

Lunch

Campers are to bring a lunch and a drink each day. Because a refrigerator is not available, please make a non-perishable lunch. We ask that you use lunch boxes with cold packs. Please also include a water bottle with the camper's name on it. Please label any food that contains peanuts or peanut butter. This is to help us identify issues for children with food allergies.

Swimming

- Campers will be transported from Camp Chippewa to the North Castle Pool and Tennis Club in the camp buses. During the first week of camp, all campers will be tested and placed into groups for instruction according to their swimming ability. Swim instruction will take place at least once a week, in addition to free swim.
- The New York State Approved Buddy System will be in effect at every swimming session to ensure the camper's safety. It is strongly recommended that all campers swim at their scheduled time. It gets very hot at camp.
- All swimmers are tested and evaluated. Non-swimmers will wear pink wrist bands to ensure safety, as mandated by the Westchester County Health Department. Please send a note if your child does not want to swim on a particular day.

Rainy Days

In case of inclement weather, the camp has prepared a "rainy day" schedule. Movies, bowling and other indoor activities will be offered. Every attempt will be made to reschedule trips if they are cancelled by rainy weather.

Lost And Found

The Lost and Found is located in the camp director's office. If your child has misplaced something, notify his or her counselor or stop by the camp office.

Discipline Policy

The purpose of our camp is to have fun in a safe environment. If any camper's actions endanger themselves or others, we reserve the right to ask that camper to stay home temporarily or permanently.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Schedule

Each group will follow a daily schedule. Extra copies of these group schedules are available in the Recreation Office located at 40 Maple Avenue in Armonk. All schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, special events, etc...

Activities

Many programs will be offered on a daily or weekly basis, including arts and crafts, sports, swimming, music and nature.

Trips

Several trips are scheduled during the summer. Every attempt will be made to reschedule trips that are rained out. Notification on any rescheduled trips will be sent home with campers as quickly as possible.

Please note that not every group will attend every trip. Money for food at various facilities, arcade games, gift shop items and souvenirs are not included in the camp fee.

If your child does not wish to attend a trip, we recommend that you keep him or her home that day.

TRIP ITINERARY (PLEASE NOTE: Not all groups go on all trips!!!):

1. **Bounce Trampoline Sports** (7/20, 7/27, 8/8)
612 Corporate Way, Valley Cottage, NY 10989
845-268-4000
– Indoor sports with trampolines.
2. **Bronx Zoo** (8/10)
Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 718-220-5103
– Tour of animal exhibits.
3. **Carmel / Spins Bowl** (7/8, 7/12, 7/15, 7/22, 7/27, 8/5)
23 Old Rt. 6, Carmel, NY 845-225-8787
– Bowling for all ages.
4. **The Castle Fun Center** (7/6, 7/13, 7/19, 7/28, 8/1)
109 Brookside Ave, Chester, NY 10918
– Arcade, Laser Tag, Mini Golf.
5. **Fun For Kidz** (8/4)
370 West Main Street, Stamford, CT 203-326-5656
– laser tag, soft-play, video games

6. **Fun Fuzion at New Roc City** (7/6)
19 LeCount Pl., New Rochelle, NY, 10801 (914) 637-7575
– Arcade, video games, Laser Tag.
7. **Hyde Park Roller Magic** (7/18)
4178 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538 (845)229-6666
-Roller skating / blading
8. **Maritime Center** (7/7, 7/13, 8/9)
N. Water Street, S. Norwalk, CT 203-852-0700
– Tour of facility and Imax movie.
9. **Mount Kisco Grand Prix** (7/11)
333 North Bedford Rd., Mount Kisco, NY 10549 (914)358-3600
-Arcade and Go-Kart racing.
10. **North Castle Community Center** (occasionally)
10 Clove Rd., N. White Plains NY 10603 914-946-3244
– Rainy day activities
11. **North Castle Town Pool** (daily)
3 Greenway Rd., Armonk, NY 914-273-3275
– swimming and swim lessons in Armonk
12. **Palisades Center Movie Theatre** (8/1)
4403 Palisade Center Dr., W. Nyack NY 10994 (888)262-4386
– Planned movie, and rainy day movies.
13. **Quassy Amusement and Water Park** (7/25)
2132 Middlebury Rd., Middlebury, CT 06762 (203-758-2913)
-Amusement Park and Water Attractions.
14. **Rockin' Jump** (7/14, 7/18, 7/26, 8/3, 8/10)
333 North Bedford Rd., Mt. Kisco, NY 10549 (914)743-5730
-Indoor Sports with trampolines.
15. **Stepping Stones Museum** (7/21, 8/2)
Matthews Park, 303 West Ave., Norwalk, CT 203-899-0606
– Campers will enjoy learning labs, educational toys, games and computers.
16. **Splash Down** (7/11, 7/20, 7/25, 8/3, 8/8, 8/11)
Rt. 9, N. Fishkill, NY 845-897-9600
-Waterslide and bumper boats will be available to campers.

