

# Frequently asked questions:

(And Answers)

## Summer Camp:

- What sort of things should my child bring to camp from day to day?
  - Comfortable running shoes (since we are an active camp),
  - Comfortable outside clothing, (swim suit and towel etc...)For days at the pool.
  - SUNSCREEN SUNSCREEN SUNSCREEN!
  - A smile, positive attitude, and readiness to have fun!
- Can my child bring "Flip Flops" or Sandals to summer camp?
  - The children are encouraged to wear tennis shoes while at the Rec center, but they can bring sandals/ flip flops to wear while at the pool.
- Do I need to send a lunch/snack for my child?
  - This year, again, The Rec. Center will be participating in the free lunch program. As a result, any child wishing to receive a lunch will be given one. Your child may bring a lunch from home as well if they would rather have one from home. Either way, a lunch from our program will be available for those who would like one.
- Can I send my child with his or her PSP, Game boy, Nintendo DS, IPods, CD player etc...?
  - It is the Jefferson Parks and Rec. Policy to state any lost, stolen or broken personal property is not the liability of JPRD while persons are using our facility. Thus, we do not encourage the children to bring such items.
- What should my child bring on pool days?
  - Sunscreen, Sunscreen, SUNCREEN, swimsuit, and a towel. Also, if they would like to bring goggles, floaters, or money on Fridays for concessions, they are welcome to. Please note that the child will be responsible for any such items brought from home, including money. This year, we are encouraging all children to bring swim shoes along with the previously

listed items due to the concrete pool floor. This is to prevent any child from scraping their toes or feet. This is not required, but recommended.

- Is there a certain section of the pool for children with different skill levels of swimming?
  - At the beginning of the summer on the first day at the pool, the children will participate in a swim test. This will determine what area of the pool they will be allowed to swim in on pool days.
  - During the test, the children will enter the water on the shallow end and be asked to swim to the other side without stopping. A child may be allowed to swim in more areas of the pool later in the summer once they have improved in skill.
  - During the first 2 weeks of the summer, all children will be swimming in the shallow end of the pool until all the lifeguards, staff, and campers have become familiar with the pool and the camper's swimming ability.
  - All pool rules are listed for future reference.
  
- Can I accompany my child on field trips?
  - Parental involvement on fieldtrips is always encouraged; however, it is JPRD policy that all chaperones fill out a Volunteer Application, which includes a criminal background check. This is a matter of safety for the kids and staff and is non negotiable. This process is a once a year requirement and ensures your ability to assist with events in the future.
  
- Should I send money when my child goes on a field trip?
  - Some field trips that the children go on will have gift shops and concessions as well as arcade games. Although it is not required for the parents to send money for these trips, parents may want their child to take part in the extra attractions offered by these establishments. On some occasions The Rec. Dept. will give each child an equal allowance (tokens, meal ticket/pass) for a field trip, thus taking care of any immediate expense. Any additional expenditure is at the parent's discretion.
  
- When I send money, who shall I gave it to?

- When you drop off your child, give your child's money, in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag to the staff counselor at the check in/out counter. The envelope/zip lock bag should be labeled with the child's name and amount of money enclosed.
  - The Staff Counselor will make sure the child's group counselor receives it and it will be held by him/her until it is needed.
- Should I send a lunch on field trip days?
  - Since we will be participating in the free lunch program, all campers attending are eligible to receive a free lunch provided by us. If you would like to send one with your child instead, you are free to do so.
  - In the event that we are unable to bring the free lunches with us on a field trip, we will post a sign in the front lobby, and on the check in/out table.
- What time will my child be back from field trips?
  - The children will normally be back from a field trip before 6:00pm, unless there are traffic delays or extenuating circumstances beyond our control. In the event that it takes longer for your child to return from a field trip than expected, we ask that you have patience and bear with us as we return to the Rec Center as soon as possible.
- How are the children separated?
  - The children are separated by age, starting with 4-5 yr olds, and going up to teens. The groups are as follows: Dragontails- 4-5 yr olds, Dragonflies - 6 yr olds, Dragonflies 7s- 7 yr olds, Dragonflies 8s- 8 yr olds, snapdragons- 9-10yr olds, Dragons- 11-12 yr olds, Mega Dragons (B.U.I.L.D.)- 12+

