





Dear Camp Families,

Thank you so much for deciding to participate in The City of Canandaigua Kiddie Kamp Program, where **Kindness Matters!** We are excited to provide you with the latest updates and information about our upcoming adventure! In order to have the most up-to-date information,

**the QR code on the top right corner of this letter will also bring you to the updated calendar, field trip details, phone numbers, document center, and more!**

**1> Camp Dates & Schedule:**

 **Start Dates:** The first day of camp is June 26<sup>th</sup>. Our last day of day camp is August 4<sup>th</sup>. There is NO CAMP on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>!

 **Camp Hours:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Mark your calendars and ensure that your child arrives punctually each day. We have an exciting schedule of activities planned to keep them engaged and entertained throughout the day and having late arrivals can cause disruption. However, if there is a need for late arrivals, please communicate to your leader ahead of time, if possible! Additionally, our staff will often be preparing for the day and having morning meetings so we will not have staff available to attend to your children before 9:00am. A detailed description of field trips can be found later in this packet, and the online parent packet at the QR code website. Pick-up is promptly at 12:00 pm. Please do not be late to pick up your campers. If a reoccurring issue arises, the camp director may have to discuss continued attendance.

**2> Transportation:** 

Transportation to and from the camp facilities is the responsibility of the caregiver. Please wait for staff to be available before dropping off your camper. When picking up your camper(s), let staff know you are leaving and present your PICK-UP AUTHORIZATION TAG. Please notify the camp leader if your camper will be late or need to be picked up early. If someone tries to pick up a camper without a pick-up authorization tag, the authorized guardian may be contacted to seek approval. An authorized guardian may show ID to get additional pick-up authorization tags.

For many reasons, it is important that campers arrive and are picked up on time. Please ensure that anyone picking up a camper has the correct authorization tags ahead of time.

Camp drop-off and pick-up will be tentatively at the West Gibson doors behind the school, near the Primary playground.

**3> What to Pack:**

Be careful about sending beloved personal items to camp. The City of Canandaigua staff is not responsible for any personal items lost or damaged at camp. Do not send any sharp or unsafe objects to camp. Here is a checklist of essential items that your child should bring each day:

**Lunch & Snacks:** Daily snack will be provided by camp and distributed daily with a gloved hand. There is no need to send in any food with your camper for Kiddie Kamp. Please note any food allergies to your leader.

**Water Bottle:** It's important to stay hydrated! Send a refillable water bottle with your child's name clearly marked. Consider sending a water bottle that is easy to carry and does not get easily crushed.



**Sunscreen:** ALL campers will apply sunscreen in front of staff upon arrival to ensure full coverage for everyone. The camp will supply an off-brand spray sunscreen for all campers unless a specific sunscreen is sent and marked with your camper's name. Lotion bars are a great suggestion for campers to apply with more independence and less mess. All registration forms had a box to authorize assistance with sunscreen for campers. Please be aware that staff will be allowed to help apply sunscreen to your child if you have marked YES on this form.



**Swimwear and Towel:** It is not a bad idea to send a towel and a change of clothes or a swimsuit daily, as there is always the option of water activities to stay cool! Be aware of the days we will be at the beach or planning messy activities!

**Comfortable clothing and shoes:** Dress your child in weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes for outdoor activities. It's no fun to play games when your shoes keep tripping you!

#### 4> Health and Safety:

The health and safety of our campers are our top priorities. Please keep your camper home if they are experiencing a fever or vomiting until they are cleared for 24 hours. Any other combination of symptoms including coughing, wheezing, headaches, diarrhea, nausea, etc. may require a doctor's clearance to return to camp, especially if possible COVID exposure has occurred.

Per the NYS Department of Health, all campers must provide their most recent immunization records PRIOR to attending camp. If you are unsure if you still need this document, you can check RecDesk or call Heather.

If your camper requires prescription medication or epipen during camp, please download the appropriate forms and obtain a doctor's signature PRIOR to attending camp. The only prescriptions allowed to be sent to Kiddie Kamp are emergency-related medications. All other medication must be taken before or after camp, as needed.

#### 5> Communication:

We believe in maintaining open lines of communication with our camp families. Should you have any questions, concerns, or updates, please don't hesitate to reach out to Heather or your site leader via text, phone, or email. The contact information can be found on another sheet in this packet and the online parent packet. We're here to assist you and ensure a seamless camp experience.

On your camper's application, you agreed to photographs being taken and used for social media marketing. If you are NOT ok with photos of your camper being public, please notify the Recreation Supervisor immediately.

#### 6> Important Dates:

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Pop-up Camp & Parent Meet & Greet (4:30 pm-6:00 pm at all park locations)

Tuesdays June 27, July 11, 18, 25, & Aug 1: Kershaw Park days (Parents will drop off & pick up at Kershaw Park playground.

Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>: Drop off & Pick up at Outhouse Park (Pirate playground).

Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: We will walk from the school up to Wood Library, where parents will pick up, instead!

Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>: TIME CHANGE! Campers will visit Roseland Waterpark, but the park does not open until 11 am! Parents will drop off at the picnic tables just outside the entrance of Roseland Waterpark at 11:00 am and pick up at the picnic tables near the entrance at 2:00 pm. If you are interested in chaperoning this trip, please download the field trip volunteer form and return it to Heather before June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>: Campers will be dropped off and picked up at Onanda Park on County Road 16!

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Drop off and pick up will be at Outhouse park (Pirate playground).

**7> Camp Staff:**

Our experienced and enthusiastic staff members are working to be all geared up to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for your child. They have undergone thorough background checks and are certified in first aid and CPR. We are confident in their ability to create an enriching environment for your little ones. You can learn more about them on the “About your City Camp Staff” page in the online parent packet.

Not only does the day camp director send her kids to the camp, but she is also a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS), meaning this is a full investment for her. Our program isn't *just* a daycare, but play is important and activities are purposeful. The connections and meaning are thought through every single day.

**A CTRS is a professional in the recreation field that has the knowledge, skill, and ability that is well recognized as being essential for the standard of practice in the profession.**

On behalf of all our camp staff, we look forward to welcoming your campers to our day camp and creating lasting memories. Thank you for entrusting us with their care. Let's make this summer an unforgettable one!

Warm regards,

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