Theme Week Specials

- July 8th Aloha to Summer, Magician Matias
Ice Cream Friday, Free Swim
- July 15th Field Day, Arnie Magic!
Ice Cream Friday, Free Swim,
- July 22nd Gold Rush, Seth Dale Magic
Ice Cream Friday, Free Swim
- July 29th Color War!!!
Ice Cream Friday, Free Swim
- August 5th Movin' and Groovin, Larger than Life DJ Party
Ice Cream Friday, Free Swim
- August 12th Carnival/BBQ from 10:30am – 1pm
Hot dogs served. Face painters and inflatables!
Parents welcome!

***Cobras and Wolves go Bowling every Friday except Color War and Carnival!!!**

Ice Cream Friday Dates

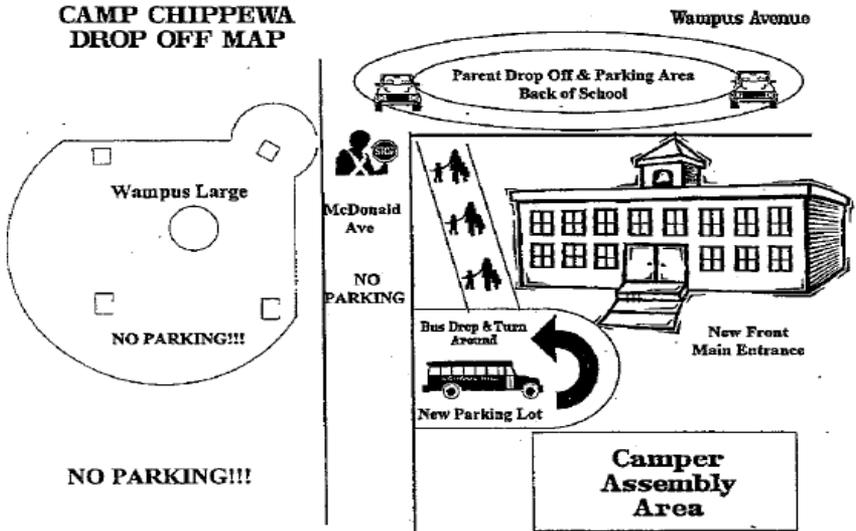
July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5 and August 12 (Carnival).

Campers who would like ice cream on these days should bring the appropriate amount of money with them to camp.

How To Contact Us

- Recreation Office
914-273-3325
- Camp Chippewa Office-Room 40- 5th Grade Wing.
914-273-4190 option 5 or ext. 2950
- Nurse's Office-Room 24- 5th Grade Wing.
914-273-4190 option 5 or ext. 2950
- North Castle Town Pool – 3 Greenway Road, Armonk 914-273-3275
- Camp Fax 273-3608 OR 914-273-2139 (Recreation Office)

AT A GLANCE



Camp opening and closing will be held on the playfield (Wampus New) near the new parking lot area. Buses will drop off campers in front of the school (Main Entrance) area.

Campers will also be dismissed from the playfield area, then get on their appropriate bus near the main entrance area. You may pick up your child by parking in the back of the school, then walking around towards the playfield and following the sidewalk to the closing area. Please use the dismissal card to sign out your child.

Please do not park in front of the school (Main Entrance) or in any road areas near the curb because buses will not be able to get through. We also ask that you do not use the back or front entrance of the school to enter Camp. However, you may enter the Camp by parking in the back of the school and walking around towards to the front of the school. Do not enter through the school itself; you may drop off campers in the morning in the back of the school. Counselors will pick up campers in this area and then walk campers towards the playfields where the new parking lot is. Please do not park in the new parking lot area or in front of the school.